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POLICY STATEMENT

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Clinical Guidelines Affecting Emergency Medicine Practice

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current title

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Guidelines for Emergency
Medicine Practice”

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) believes that emergency medicine should provide the highest quality of service and patient care based on current scientific research and available resources. Various organizations, including medical societies, governmental agencies, and insurance entities, routinely develop and disseminate clinical practice guidelines that may impact patient care practices. If adopted, guidelines affecting emergency medicine practice should supplement and enhance patient care and be implemented with emergency physician oversight. Clinical practice guidelines do not represent the standard of care in emergency medicine.