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### **From the President** **Eugene M. Shelby, MD, FACEP**

I hope you can make it to the **Chapter Annual Meeting** this year.

Meet us at [SO Restaurant](#) on **Wednesday, December 7, 2016**. The meeting will begin at **6:30pm**.

We will have an election at the meeting and look forward to your vote. Please send the chapter an [email](#) if you will attend the annual meeting.

Come and participate!

**From a Chapter Member**  
**Rawle "Tony" Seupaul, MD, FACEP**  
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I would like to first introduce myself to those I have not met. I am Rawle "Tony" Seupaul MD FACEP, Chair of EM at UAMS. I graduated from Northwestern University Medical School and trained at CMC. I spent 13 years at Indiana University before finding the best program in the country! I assumed the role from Marvin "The Man" Leibovich in March of 2013. There have been a number of exciting developments at UAMSEM. You can catch up on our program by visiting our new [webpage](#). We would especially love for our alumnus to reconnect with us. Below are some of the recent initiatives that impact EM in Arkansas:

- **ICARE16:** This is the only interdisciplinary EM and Critical Care conference in the state focused on identifying gaps in acute care across our state. The conference will be held in Fayetteville at the [Chancellor Hotel](#) from **December 8-10**. The content and speaker lineup is nothing short of national excellence. Join us. More information can be found [here](#).
- **Baptist Conway:** We will be staffing the new ED at Baptist Conway. This is a big step for us and a big step for our relationship with Baptist Health. We are actively recruiting board certified MDs, so if you are interested, please contact me.
- **The Marvin Leibovich Memorial Rural Rotation:** This opportunity, funded by the ADH, places our talented PGY3 residents in rural EDs for an elective month. Thus far, it has been a tremendous success. We are currently aligned with North Arkansas Regional Medical Center in Harrison, AR. One of our recent grads has decided to stay there and join the group after completing the rotation. If you have interest in being added to this unique opportunity, please let us know.
- **FREE CME:** Our Wednesday mornings, resident conferences are fully accredited for level 1 AMA CME. You are welcome to join anytime. The schedule of events is on our department [calendar](#). You can also join us for Journal Club held at a faculty member's home. Dinner, drinks, and CME provided-free of charge!

Stay tuned for many more updates and announcements from [UAMS](#)!

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## Fellow Recognition!

We would like to recognize the following members for receiving the designation of **Fellow** at ACEP16:

Randy Glen McComb, MD  
Elizabeth J. Sharp, MD

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## Adriana's Corner

Please don't forget about [sharing](#) your interesting cases, an article recognizing your fellow colleagues or any photos you'd like posted on the chapter website.

I'd love to post the information on the chapter website or on the next chapter e-newsletter.

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## Clinical News

### **Endovascular Therapy May be Effective for Strokes from More Distal Occlusions**

Endovascular therapy (EVT) may be effective for acute ischemic stroke caused by occlusion of the middle cerebral artery M2 segment, suggests a multicenter retrospective study.

[Read More](#)

### **Pain Scales Often Fail to Capture What ED Patients Feel**

Asking patients in the emergency department to rate their pain on a visual scale or to rank it from zero to 10 doesn't really convey what the patient is feeling, suggests a study from Sweden.

[Read more](#)

### **Researchers Find First U.S. Bacteria With Worrisome Superbug Genes**

New Jersey researchers say they have identified perhaps the first strain of E. Coli bacteria in the United States with mobile genes that make it resistant to two types of antibiotics now considered last-line defenses against superbugs.

[Read more](#)

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## News from National ACEP

### **New Epinephrine Labeling**

There has been a change to the labeling of epinephrine. Epi 1:1000 used for anaphylaxis and asthma is now labeled 1.0mg/ml. Epi 1:10,000 used for cardiac arrests is now labeled 0.1 mg/ml. There has been concern that the current labeling caused confusion and inappropriate dosing.

### **New Crowding Solutions Resource**

A new information paper on the causes, impacts and solutions to the crowding and boarding problem has been approved by the Board of Directors. Members are encouraged to distribute this reader-friendly paper to their hospital administrators or local policymakers who may benefit

from a better understanding of why they must, and how they can, address this vexing and dangerous problem. A link to the new paper entitled "[Emergency Department Crowding: High Impact Solutions](#)" is available.

#### **Blood Clot Information for Patients Developed**

ACEP (through an educational grant from Bristol Myers Squibb) is providing UNBRANDED resources to patients with newly diagnosed VTE/PE. The program provides text messages to connect patients to video based education which discusses the importance of taking medication and getting follow up. No product name is mentioned or implied. The program is called [Know Blood Clots](#), and is explained on the website. Patients can also text CLOTWEB to 412-652-3744 to sign up for the Know Blood Clots program. If you have questions, feel free to email [Sandy Schneider](#) and I will try to supply further details.

For your convenience, we have created a smart phrase (dot phrase) that you can copy and paste into your electronic medical record then add to the discharge paperwork, which will provide your patients with this information:

"You have been diagnosed with a blood clot. You and your family/caretakers will likely have a lot of questions over the next few weeks. There is a program that that might help. It provides text messages to connect you to videos and other education. In addition the messages will remind you to make a doctor's appointment and get your medicine. Please go to [www.knowbloodclots.com](http://www.knowbloodclots.com) or text CLOTWEB to 412-652-3744. If you don't have a smart phone, perhaps a family member can enroll you. Normal text message charges may apply."

#### **New Sections at ACEP**

A sufficient number of members have come together to officially form three new Sections in the College. The Pain Management Section was formed earlier this year and is now being followed by the creation of the Medical Directors Section and the Event Medicine Section. The new Sections will meet at **ACEP16** for the first time. Members interested in any of these topics are invited to attend the Section meetings and/or join the new Sections.

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## **Welcome New Members!**

Alexander Croft - Little Rock  
Adam Johnston - Cabot  
Ari B. Filip, MD - Little Rock

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