



## ACEP Board Candidate Forum 2020

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### Meet Christopher Kang, MD, FACEP

As current secretary-treasurer of the ACEP Board of Directors and an EM physician at Madigan Army Medicine Center in Tacoma, Washington, Dr. Kang has served on the Board for more than 10 years in a variety of roles. He currently provides ACEP Board support for:

- Disaster Preparedness & Response Committee
- Ethics Committee
- Air Medical Transport
- Disaster Medicine
- Event Medicine
- Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine
- Wilderness Medicine

Tune in to hear her answers to the following questions developed by members of the Young Physicians Section.

### **What approach do you recommend ACEP take toward APP scope of practice and its impact on EM job security?**

[Full Q-and-A at 3:08](#)

Emergency physicians have the best qualified training and education and should always be the leader of the physician-led emergency care team.

- As leaders, EM physicians must acknowledge, recognize, respect and teach so that the emergency-care team functions well together.

### **What do you foresee being our biggest post-COVID job difficulties, and how would you address these if elected to the board?**

[Full Q-and-A at 5:26](#)

The college needs to focus on its overall mission and do our due diligence to not only advance the College's mission but also allow EM physicians do what we love: take care of our patients and our communities.

- ACEP needs to consider the economics as an important factor and the fact that EDs have faced a shortage of resources for a long time.

**YPS includes more than 17,000 ACEP members. We're a huge chunk of the total ACEP membership, but only a small percentage of leadership roles are held by YPS members. What can ACEP do to get young physicians more involved in ACEP leadership?**

[Full Q-and-A at 7:10](#)

ACEP should focus ways that to help the engaged and involved young physicians from EMRA transition into roles at ACEP where they can advocate and have a voice.

- It would be great to see every EM physician involved as an advocate for something at whatever level they feel comfortable – group, ED, healthcare system, state or federal.
- ACEP needs to encourage chapters, sections and committees to continue to not only listen, but to find additional opportunities for YPs to speak and learn and represent the College.

**With expanding residency programs, what are your plans for preserving emergency medicine practice?**

[Full Q-and-A at 8:39](#)

We need to be careful about the number of residencies that are developing and ACEP and ABEM are continuing to look at those numbers.

- We are collecting data that gives an accurate assessment of the factors at play in this scenario: current number of residencies, residents graduating, jobs available, etc. This year will likely disrupt the data so part of it is waiting to see what the situation is when this pandemic is over.

**What do you think ACEP can do to increase the public presence of our board-certified emergency physicians and show the value that these board-certified emergency physicians provide to the public?**

[Full Q-and-A at 11:13](#)

ACEP should focus on finding and mentoring our members so they can advocate effectively for those things they believe will help improve the care they can provide in their communities.

- ACEP's public relations strategy should be dependent on our members perspectives: What do they believe is most important and what ACEP should prioritize on the advocacy side.