



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

Forensic Medicine Section Meeting

Sunday, October 16, 2016

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Mandalay Bay Convention Center

Palm B – Level 3

Las Vegas, NV

MEETING MINUTES

Members in Attendance

Heather V Rozzi, MD, FACEP – Chair; Sheila Cole; Daniel J Cole, MD, FACEP; Heather K DeVore, MD; Gary Gaddis, MD, PhD, FACEP; Lawrence J R Goldhahn, FACEP, MD; William Green, MD, FACEP; Sally S Henin, MD, FACEP; Wendy Macias-Konstantopoulos, MD, MPH; Judy Linden, MD, FACEP; John Manio, II, MD, FACEP; Edward A Panacek, MD, MPH, FACEP; Monika Pitzele, MD, FACEP; Ralph J Riviello, MD, MS, FACEP, FAAEM; Tony Rosen, MD; Carmen E Ruiz-Valcarcel, MD, Amber Sneed Mock, MD, Lauren Walter, MD, FACEP; Dale Woolridge, MD, PhD

Debra Perina, MD, FACEP; Board Liaison

Cynthia Singh, MS; Staff Liaison

Welcome and Introductions – Heather Rozzi, MD, FACEP, FAAEM

Dr. Rozzi welcomed the members to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves and described their interests.

Review and Approval of Minutes – Heather Rozzi, MD, FACEP, FAAEM

The meeting minutes were approved.

Elections of Officers – Heather Rozzi, MD, FACEP, FAAEM

The following officers were elected:

Chair - Heather Rozzi, MD, FACEP, FAAEM

Vice Chair - Sally Henin, MD, FACEP

Secretary/Newsletter Editor - Chamé Blackburn, MD, FACEP and Judy Linden, MD, FACEP

Immediate Past Chair - Ralph J. Riviello, MD, MS, FACEP

Councillor - Lawrence Goldhahn, MD, FACEP

Presentation: Patterns of Injury in Elder Abuse – Tony Rosen, MD, FACEP

Dr. Rosen provided a presentation on his elder abuse research. Findings included:

- ED is unique place for vulnerable patients



- ED includes varied disciplines working together as a team
- 24/7 access for patients
- ED providers seldom identify or report, only 0.013% elder abuse or neglect diagnosed in ED visits.
 - Lack of awareness and training
 - Lack of time and space
- Difficulty in distinguishing abuse from accident or trauma
- Much less evidence in elder abuse forensic than child abuse
- Research focus
 - Identify injury patterns of elder abuse
 - Developed protocol of photographing injuries in acute care setting
 - Developed classification system /taxonomy to describe injuries

SANE Operation Guide – Ralph Riviello, MD, MS, FACEP

Dr. Riviello presented on the new SANE Operation guidelines.

Strangulation Research Data – Gary Gaddis, MD, PhD, FACEP

Dr. Gaddis provided a presentation on evidence-based guidelines for strangulation injuries.

National Projects Update - Ralph Riviello, MD, MS, FACEP

Dr. Riviello gave an update on OVC and OVW projects that ACEP has been involved in through the section members.

Council Update – Lawrence Goldhahn, MD, FACEP

Dr. Goldhahn gave an overview of the ACEP Council meeting and resolutions. The most pertinent resolution for the Forensic Section was brought by the Texas Chapter titled *Court Ordered Forensic Evidence Collection in the ED*, which involved law enforcement issuing a warrant to emergency physicians to demand a body cavity search of a patient. The Council passed the resolution for ACEP to study the ethical and moral implications for emergency physicians acting in compliance with court orders requiring collection of evidence from a patient in the absence of consent and to develop a policy statement addressing the issue.

Forensic Facts Ideas - Heather Rozzi, MD, FACEP, FAAEM

Dr. Rozzi gave an overview of the Forensic Facts article in *ACEP Now* that runs every other month. She requested that section members provide ideas for the articles.

RWJ Foundation proposal on Social Emergency Medicine Consensus Conference – Cynthia Singh, MS

Ms. Singh reported on a new proposal being submitted to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to support a consensus conference to develop principals or and research agenda for social emergency medicine.



New Business

Dr. Henin asked the section members their opinion on creating a policy concerning sexual assault care on unconscious patients. After discussion, the section members weighed in that this was a good idea. Dr. Perina suggested coming to the Board to approve a policy statement on best practices.

Dr. Green discussed the Adult/Adolescent Sexual Assault Glossary project, which was started with an ACEP section grant. He expressed the desire to publish on the ACEP website, the Forensic Section site, and obtain endorsement from the ACEP Board. Dr. Rozzi and Ms. Singh agreed to complete the form for endorsement from the ACEP Board.