

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings CAL/AAEM members!

I am Dr. Faith Quenzer, DO MPH FAAEM, and the current President of the [California Chapter of AAEM](#) (CAL/AAEM). I work as an independent contractor as a community EM physician in South Bay San Diego and as an educator through San Diego State University, School of Public Health, Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. I've been involved with AAEM, AAEM/RSA, and CAL/AAEM through a variety of leadership roles since 2011. I love being part of an EM organization that is committed to championing emergency physicians and patients.



With the CAL/AAEM Board of Directors, we are continuing our unwavering commitment to protecting emergency medicine in California. CAL/AAEM believes in the right of every patient to access the best emergency care available and works to protect the patients of California from the degradation of care that follows in the wake of the corporate practice of medicine. This mission continues to guide our advocacy efforts and organizational priorities. Additionally, we will focus on creating educational opportunities for physicians and physicians-in-training around these advocacy efforts. We believe that supporting our members through advocacy and education is foundational to a strong and resilient emergency medicine physician workforce in California and beyond.

AAEM25 RECAP

AAEM's [31st Annual Scientific Assembly](#) (AAEM25), held April 6–10, 2025, in Miami, FL was a remarkable gathering of the emergency medicine community. We had our first in-person CAL/AAEM chapter meeting there and it was fantastic to gather with friends and meet newcomers! CAL/AAEM members who attended can now claim CME credits through the [AAEM CME Online](#) portal for in-person sessions.

[Claim CME](#)

AAEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The [American Academy of Emergency Medicine](#) (AAEM) announced its Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 term. These leaders exemplify AAEM's commitment to physician-led emergency medicine, continuing our advocacy for board-certified emergency physicians.

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MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

Please meet **Victor Cisneros, MD MPH CPH FAAEM FACEP**, who serves as a current At-Large Director for our California Chapter. Dr. Cisneros is an emergency physician at Eisenhower Health in Rancho Mirage, California who serves as the Director of Community Medicine & Outreach for GME and Program Director for the new Social Emergency Medicine & Health Equity Fellowship launching in 2025. He is a graduate of UC Irvine PRIME-LC with an MPH, Dr. Cisneros is dual board-certified in emergency medicine and public health.



Through Eisenhower's Street Medicine and Mobile Care programs, he works to deliver care to unhoused and underserved populations, and research food insecurity and addiction medicine through the application of informed policy and screening practices.

Dr. Cisneros continues to help make emergency medicine more equitable, community-informed, and physician-led. Through working with CAL/AAEM, he sees an optimal platform to collaborate with like-minded colleagues who believe in advocacy, transparency, and education for emergency medicine physicians and patients.

LEGISLATIVE & ADVOCACY UPDATES

California Healthcare Consolidation Bill

We are actively monitoring California legislative developments. AAEM strongly supported the original version of AB 3129, a California bill which limits health system consolidation. We continue to track amendments and advocate for provisions that protect emergency medicine practice.

[Learn More](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS & EDUCATION

Money Talks: Strategies for Financial Wellbeing in Med School, Residency, and Beyond Webinar

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 | 2:00pm-3:30pm CT
Hosted by CAL/AAEM and AAEM RSA

Speakers:

- Victor Cisneros, MD MPH CPH FAAEM
- Joshua Faucher, MD JD
- Tyler Olson of [Olsen FP](#)

Program Outline:

- **Budgeting:** Upfront costs of applications to medical school and residency
- **Loan Repayment Programs:** Navigating available options and maximizing benefits
- **Educational Loans:** Pearls and pitfalls to avoid common mistakes
- **HR1 Impacts:** How proposed changes could affect repayment options
- **Financial Resilience:** Building stability through medical school, residency, and beyond
- **Moonlighting & Locums Contracts:** Key considerations before you sign

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Do you need to take the Oral Boards? Sign up NOW for AAEM's [Oral Board Review Course](#) which has successfully trained over 5800+ board eligible candidates with a proven track record of success in preparing learners for the last 25 years!

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GET INVOLVED

- **Recruit New Members:** Help grow our organization by inviting colleagues to [join CAL/AAEM](#)
- **Attend Meetings:** Participate in upcoming CAL/AAEM OPEN board [meetings and events](#)
- **Attend [AAEM26](#)**
- **Legislative Engagement:**
 - Work with us in contacting your local representatives about advocacy issues
 - Get involved with CA Advocacy Day (more to come)

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