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Physician Reporting of Potentially Impaired Drivers

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The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) believes:

- Reporting of potentially impaired drivers should be individualized to the patient's clinical condition and the objective risk posed to the patient and public by continued driving; and
- Physicians exercising good faith clinical judgments should have protection from liability for their reporting actions.

ACEP opposes mandatory reporting of entire classes of patients or diagnoses (eg, epilepsy) unless compelling evidence exists for a public health benefit for such reporting.