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President's Message

Kimberly Melloni, MD, FACEP



It seems unbelievable that an entire year has passed since the tragedies of September 11th. As the anniversary of this infa-

mous event comes and goes, I can't help but stop and think about the thousands of people lost and how the lives of their families and friends have changed forever. Our thoughts are with them.

In the aftermath of September 11, our mission of preparedness has never been so clear.

We as Emergency Physicians will be on the front line caring for victims of mass disaster and terrorist activities. We need to be ready for capacity surge, for the sick and injured and must have a plan in place. Undoubtedly we have convinced our administrations that this is a crucial part of our disaster plan, but have we convinced them that we may not be able to handle the "friendly fire" of influenza?

MACEP has continued to move forward in bringing these issues to the attention of adminis-

trators, legislators, governing bodies and policy makers.

The JACHO Roundtable, held in Boston on June 24th, was successful in conveying the consensus that overcrowding is an issue of hospital capacity. JACHO's plan is to create a "white paper" on the topic some time this winter, followed by a summit conference highlighting the problems and potential solutions to this crisis.

In July, MACEP had the opportunity to take part in the General Accounting Office (GAO) visit to Boston. We provided the legislative representatives with a very organized, concise review of the problems surrounding ED overcrowding and diversion in this part of the country.

They were receptive to our data and observations and seemed to leave with a solid understanding of the issues at hand. Their visits to other major cities around the country had prepared them to hear our position that the problem was a hospital capacity issue and not an issue of inappropriate use of emergency services. After our meeting they appeared to appreciate the far reaching effects this problem has on patient care. Their charge is to have a report for Congress by late in the year and will likely submit their findings in January. The JACHO white paper and the GAO report should coincide with flu season thus underscoring the crisis at hand.

Many of our local issues will

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be mirrored in a national forum at the Council Meetings and Scientific Assembly to be held in Seattle on October 3-9th. Currently our Councilors are reviewing the proposed Resolutions put forth to the Council. We will provide a summary to the MACEP Board of Directors and strategize our tactics for supporting or arguing the Emergency Medicine issues presented. The resolutions are available on the ACEP website for your evaluation. The Council floor is always a dynamic, enthusiastic and challenging forum for all involved. We welcome any input from our membership in our preparation for Council debate.

I look forward to seeing you all in Seattle! Keep up the good work!!

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Calendar of Events 2002-2003

September 17

Roundtable Lecture: 4:00 - 5:00
 Board Meeting: 5:00 - 7:00
 Radisson Inn, Marlboro

October 15

Board Meeting: 5:00 - 7:00
 Radisson Inn, Marlboro

October 20, 21, 22

Recertification Course
 Doubletree Suites, Boston

November 19

Roundtable Lecture: 4:00 - 5:00
 Board Meeting: 5:00 - 7:00
 Radisson Inn, Marlboro

December

No Meetings

January 21, 2003

Roundtable Lecture: 4:00 - 5:00
 Board Meeting: 5:00 - 7:00
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February 25, 2003

Board Meeting: 5:00 - 7:00
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March 18, 2003

Roundtable Lecture: 4:00 - 5:00
 Board Meeting: 5:00 - 7:00
 Radisson Inn, Marlboro

April 15, 2003

Board Meeting: 5:00 - 7:00
 Radisson Inn, Marlboro

May 14, 2003

Annual Meeting (TENTATIVE)

Board of Directors Meetings are held at the Radisson Inn, Marlboro. Members receive mailings to register for all programs, except for the Board Meetings and the Roundtable series. If you wish to attend the Board Meeting, call (781) 890-4407 or email sbeer@macep.org to reserve dinner. Pre-registration is required at all of our meetings, except the Roundtable series.

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Emergency Medicine Roundtable Series

*Brien Barnewolt, MD, FACEP,
 Education Chair*

You are cordially invited to attend our next Roundtable on **September 17, 2002** at 4:00 PM at the Radisson Inn in Marlboro, MA. The featured speaker will be Bonnie Ellis, Senior Accounts Specialist in Risk Management for ProMutual. She will present their most recent claims analysis of EDs along with related risk management issues. We hope that you will join us for what should be an interesting and informative discussion and a chance to earn one hour of CME.

All attendees are invited to stay for the Board of Directors meeting immediately following the Roundtable discussion. If you plan on attending the board meeting, please contact Susan Beer at (781) 890-4407 for dinner arrangements.



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