

Observation Medicine Section Meeting

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October 2, 2018
San Diego, CA

Participants

Section members participating for all or part of the meeting included: Anwar Osborne, MD, FACEP, Chair; Matthew Wheatley MD, FACEP, Chair Elect; Christopher Caspers, MD, Co-Secretary/Newsletter Editor; Sharon E. Mace, MD, FACEP, Councillor; Kristy Zientz, DO, FACEP, Alternate Councillor; Maria Aini, MD; Mike Cetta, MD; Carol L. Clark, MD, MBA, FACEP; David Hasleton, MD; Joseph Hauter, DO, FACEP; Eustace Lashley, MD, FACEP; Ian B. Leber, MD, FACEP; Edgar Ordonez, MD, FACEP; Laura Pimentel, MD, FACEP; Anthony Rosanian, MD, FACEP; Manpreet Singh, MD; Aaron M. Snyder, MD, FACEP; Lauren Southerland, MD, FACEP; Pawan Suri, MD; Vaishal Tolia, MD, FACEP; Carissa Tyo, MD, FACEP; Alexei Wagner, MD; Caesar J. Weston III, MD, FACEP; and Jason Wilson, MD, FACEP.

Others participating for all or part of the meeting included: Brad J. Crosby, MD; Robbin Dick, MD; Nancy Dumas; Ravindra Gopaul; James R. Humble, MD; Kyle Martin, MD; Margarita Pena, MD; Alan You, MD; Leslie S. Zun, MD, FACEP; James J. Augustine, MD, FACEP, Board Liaison; Sandra M. Schneider, MD, FACEP, ACEP Staff Liaison; and Julie Rispoli, Project Manager.

Agenda

Welcome and Year in Review
Officer Election Results
Observation Section Grant Idea Discussion
Incoming Chair Address
Behavioral Medicine in Observation – roundtable
Councillor Report
Update on engagED

Major Points Discussed

Dr. Anwar Osborne opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The Psychiatric Observation Survey from last year was discussed. An article was written but the manuscript was rejected. Authors are making some revisions and the manuscript will be resubmitted. The Observation Medicine Section had opportunities to comment on a few papers and policies. In addition, comments were submitted on the ACEP Clinical Policy, [Critical Issues in the Evaluation and Management of ED Patients with Suspected Non—ST-Elevation Acute Coronary Syndromes](#). Section leaders received an advance copy of the Society of Hospital Medicine's [white paper on observation](#) for review. The draft initially referred to observation units as a workaround but we were successful in getting that language revised.

A Section Grant Letter of Intent was submitted in February but it was not chosen. About three months ago, there was an article in the [Cochrane Review](#) about observation care and short stay units. The article mentioned that short stay units was the preferred term. A survey of those in attendance found that no one was using that term.

The results of the Officer Election eballot was announced. Chair Elect: Christopher Caspers, MD; Alternate Councillor: Alexei Wagner, MD; and Secretary/Newsletter Editor: Maria Aini, MD.

The next Section Grant cycle was discussed. Ms. Rispoli mentioned that the deadline for Letters of Intent would be the end of January. Dr. Schneider suggested the following types of grants as most likely to be funded: educational tools; smart phrases; bedside tools, and ebooks. Updated Section Grant information will be posted to this page of the ACEP site: <https://www.acep.org/how-we-serve/sections/sections-grants>

Dr. Jim Augustine, Observation Section Board Liaison, spoke up about section grants noting the importance for the grant to be applicable to others outside the section as well. Dr. Schneider mentioned some things recently developed such as the Bariatric App ([BEAM](#)), Confusion and Agitation in the Elderly Patient ([ADEPT](#)), Managing Acute Pain the ED ([MAP](#)), Identifying Suicidal Patients ([ICARE](#)) and the Sepsis tool ([DART](#)).

Dr. Schneider mentioned that ACEP will be doing a preconference course on MAT waiver training prior to ACEPs *Leadership and Advocacy Conference*, in May 5-8, 2019.

There was a brief discussion on creation of a curriculum for EM residents in Obs. There was also the suggestion that section members look to each other for research partners to accelerate data collection.

Dr. Osborne attended the Telemedicine Section Social Hour on Monday. There are opportunities to use telemedicine in conjunction with Observation including directing care in off hours and utilizing consultants.

Dr. Matthew Wheatley thanked Dr. Osborne for his time as Chair of the Section. Dr. Wheatley introduced the topics of Behavioral Medicine in Observation. Dr. Les Zun, President of the American Association of Emergency Psychiatry (AAEP) was the guest speaker. He discussed the problem of boarding patients with psychiatric disease and the need to initiate treatment early. He suggested creation of treatment pathways in observation. He emphasized the need to document reassessments. He reminded the group that although we often have social work/psychiatric nursing involved, it is the physician that is responsible and only the physician can admit and discharge.

Dr. Sharon Mace provided a report from Council. Of note, the following resolutions were discussed.

Resolution 25 –Funding for Buprenorphine-Naloxone Treatment Program – This resolution called for the College to seek federal and state appropriation funding and/or grants for purposes of initiating buprenorphine-naloxone treatment programs in EDs with provided funding for start-up, training, and appropriate patient follow up. Adopted

Resolution 39(18) Care of the Boarded Behavioral Health Patient –Directs ACEP to create a behavioral health toolkit for bedside practice. Adopted {since the meeting, the tool for suicide evaluation has been created [ICARE](#).}

Dr. Mace reported that Dr. William Jaquis was elected President-Elect. Drs. Kang and Rosenberg were re-elected to the Board and Drs. Anthony Cirillo and JT Finnell were newly elected to the Board.

Ms. Rispoli provided a presentation about [engagED](#), ACEPs new discussion tool. ACEP's Lyris elist system is going away. Please delete the old elist obsmed-section@elist.acep.org and replace it with acep_observationservicessection@ConnectedCommunity.org. She reminded everyone to log into [engagED](#) using their ACEP.org sign on, fill out their profiles, and upload a picture. You can change your email delivery settings for each community from real time/daily digest/weekly digest.

The meeting was adjourned.