

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

ACEP18
Toxicology Section
Monday, October 1, 2018
San Diego Convention Center, Upper Level, Room 15B
1:00 - 3:00 PM

MINUTES

Section officers participating in the meeting included:

Chair: Christopher Rosenbaum, MD, MS, FACEP

Chair Elect: Jenna LeRoy, MD

Immediate Past Chair: Samuel Stellpflug, MD, FACEP

Councillor: Jennifer Hannum, MD, FACEP

Alternative Councillor: Eric J. Lavonas, MD, FACEP

ACEP Staff: Mari Houlihan

Attendees: Ralf Joffa, Shilpa Kolli, Mayur Vallabhureri, Justin Corcoran, William Meggs, Daniel Bral, James Rhee, Paul Wax, Alex Garranrd, Heather Ambrose, Christopher Sweet, Cherie Obilom, Jennifer Cote, Michael Young, Jan Cole

Call to Order

Dr. Rosenbaum called the meeting to order at 1:10PM. Introductions of attendees were made.

New Business

Dr. Jennifer Hannum updated the section on council meeting discussions regarding recreational cannabis. The resolution did not pass. The group discussed how legalization is a contentious issue. Dr. Hannum suggested the Toxicology section could contribute expertise regarding edibles vs. other forms of marijuana provide education on legalizing cannabis.

Dr. Hannum updated the section on the app, stating the timeline is a little behind but antidotes on the app are updated. There is still work to be done on structural changes and the app should be completed by the end of the year.

Old Business

The October 30, 2017 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Educational Program

Aaron Schneir, MD, FACEP, FACMT, FAAEM, Professor of Clinical Medicine, Division of Medical Toxicology, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of California, San Diego

Health System presented “Ethanol Withdrawal”. The presentation included a discussion of various tools to assess patients experiencing ethanol withdrawal, including:

- PAWS
- CIWA
- ABCs

Additionally, the presentation identified that there are variabilities in treatment for patients in withdrawal. These variables include medication dosage, assessment tools, etc. Dr. Schneir discussed seven different treatments. Each treatment option was weighed on pros and cons. Dosage and practicality were discussed for each treatment.

After the presentation, attendees discussed variations in discharge policy, including the option to discharge to home, discharge to rehab, or discharge to detox.

Other New Business/Open floor:

Paul Wax, American College of Medical Toxicology (ACMT), invited attendees to ACMT’s booth on exhibit floor at ACEP18. Additionally, attendees were invited to ACMT “Opioids, Toxicology, and the Law: Medcial-Legal Aspects of the Opioid Epidemic” conference in Dallas in December and “Legal Cannabis: Medical, Toxicological, and Public Health Implications” conference in San Francisco in April 2019.

Dr. Hannum suggested advertising the cannabis conference in the toxicology section newsletter and providing a discount for the opium course.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.