



STUDENT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Congratulations on completing another challenging year of medical school! From day one, we were bombarded with facts, figures, syndromes and scales. We have worked hard to grow our fund of knowledge, but the fact of the matter is that it is impossible to remain up-to-date with research, assignments and personal medical interests. As we progress in our training, this task becomes easier as we focus on our future specialty: emergency medicine.

Resources for medical students interested in emergency medicine are bountiful, and the newly elected Medical Student Council wants to alleviate the pressure of sifting through all of the relevant journals, books and newspapers to stay updated on the latest issues surrounding emergency medicine. We will do our best to glean the facts from the most important issues facing emergency medicine and pass our findings on to you. Check your email regularly for our monthly emails highlighting journal articles, current controversies in emergency medicine as well as chapter summaries from *Rules of the Road for Medical Students*.

As a student member of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine, there is a myriad of resources available to supplement your education on our website. These resources will help you succeed not only as a medical student, but also as a resident and attending physician. If you have not done so already, I recommend reading *Rules of the Road for Medical Students*, by Drs. Antoine Kazzi and Joel Schofer. This is mailed to paid student members and is available online at www.aaemrsa.org. Articles in *The Journal of Emergency Medicine* and *Common Sense* are other excellent ways to keep abreast of the latest in emergency medicine. These publications are also available online. Another way to stay updated on the latest news is to get involved in your medical school's Emergency Medicine Interest Group (EMIG) or start one if your school does not have one. This year the Medical Student Council will make an effort to improve communication between AAEM/RSA and the EMIGs. A goal of ours is to increase the number of EMIG Workshop Starter Kits (<http://www.aaemrsa.org/resources/kits.php>). If you have ideas for new workshops, email them to info@aaemrsa.org.

We will be supporting an Emergency Medicine Symposium at UCI in California. Another great day for the Student Council will be March 2nd, 2009 - we are working on obtaining a dynamic group of speakers and planning seminars for student members at the AAEM Scientific Assembly in Arizona, and we hope to see you there!

For students interested in advocacy or just looking for another way to influence their profession, you can log on to the AAEM Legislative Action Center (<http://capwiz.com/aaem/home/>). Our advocacy emails will direct you to other ways you can join the political realm of emergency medicine practice. Remember that students have a powerful voice; do not be intimidated if you want to get involved with politics.

Due to the continued growth of our membership, we have expanded the number of regional representatives and will likely add additional representatives to deal with interest from international emergency medicine interest groups. It is never too late to get involved with your medical school's EMIG or at the national level with AAEM/RSA.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the new Medical Student Council: Vice President Jennifer Monroe (Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine); Western Regional Representatives Malia Bender (University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio) and Rachele Callenback (University of California, Irvine); Southern Regional Representatives Sara Kirby (University of South Carolina School of Medicine) and Ellana Stinson (Meharry Medical College); Midwest Regional Representatives Daniel Bartgen (Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine) and Melissa Hudson (Ohio State University), and the Northeast Regional Representatives Mary Chopard and Kenneth Marshall (both from Georgetown University School of Medicine). On behalf of the 2008-2009 Medical Student Council, I want to express our excitement over continuing the excellent tradition set forth by previous Councils. We look forward to working hard to improving the services and outreach of the Council, and we invite you to get involved with AAEM/RSA. Good luck with your endeavors and journey into emergency medicine!

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