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1. Review, update, and provide information to members on medical legal matters that impact the administrative and clinical practice of emergency medicine.

2. Participate in the review of clinical policies and provide information on potential medical-legal issues.

3. Provide input to the Clinical Policies Committee on clinical policies that need to be developed for clinical conditions that have high malpractice incidences.

4. Review ACEP’s Choosing Wisely recommendations to determine any medical-legal issues and report findings to the Quality & Patient Safety Committee.

5. Develop a policy statement that defines EMTALA and appropriate uses of the law.

6. Submit a nomination for the 2018 Rorrie Health Policy Award.

7. Submit a nomination for the 2018 Health Policy Pioneer Award.

8. Investigate ways to ensure expert witnesses are aware of and follow ACEP’s Expert Witness Guidelines for the Specialty of Emergency Medicine to reduce all egregious testimony.

9. Review the medical legal resources, including litigation stress, on the ACEP website and develop new or additional resources. Collaborate with content experts from the Well-Being Committee regarding litigation stress. (Medical-Legal is the lead committee.)

9. Complete development of a policy statement regarding professionalism in the use of social media.