

# OKLAHOMA COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS



## OCEP Newsletter – Fall 2022

Greetings Oklahoma Emergency Medicine Physicians!!

As your newly elected President of the Oklahoma College of Emergency Physicians, I hope you all are doing well and are looking forward to a world much less affected by our collective Covid-19 experience.

First off, I'd like to introduce our 2022-2024 OCEP Board of Directors.

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We have a powerful group of emergency medicine leaders in the State of Oklahoma with many years of administrative, clinical and legislative experience who understand the importance of local and national engagement in advancing our specialty, facilitating taking care of our patients and our physician members and providing value for your membership dues.

## OCEP Mission Statement

**Mission** - To provide leadership for the highest quality emergency care for Oklahomans and advocate for emergency physicians.

**Vision** – To promote an integrated community of members advancing emergency care in Oklahoma.

**Goals** – 1. Advocacy 2. Engaging members in growing our chapter 3. Mentorship of young emergency physicians.

We have been busy this fall preparing for and attending the 2022 ACEP Council in San Francisco. This is the governing body of ACEP that meets in the days prior to the Annual ACEP Scientific Assembly each year. Think of it as a large "congress" that is comprised of over 500 national emergency medicine leaders that establish our national ACEP stance on a multitude of issues. Topics include Governance and Membership, Advocacy and Public Policy and delve deep into the weeds of Emergency Medicine Practice. Our own **Kurtis Mayz** served on Reference Committee A, leading the charge on Governance and Membership and is an ACEP by-laws pro.

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Left to Right: Jeff Goodloe, Laura Janneck, Cecelia Guthrie, Jim Kennedye, Kurtis Mayz, Jeff Johnson and Derek Martinez.

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I want to congratulate our own Jeff Goodloe on his re-election to the National ACEP Board of Directors at the 2022 ACEP Council in San Francisco. This is a great honor and a testament to his ability and professionalism he demonstrates on a daily basis here in Oklahoma as OUDEM Faculty and Medical Director of EMSA in OKC and Tulsa. Jeff previously served as the national EMRA President. Jeff is the first OCEP member to be elected to the national ACEP Board since the 1980s and his re-election was reaffirmation by the general ACEP membership that he is doing an outstanding job! Jeff is the epitome of selfless, servant leadership and we are lucky to have him. Join me in congratulating and thanking him next time you see him! Way to go Jeff!!



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We had a wonderful OCEP Social at Blue Stem overlooking historic Market Street in downtown San Francisco. Over 30 Oklahoma EM physicians and residents attended.



We look forward to organizing more social events in the future, both in Oklahoma and at National ACEP, to help bring our Oklahoma EM community closer together.

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Going forward, we look to improve the OCEP experience for all our Oklahoma EM colleagues. As an important piece of this plan, we aim to first improve our website to make it more engaging, informational, interactive and useful. The following are some of the ideas on tap and will be unveiled soon.

- Trauma Center Facilities in Oklahoma and designations
- Rural Frontline and Critical Access Hospitals
- OCEP Advocacy Efforts
- History of EM in Oklahoma
- Webinars and videos of timely usefulness on EM issues
- Spotlight Stories on EM Physicians around the State of Oklahoma
- Information on Oklahoma EM Residencies
- Archiving of Oklahoma EM topics
- Information regarding transfer of patients to tertiary care facilities
- OCEP Board of Director Photos, Biographies and contact information
- OCEP By-Laws
- Anything you deem interesting, necessary and helpful

Cecilia Guthrie, our current Vice-President, is an attending in the emergency department at Oklahoma Children's hospital in Oklahoma City and has included a summary of the recent uptick in pediatric respiratory illnesses seen across Oklahoma and nation-wide, oftentimes necessitating transfer of pediatric respiratory distress patients out of state. This increase in respiratory distress patients in 2022 are most often caused by RSV, influenza, Covid-19, and enteroviruses among others and are occurring earlier and with greater intensity than previous years.

We are preparing to tackle the annual onslaught of legislative bills at the State Capitol and survey them for issues that can affect your pay, your practice, your patients and your well-being. Look for updates in the coming months.

I wanted to thank you for your attention and encourage you to all reach out to your OCEP Board to inform them of topics you would like to see covered by your organization. I look forward to talking to you soon.

Yours very sincerely and respectfully,  
**James R. Kennedy MD, MPH, FACEP**

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## Current RSV Infections in Oklahoma

Bronchiolitis is typically a seasonal respiratory illness in Oklahoma. This year, we have seen an unprecedented number of cases presenting earlier than typical and more severe disease than usual. Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is typically the leading infectious viral pathogen, but many other viruses also cause similar symptoms. Not only has this impacted the children of Oklahoma, but it is affecting children throughout the U.S., highlighted in both local and national news. Pediatric hospitals are currently inundated with bronchiolitis and respiratory infections requiring treatment and hospitalization. The first line treatment for bronchiolitis remains suctioning and airway support. In patients with atopy risk factors, albuterol treatments may help. For persistent increased work of breathing, oxygen and enhanced air flow can be utilized to improve hypoxia and lessen work of breathing. Traditionally, many start with a simple nasal cannula, 1-2 L/min, with or without increasing oxygen concentrations. High flow nasal cannula has become standard of care at many Children's Emergency Departments (ED) for patients with bronchiolitis. Starting rates may be needed at 1mL/mg with varying oxygen concentration. Pediatric Intensive Care Unit parameters for high flow nasal cannula therapy vary by institution. If there is a reactive airway component, steroids may be indicated, but are not used routinely as in days past.

The significant increased numbers of infections presenting to pediatric hospitals throughout the region have resulted in larger numbers than usual of patients being boarded in the ED while awaiting in-patient admission. Throughout our region, ED resources, at times, extend beyond 100% capacity, requiring the ED to be placed on divert. In addition, regional pediatric ICUs have also exhausted resources and have required divert status.

Please see the following table for transfer center contact numbers for facilities with PICU care

**Cecilia Guthrie, MD, FAAP, FACEP**  
**Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics**  
**Pediatric Emergency Medicine**  
**Emergency Medicine**  
**University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center**  
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## Pediatric Intensive Care Facilities Oklahoma Region

State	City	Facility Name	Phone Number
Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	OU Children's Hospital	405-271-7363
Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	Integrus Baptist Hospital	405-949-3320
Oklahoma	Tulsa	St. Francis Hospital	918-502-1000
Texas	Dallas	Children's Medical Center Dallas	214-456-3627
Texas	Dallas	Medical City Children's	877-422-9337
Texas	Fort Worth	Cook Children's Hospital	800-543-4878
Texas	Temple	Baylor Scott and White	254-935-5437
Kansas	Wichita	Wesley Medical Center	800-362-3292
Kansas	Kansas City	KU Medical Center	913-588-9999
Arkansas	Little Rock	Arkansas Children's Hospital	501-364-6429
Missouri	Kansas City	Children's Mercy Hospital	800-466-3729
Missouri	Springfield	Mercy Hospital Springfield	844-672-5437

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