The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), understanding the importance of having accurate patient information when providing medical care, supports the development and use of systems that provide appropriate, easily accessible and readily available patient information to a patient's health care providers. Such systems include, but are not limited to, electronic medical records, medical alert badges, bracelets, wallet cards, portable electronic devices, medication databases, and health information exchanges. ACEP recognizes the patient's right to confidential treatment of such information, including adherence to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requirements.