

American College of Emergency Physicians  
**Dual Training Section Meeting**  
ACEP22  
October 2, 2022  
**MINUTES**

## **Participants**

Section members present for all or part of the meeting included: Vaishal Tolia, MD, FACEP, Chair; Alan You, MD, Chair Elect; Carissa Tyo, MD, FACEP, Immediate Past Chair and Alternate Councillor; Vinay Mikkilineni, MD, Councillor; Parth Gandhi, DO; James Humble, MD; Jesse Liou, MD; Phil Magidson, MD, FACEP.

Others participating included: Paul Blessing, MD; Zach Brown, MD; Abhinav Chandra, MD, FACEP; Ryan Dwyer, MD; Geoffrey Hays, MD, FACEP; Amber Higgins, MD; Joseph Lykins, MD; Katherine Mulligan, MD; Mehrdasd (Mike) Niroumandpour, DO; Jessica Patton, MD; Soberjot Singh, MD; Dorota Stobierska, MD Sandra Schneider, MD, FACEP, ACEP Staff Liaison; and Julie Wassom, ACEP staff.

## **Agenda**

Welcome  
Announce Election Results  
Report from Council  
Report from Board  
Residency Programs Update  
Billing Discussion  
Newsletter/Webinars Ideas for Next Year

## **Major Points Discussed**

Dr. Tolia welcomed everyone to the meeting and then announced the results from the recent section officer elections:

1. Chair-Elect - Dr. Vinay Mikkilineni – chair-elect
2. Secretary/Newsletter Editor - Open
3. Alternate Councillor – Katherine Ren

Dr. James Humble volunteered to fill the role of secretary/newsletter editor. With no other candidates, he was elected to the position.

Following the presentation, Drs. Tyo gave an update on the recent Council meeting that was held before ACEP22. Dr. Tyo shared specifics on how the meeting was structured, along with some of the resolutions that were discussed. There were several resolutions introduced this year on onsite supervision of advanced practice providers, opiate use disorder training, social determinants evaluation, telehealth, and reproductive health support, which produced a lively discussion among the councillors. All of the resolutions are posted on the ACEP website for those who are interested in reviewing them.

A billing update for 2023 was the next topic discussed. Dr. Tolia began by giving information about the importance of medical decision making (MDM) in billing decisions. While there are three components

still used for MDM, those components are now more concrete in some areas. MDM is still scored by the highest two of three components:

1. Number and complexity of problems addressed (previously, the number of diagnoses or management options)
2. Amount and/or complexity of data to be reviewed and analyzed (very quantitative)
3. Risk of complications and/or morbidity or mortality of patient management (incorporates components of the risk table as examples)

Dr. Tolia then shared the key drivers of MDM:

1. Document appropriate consideration of admission or escalation of hospital level care (chest pain, COPD, asthma, hyperglycemia)
2. Document discussion of management with other providers (hospitalist-admission, consultant [GI, neuro, social work), PMD)
3. Document independent interpretations (EKGs, plain x-rays, CT scans, ultrasounds)
4. Document review of external records (inpatient hospital, office records, nursing home)
5. Document diagnostic tests appropriately considered even if not ultimately performed (x-ray, CT scan, head injury PECARN criteria applied d/w parent)
6. Document prescription medications appropriately considered, even if not given (antibiotics, antivirals, pain medication)
7. Document if history is obtained from an independent historian (parent, caregiver, EMS)
8. Document chronic illnesses impacting care (DM, hypertension, chemotherapy)
9. Document if care is affected by social determinants of health (homeless, literacy, access to medical care)
10. Document discussion of test interpretation with external physician/provider (D/W radiology re: abdominal CT)

After the billing discussion, Dr. Tolia shared an update about dual training residency programs. He then opened up the discussion to talk about the upcoming year and possible section collaborations with the Observation Medicine Section or the Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section as well as possible newsletter and webinar ideas.

Following the discussion, Dr. Tolia introduced Dr. You as the new chair. Dr. You thanked Dr. Tolia for his service as chair and presented him with an award honoring his contributions to the section and ACEP.

With no more information to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.