



“It’s Too Late, Baby” – Not!

EDITOR’S LETTER

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By the time you read the next issue of *Common Sense* it may be too late. That’s right; emergency department schedules will be written, plans will be made. If you don’t arrange for your time off to attend the upcoming 15th Annual AAEM Scientific Assembly **March 2-4, 2009**, now, you will likely miss out. There will undoubtedly be superb presentations by famed scholars that you will not hear. Networking will go on without you. Deals will be made, agreements struck and opportunities presented – all without your involvement. Smiles will predominate, and laughter will ensue. The temperature in Phoenix will be 75 degrees. What will you be doing?

But it’s not too late yet. There is still time to make plans to attend. If you haven’t already done so, check out the meeting brochure on our website. Then, request the time off, and register for the meeting. Remember, you have already paid for it with your dues. That’s right; the Scientific Assembly (and the CME that goes along with it) remains free for all members of AAEM! The Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel just opened its doors about two months ago, and I’m told it is beautiful. I hope to see all of you there. *It’s not too late, baby.*

Pre-Conference Courses

Saturday, February 28, 2009
& Sunday, March 1, 2009

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8:00am–5:30pm Pediatric Emergencies: Children are not
Little Adults

8:00am–12:00pm Simulation Workshop

9:00am–4:00pm Advanced Ultrasound

1:00pm–5:00pm LLSA Review 2008

1:00pm–5:00pm Simulation Workshop

1:00pm–6:00pm USAAEM Pre-conference: Emerging Trends
in Ultrasound and Trauma Care

Conference Schedule

Here’s a peek at your opening speakers!

To see more and to register, visit www.aaem.org

Monday, March 2, 2009

8:00am **J. James Rohack, MD, AMA President-Elect**
Keynote Speaker

The Corporate Practice of Medicine

9:00am **Amal Mattu, MD FAAEM**

High Risk ECGs

10:00am **Corey Slovis, MD FAAEM**

Kicking the Acidosis—Sorting out Metabolic Emergencies

11:00am **Jeff Tabas, MD FAAEM**

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