



EDITOR'S LETTER

Investing in the Future

by David Kramer, MD FAAEM

Wow, time sure flies! By the time you read this, the 14th Annual Scientific Assembly will be almost upon us. Have you checked out the Amelia Island Plantation website? If not, go to www.aipfl.com and take a look. The average daytime temperature is 68°, perfect for golf, tennis, fishing or a beautiful hike. The beach, pool and bike riding paths are just steps away. Sounds to me like a wonderful spot for all of us trying to make it through another cold winter. Bring your family, and extend your trip into a vacation. Keep in mind that the resort is not the only reason to make the trip. You will see and hear another superb lineup of great speakers bringing you the latest and greatest in emergency medicine. This will be a great opportunity to relax, have fun and earn some CME. And remember, you have already paid for the meeting with your membership dues! Amelia Island looks like a great winter retreat, and you know that the Scientific Assembly can't be beat. I hope to see you there!



Amelia Island Plantation



when minutes count

Officers

Tom Scaletta, MD
President
Larry Weiss, MD JD
Vice-President
Howard Blumstein, MD
Secretary-Treasurer
Joseph Wood, MD JD
Immediate Past President
Robert McNamara, MD
Past Presidents Council
Representative

Board Members

William Durkin Jr., MD
Stephen Hayden, MD
David Kramer, MD
James Li, MD
Andrew Mayer, MD
Kevin Rodgers, MD
Indrani Sheridan, MD
Andy Walker, MD

Associate Board Member

Mark Reiter, MD MBA

AAEM/RSA President 2007-2008

Andrew Pickens, MD JD MBA

Common Sense Staff

David Kramer, MD, Editor
Adrienne McFadden, MD JD, Resident Editor
Kate Filipiak, Managing Editor

Articles appearing in *Common Sense* are intended for the individual use of AAEM members. They may not be duplicated or distributed without the explicit permission of AAEM. Permission is granted in some instances in the interest of public education. Requests for reprints should be directed to Kate Filipiak, Managing Editor, at: AAEM, 555 East Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202, Tel: (800) 884-2236, Fax: (414) 276-3349, Email: kfilipiak@aaem.org.

AAEM Mission Statement

The American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM) is the specialty society of emergency medicine. AAEM is a democratic organization committed to the following principles:

1. Every individual should have unencumbered access to quality emergency care provided by a specialist in emergency medicine.
2. The practice of emergency medicine is best conducted by a specialist in emergency medicine.
3. A specialist in emergency medicine is a physician who has achieved, through personal dedication and sacrifice, certification by either the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) or the American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine (AOBEM).
4. The personal and professional welfare of the individual specialist in emergency medicine is a primary concern to the AAEM.
5. The Academy supports fair and equitable practice environments necessary to allow the specialist in emergency medicine to deliver the highest quality of patient care. Such an environment includes provisions for due process and the absence of restrictive covenants.
6. The Academy supports residency programs and graduate medical education, which are essential to the continued enrichment of emergency medicine, and to ensure a high quality of care for the patients.
7. The Academy is committed to providing affordable high quality continuing medical education in emergency medicine for its members.

Membership Information

Fellow and Full Voting Member: \$365 (Must be ABEM or AOBEM certified in EM or Pediatric EM)

*Associate Member: \$250 (Associate-voting status)

Emeritus Member: \$250 (Must be 65 years old and a full voting member in good standing for 3 years)

Affiliate Member: \$365 (Non-voting status); must have been, but is no longer ABEM or AOBEM certified in EM.

International Member: \$125 (Non-voting status)

AAEM/RSA Member: \$50 (Non-voting status)

Student Member: \$50 (Non-voting status)

*Associate membership is limited to graduates of an ACGME or AOA approved Emergency Medicine Program.

Send check or money order to : AAEM, 555 East Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202, Tel: (800) 884-2236, Fax (414) 276-3349, Email: info@aaem.org. AAEM is a non-profit, professional organization. Our mailing list is private.