Final Committee Objectives 2020-21

Health Innovation Technology Committee

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1. Develop a plan to insert ACEP at the center of health information/innovation policy development & management, using data-driven advocacy and leveraging new technologies to improve emergency care delivery and patient outcomes.

2. Create an infrastructure for collaboration with health information/innovation stakeholders, other medical organizations (e.g. AMA, AHHA, ANA, etc.) & industry partners.

3. Participate in national committees and leadership organizations that direct the application of health care information technology and policy.

4. Assess the current health information/innovation policy environment, with a focus on overcoming barriers toward data democratization.

5. Explore avenues to foster distributed health technologies.

6. Develop and maintain a list of necessary criteria toward achieving efficient, effective, and usable information technology in the ED.

7. Develop work products related to health information/innovation policies, standards, implementation, certification criteria, benchmarks and similar issues, as well as the adoption, usability, and safety of health information technology solutions that advances the electronic access, exchange, and use of health information for ACEP members.

8. Develop and disseminate information for education and training in informatics and health information technology for emergency physicians. Collaborate with EMRA to develop resources for medical students and residents about informatics subspecialty certification and opportunities after EM residency.

9. Provide resources for members regarding best practices for decision support and clinical documentation.

10. Review the following policies as requested per the Policy Sunset Review Process:
    - Emergency Care Electronic Data Collection and Exchange
    - Health Information Technology

    *Determine by December 15 if the policies should be reaffirmed, revised, rescinded, or sunsetting. Submit any proposed revisions to the Board for approval by the end of the committee year.*

11. Define the role of emergency medicine in telehealth. Collaborate with the Emergency Telehealth Section and other appropriate committees and sections to:
    - improve the link between telehealth and electronic medical records
    - collaborate with EHR vendors to develop integrated solutions for deploying virtual care capabilities for EDs and emergency physicians
    - disseminate guides and materials to promote safe and effective use of telemedicine and “ePPE”
    - assist members in understanding augmented intelligence and its potential use (e.g., chatbots) in emergency medicine