

Ohio Chapter ACEP Council Candidates 2012
Six Council Seats/ Ten Candidates

Purva Grover, MD

Attending Physician and Director of Suture and Wound Care Program
Department of Emergency Medicine
Akron Children's Hospital
Clinical Assistant Professor, Dept of Pediatrics, Northeast Ohio Medical University
Akron, Ohio

Dr. Purva Grover finished her residency in Pediatrics from Children's Hospital of Michigan and knew that emergency medicine was her calling. After three years of Fellowship in Pediatric Emergency medicine, she started working as Attending Physician at Akron Children's Hospital. As medical director of the suture and wound care program, she has propelled research and innovative improvements for patient care. Besides authoring multiple articles in renowned peer reviewed journals, she has been a guest speaker at local, national and international venues. As a graduate of the Leadership Development Academy at Ohio ACEP, she has continue to assist the chapter's educational programs. Dr. Grover gained awareness and purpose serving as an Alternate Councillor, an experience that will enhance her abilities to serve the chapter as a Council member. Dr. Grover is honored to work among residents, and fellows and believes that this is a critical time in forming the future of the profession and specialty. She wishes to apply her enthusiasm, motivation and leadership skills to serve the Chapter as a Councillor.

C.C. Halloran, MD, FACEP (Incumbent)

Medical Director
University Hospitals Geneva Medical Center
Geneva, Ohio

Dr. Halloran has served the as a Councillor since her time as an emergency medicine resident. She has attended every Representative Council during her tenure as well as all of the associated reference committees in order to best represent Ohio members and emergency physicians in important issues that shape our practice. Her involvement as a resident leader and her practice in multiple different settings (university-based tertiary care, community, and rural) make her uniquely qualified to recognize and advocate for a wide variety of needs in emergency medicine. Her service on the Ohio ACEP Board demonstrates her ongoing commitment to the members of the chapter. Dr. Halloran would be honored to continue to serve the Ohio chapter as a Councillor.

Venk Kambhampati, MD, ScM

Associate Staff, Emergency Services Institute

Cleveland Clinic

Clinical Instructor

MetroHealth Medical Center/Cleveland Clinic/CWRU EM Residency Program

Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dr. Kambhampati attended medical school at The Ohio State University, and completed his residency at MetroHealth Medical Center and the Cleveland Clinic. An active member of Ohio ACEP since 2006, he has served as faculty/examiner, and as one of two co-directors, of the Ohio Chapter ACEP Oral Board Review Course. Last year, as a member of the Leadership Development Academy, he participated in board meetings and also took part in the both the Leadership conference and the national ACEP Council meeting serving as an Alternate Councillor. He wishes to serve the chapter as a Councillor to help further represent the interests of the members of Ohio ACEP. Being a Councillor will allow him to extend his role in the chapter, and represent the interests of emergency medicine.

Thomas Lukens, MD, Ph.D., FAAEM, FACEP (Incumbent Candidate)

MetroHealth Medical Center

Associate Professor, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

Cleveland, Ohio

An ACEP member since 1984, Dr. Lukens has served the Ohio Chapter as a Board member since 1997. An established leader at the national level, including current service on the Council Steering Committee and previously a member of the ACEP Clinical Policies Committee, Dr. Lukens is also well published in the area of clinical policies. An active leader for Ohio ACEP, Dr. Lukens gives his time to the advancement, review, and betterment of the educational activities of the Chapter through service on the Education Committee and as a course director for the LLSA Review course. Dr. Lukens' continuing service to the Chapter was recognized in 2008 with the Bill Hall Award for service to the Chapter, as the member who best reflects the emergency physician character of Dr. William Hall, such as selfless giving of time and enthusiasm for patient care. Dr. Lukens is finishing a one year term as President of the Board of Directors. Dr. Lukens has been an experienced and effective Councillor and as chapter president, led the Council delegation in 2011. Dr. Lukens wishes to continue his active service to the chapter as a Councillor.

John L. Lyman, MD, FACEP (Incumbent)

Regional Medical Director
Director, Emergency Medicine Residency Services
Premier Physician Services
Dayton, Ohio

Dr. Lyman brings a strong desire to serve the emergency medical community through service and involvement as both a member of the Ohio ACEP Board of Directors and as a Councillor representing Ohio ACEP at the national level. He brings many assets to the role of Board member including the experience from participation in a wide variety of emergency medicine settings, including academic, clinical and administrative; the ability to work with others in a collaborative fashion; an appreciation of the role of political advocacy; and an understanding of the responsibility of boards and the principles of governance. Dr. Lyman has served on a variety of health-related boards including Alabama ACEP, Bay County American Heart Association, Professional Aeromedical Transport Association, Premier Health Care Services, Inc., & Emergency Department Practice Management Association (serving two years as the chair). He currently serves on the Wright State University Academy of Medicine Board (having served as Chairman for two years), the Wright State University Foundation Board (where he currently chairs the Committee on Trustees), and the Montgomery County Medical Society Board (where he currently serves as the Secretary).

His experience and previous ACEP leadership service as an ACEP Councillor give Dr. Lyman a deep respect for the concept of commitment, the importance of follow through, an increasing appreciation of the ‘political process’, and a strong desire to serve in a leadership role to assist Ohio ACEP in its mission to serve the emergency medicine community of Ohio.

Michael McCrea, MD, FACEP

Attending Physician and Director of Simulation
Emergency Medicine Residency
Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center
Toledo, Ohio

Dr. McCrea has been an ACEP member since 2004 when he began his residency at The Ohio State University. After finishing residency in 2007, he joined a large community practice in Mansfield, OH, with EMP and served as Quality Director. He continued to practice in Mansfield with Premier Health Care Services, serving as Assistant Medical Director. In 2009 he joined the Emergency Medicine Residency faculty at St. Vincent’s in Toledo becoming the program’s Director of Simulation Education. He is an alumnus of National ACEP’s Teaching Fellowship and just finished Ohio ACEP’s Leadership Development Academy. For the past year he has served on Ohio ACEP’s Board of Directors and is currently Secretary of the Board. He has been extremely active with Ohio ACEP’s educational programs, including lecturing at the Emergency Medicine Board Review course, serving as a faculty examiner at the Oral Board Review Course, has edited chapters for Ohio ACEP’s Dr. Carol Rivers’ Oral Board Review book, and reviewed articles for LLSA Express. He has represented Ohio ACEP as an Alternate Councillor the past two years at ACEP Council and looks forward to the possibility of continuing to serve Ohio ACEP’s membership as a Councillor for the next two years.

Howard K. Mell, MD, MPH, FACEP

Associate Medical Director, EmCare
Lake Health System Department of Emergency Medicine
EMS Medical Director, Lake Health EMS System
Concord, Ohio

Dr. Mell currently practices at the TriPoint Medical Center in Concord, Ohio and also serves as the Associate System Director and EMS Medical Director for the Lake Health System. As EMS Medical Director, Dr. Mell serves as the medical director for thirteen fire/rescue departments, three tactical EMS units, a private ambulance company, and a waterpark.

Dr. Mell has been an active member of ACEP since graduating residency. In addition to currently serving on the Emergency Medicine Practice and Public Relations committees, he is the Chair-elect of the EMS section. Dr. Mell is familiar with Council operations, first serving as an Alternate Councillor for the Ohio Chapter during his time in the chapter's Leadership Development Academy in 2008. He later served the Young Physicians Section as Alternate and Councillor (2009-2011). Now returned to Ohio, Dr. Mell would welcome the opportunity to serve the chapter again as a Councillor.

Matthew J. Sanders, DO, FACEP

Premier Physician Services
Memorial Hospital of Union County
Marysville, Ohio

A resident of Columbus, Dr. Sanders has practiced community emergency medicine in Marysville since completing his emergency medicine residency at The Ohio State University Medical Center in 2004. He is involved in the teaching of Emergency Medicine to OSU medical students who rotate through his department. Dr. Sanders has been an ACEP member since 2001 and became an ACEP Fellow in 2011. He is a graduate of the most recent class of the Ohio ACEP Leadership Development Academy, and served as an Alternate Councilor at the 2011 ACEP Council in San Francisco. Through these experiences, he discovered an interest in legislative advocacy and would like to continue to advocate for professional liability reform. Dr. Sanders has also participated in local and state advocacy in the fight against prescription drug abuse, Ohio's number one cause of accidental death, by representing his group at the Central Ohio Emergency Department Workgroup and representing Ohio ACEP at the Governor's Opiate Action Team—Emergency Department Guidelines Committee. He welcomes the opportunity to continue to serve the members of Ohio ACEP and represent the chapter's interests as a Councillor.

Thomas A. Tallman, DO, FACEP (Incumbent)

Staff Physician, Emergency Services Institute, Cleveland Clinic
Chairman, Emergency Preparedness & Disaster Medicine, Cleveland Clinic
EMS Director, Cleveland Clinic
Course Director, Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine
Medical Director, Cleveland Clinic Event Medicine

Dr. Tallman has served as an Ohio ACEP Board member and Councilor for six years. Currently, Co-Chair of our chapter's EMS and Disaster Preparedness Committee, Dr. Tallman was awarded the Bill Hall Award for Service to Ohio ACEP in 2011.

His over 25 years of Emergency Medicine experience includes leadership roles in EMS, Disaster Preparedness, Event Medicine, Hospital Rapid Response, and medical school/residency training. A Navy-trained ED physician, Dr. Tallman has also trained at the Center for Domestic Preparedness (Homeland Security) and is an Ohio Hospital Association Certified Hospital Emergency Provider (CHEP). Last year he was a part of the ODE/ODH Team that developed the Medical Coordination Plan for the State of Ohio. Responding to personal challenges, Dr. Tallman has recently become a passionate advocate for spinal cord injury treatment, therapy and recovery.

In addition, Dr. Tallman has served as an Oral Board Examiner for the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) since 2002.

Sandra Werner, MD, FACEP

Department of Emergency Medicine, MetroHealth Medical Center
Associate Program Director, MetroHealth, Cleveland Clinic, Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) EM Residency Program
Assistant Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, Case Western Reserve University

Dr. Werner graduated from the Medical College of Virginia and completed her emergency medicine residency and an ultrasound fellowship at MetroHealth Medical Center/CCF/CWRU. She has interests in ultrasound, EMS and resident education and has published ultrasound research in Annals of Emergency Medicine, Academic Emergency Medicine and the Journal of Emergency Medicine. She serves as course director for Ohio ACEP ultrasound courses. A flight physician with MetroHealth's Lifeflight program and a member of the Cleveland EMS Medical Advisory Board, she is also a past editor for the Yearbook of Emergency Medicine and current editor for the Updates section of AccessEM, Tintinalli's On-line multimedia EM website. Dr. Werner has expressed an interest in being an active participant in shaping policies affecting the future direction of the chapter and national ACEP through service as a Councilor representing the Ohio Chapter.

Candidates for Alternate Councillor

Eric Adkins, MD*

Saurin Bhatt, MD*

Deborah Kimball, MD*

Gerald Maloney, DO, FACEP*

Richard Nelson, MD, FACEP

Bradley Raetzke, MD*

Alison Southern, MD*

Melissa Tscheiner, MD*

***Members of the Leadership Development Academy**