



## NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER 2014



### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Bruce Moskow, MD FACEP  
President*

In the sweltering heat of August in Texas, what could be more fun than to think of Strategic planning? Nevertheless, your Board met last month and worked diligently on a plan for the next year and beyond. A strategic plan gives us a roadmap for where we want to put the limited resources we have, both in time and dollars. As a volunteer organization, we don't have a surplus of either.

First, we narrowed our priorities list. Then we set goals in each area...

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### Rescheduling Hydrocodone Combination products from Schedule III to Schedule II

On behalf of more than 32,000 members and the 130 million patients we see annually, the American College of Emergency Physicians' (ACEP) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) proposed rule to move Hydrocodone Combination products (HCPs) from Schedule III to Schedule II and the effects this more restrictive policy rule may have on patient care in the emergency department.

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**Friday, November 7, 2014**  
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## TCEP Essentials

**Emergency Medicine/Acute Care Review  
Course**

**February 25-27th 2015**  
Baylor College of Medicine in Houston

Emergency medicine/ urgent care is a very rewarding and challenging practice. However, the broad knowledge base can sometimes be daunting for practitioners trained in other disciplines. This course was developed for advance practice providers and physicians who were not formally trained in emergency medicine...

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## EMS Medical Directors, Did You Know You Have New Texas Medical Board Obligations?

The Texas Medical Board (TMB) recently adopted revisions to the Off-Line Medical Direction rule (Chapter 197.3) effective May 6, 2013. In fact, they have already taken action against a Texas physician for violating the rule. It is clearly in the best interest of all EMS physicians to understand these requirements.

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The TMB made these revisions in collaboration with the Department of State Health Services, EMS Division after input and involvement of groups of TCEP members, active EMS medical directors and the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Committee (GETAC).

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## Calendar of Events

Texas College of Emergency Physicians Meeting Dates 2014		
<b>May 2014</b>		
1-3	TEXMED Annual Conference	Fort Worth, TX
18-23	ACEP Leadership & Advocacy Conference	Washington DC
<b>June 2014</b>		
7-11	AMA Annual Conference	Chicago, IL
25-26	ACEP Board of Director's Meeting	Irving, TX
26-27	TCEP Board Strategy Meeting	Irving, TX
<b>July 2014</b>		
17	JPS Residency Visit	Killeen, TX
24	UTSW Residency Visit	Dallas, TX
<b>August 2014</b>		
28	Darnell Residency Visit	Killeen, TX
<b>September 2014</b>		
25	UTSW Austin Residency Visit	Austin, TX
26	TCEP Board of Director's Meeting	Austin, TX
<b>October 2014</b>		
24-28	ACEP Scientific Assembly	Chicago, IL
30	Texas A&M Residency Visit	Temple, TX
<b>November 2014</b>		
24-25	EMS Medical Director's Seminar	Fort Worth, TX

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## Government Relations Committee



### REPORT

*Diana Fite, MD, FACEP  
Chair, Government  
Relations Committee*

In our last committee report, we discussed that we will need to be prepared for handling hydrocodone issues that come up in the next legislative session, and it is likely that this will be approved by the Board meeting on September 26 as one of our TCEP legislative priorities for 2015.

To briefly review: hydrocodone was initially classified as a Schedule II drug in 1971...

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## Practice Enhancement Committee



### REPORT

*Zachary Goldman, MD*

This month we will look at the basic components of documentation for history of the present illness (HPI), Review of Systems (ROS), Past medical family and social history (PMFSx) and Physical Exam (PE) associated with each EM level.

Level	HPI	ROS	PE	PMFSHX
99281	1	1	1	none
99282	1	1	2-3	none
99283	1	1	2-3	none
99284	4	2-9	4-7	1 area
99285	4	10	8 or more	2 areas

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## The Opportunities and Importance of EMIG Growth

### REPORT

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*Adam Park, UT-Houston MSII*

Over the past year, I have had the opportunity to work within UT-Houston's EMIG, the Student Society of Emergency Medicine. Fortunately, our school has a great residency program and wonderful faculty that support students and help them experience emergency medicine in various ways...

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## TCEP MSC 2013-2014 Year in Review

### REPORT

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*Archana Shah and Ronnie Ren*

We have had an incredibly productive 2013-2014 appointed term under the leadership and guidance of our amazing past-president Dr. Rick Robinson, our supportive MSC advisor Dr. Gerad Troutman, and the wonderful TCEP Board of Directors. Together, we set very high expectations for the Medical Student Committee and we were able to exceed our goals...

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