

American College of Emergency Physicians

Emergency Ultrasound Section Meeting

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Salt Lake City, UT

MINUTES

Participants

Section members participating for all or part of the meeting included: Samuel Lam, MD, MPH, FACEP, Chair; Rob Ferre, MD, FACEP, Chair-elect; Meghan K. Herbst, MD, FACEP, Immediate Past Chair; Laura Oh, MD, FACEP, Co Secretary; Megan Hilbert, MD, FACEP, Co-Secretary; Ami Kurzweil, MD, Councillor; Tobias Kummer, MD, FACEP, Alternate Councillor; and approximately 225 members and guests.

Others participating for all or part of the meeting included: Heidi Knowles, MD, FACEP, Board Liaison; Julie Rispoli, ACEP Staff Liaison.

Agenda

Call to Order/Year in Review	Sam Lam, MD, MPH, FACEP
Intro to 2-Minute Video Competition and 2 Videos.....	Laura Oh, MD, FACEP
ABEM / AEMUS / FPD updates on examination (<i>recorded</i>)	John Kendall, MD, FACEP
Video Contest - 2 Videos	
Fellow Speaker Symposium Winner Presentation	Curtis Xu, MD
Video Contest - 2 Videos	
CUAP updates	Andrew Balk, MD
Break & Video Contest Vote by QR	
EUS Subcommittee Updates & Accomplishments	Laura Oh, MD, FACEP
Election Results, US Awards (+ National Awards)	Megan Hilbert, MD, FACEP
2-Minute Video Challenge Discussion/Winners	Laura Oh, MD, FACEP
Incoming Chair Address	Rob Ferre, MD, FACEP
Thanks and Transition to Breakouts.....	Sam Lam, MD, MPH, FACEP
Breakout sessions	
Workflow	Matt Riscinti, moderated by Rob Ferre
International POCUS	David Martin; moderated by Megan Hilbert

Major Points Discussed

Dr. Lam opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and reported that there are over 1700 section members. There are currently 17 [subcommittees](#) in addition to CUAP and the Emergency Ultrasound Management Course run by dedicated and hardworking leaders. We have a ten-member Executive Committee which includes representatives from EMRA.

Last year, our previous chair, Dr. Herbst reported preliminary findings of a nationwide survey of POCUS utilization in academic and nonacademic ED, this has been written up and published. (Thorne CR, Shaughnessy C, Adelson L, et al. [A nationwide survey](#) of point-of-care ultrasound utilization in academic versus nonacademic general emergency departments. *AEM Educ Train.* 2025;9(3):e70051.)

In February this year, the ACGME EM RRC released recommendations regarding future EM residency training requirements. Other than the proposed 3- to 4-year residency length change, their proposed POCUS training requirement generated quite a bit commotion in the EUS community because of how it deviates from the current practice. Your EUS leaders sprinted into action. Our resident education subcommittee met and put together a summary of proposed changes and document synopsis. The EUS leadership composed a number of talking points to help members organize their own responses. We also submitted an official response to the ACGME as a section. Sean Beckman is our EMRA representative on the executive committee, and he co-authored an EMRA open letter, which was very much with in line of what we advocated for—and we really appreciate it.

To inform our response, we surveyed the Section membership. We had over 300 responses, 250 were from active ultrasound faculty in residency programs. The results were very consistent in that over 90% were against removing POCUS from the key indicated procedures (KIP) list in order to maintain resident ultrasound competency. Detailed results were published "[The Importance of Keeping Emergency Ultrasound as a Key Indexed Procedure in Emergency Medicine Residency Training](#)" in JACEP Open in August.

We were able to join forces with leadership from the SAEM-AEUS, AAEM-EUS, and SCUF and after multiple meetings, we put together a joint statement which emphasized the points:

- POCUS should not be described as part of the physical exam
- Reinstate POCUS into the KIP
- POCUS should be a required rotation
- POCUS should be taught by trained and qualified faculty

POCUS should be taught by trained and qualified faculty. We submitted our response to the ACGME in April, and we had a meeting in August, where we reiterated and clarified the points mentioned.

In February, we had our first Fellow Speakers Symposium Webinar. Organizers were Drs. Sandy Werner, Trent She, Alexis Salerno, and Di Coneybeare. Fellow speakers were paired with national faculty mentors. After some intense competition, Dr. Curtis Xu emerged as the judges' choice winner.

Dr. Lam highlighted the Emergency Ultrasound Management Course and its directors. The course is in its 21st year. EUMC25 was led by Laura Oh, MD, FACEP as Executive Course Director.

Intro to 2-Minute Video – Dr. Oh introduced the 2-minute Video contest. The POCUS community was encouraged to create a 2-minute POCUS teaching video to be shown during this meeting. This year's theme was "POCUS Elevated" and the contest was open to students, residents, fellows, and attendings. A selection of videos were chosen based on teaching effectiveness, accuracy, and innovation. After all videos were shown, audience members voted for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

ABEM / AEMUS / FPD updates on examination - Dr. John Kendall, AEMUS Exam Committee Chair and Editor, gave an update on AEMUS and other items. He reported that 11% of all ABEM-certified physicians have some subspecialty or FPD. Ultrasound is the fourth most common with 615 of 4,714. After the 2026 exam, it is expected that US will be second. FPD-AEMUS is now available for ABIM Certified physicians. The

overall pass rate in 2022 was 75% and in 2024 , it was 73%. Later in September, ABEM is launching [MySonoCert](#) as a process to maintain your AEMUS FPD.

Dr. Kendall reported that the 2026 Certifying Exam is replacing the traditional oral exam. The US cases that will be included will be based on a clinical presentation. There will be scanning on live models. Each case includes: diagnostic acquisition, diagnostic interpretation and procedure acquisition. Dr. Kendall encouraged everyone to reach out to him at abem@abem.org with any questions.

Fellow Speaker Symposium Winner Presentation - Stellate Ganglion Blocks for Refractory V-fib presented by Curtis Xu, MD.

CUAP Updates and awards – Dr. Balk reported that CUAP has had a busy year with several new categories of applications. CUAP accredited its first EMS Agency days ago. CUAP accredited an Urgent Care in March and there are applications in review for the first Veteran’s Administration Hospital ED, as well as ED ultrasound programs at hospitals in Spain and Italy. Dr. Balk thanked Drs. Mat Nelson and Turandot Saul for their time on the CUAP Board.

The CUAP Board presents Management Awards to recognize outstanding programs and their directors during the academic year.

CUAP Management Award – Top Application with Excellence in Credentialing, QA, Supervision & Infection Control was presented to:

Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center in North Carolina
ED Ultrasound Program led by Vivek Tayal, MD, FACEP, FAIUM

CUAP Management Award with Excellence in Education & Infection Control was presented to:

Baylor University Medical Center
ED Ultrasound Program led by Whitney K. Potomac, DO, MS, FACEP

CUAP Management Award with Excellence in Director Responsibilities was presented to:

UC Irvine Medical Center
ED Ultrasound Program led by Edmund Hsu, MD, MSIDT, FPD-AEMUS

EUS Subcommittee Updates & Accomplishments

Updates were given about these subcommittees:

Coding & Reimbursement – Drs. Joshua Guttman and Dillon W. Casey, co chairs

Community Ultrasound – Drs. Brigham Temple and Matthew Henschel, co chairs, and Dr. Lucas Friedman, chair elect

Critical Care – Drs. Natalie Truong and Brian Makowski, co chair and Robert Stenberg, MD, FACEP, outgoing co chair

Emerging Technologies – Drs. Shawn J. Sethi and Rachel B. Liu, co chairs, and Dr. Jacob Schoeneck (outgoing)

Fellow Education – Dr. Sandra Werner, chair; Dr. Trent She, chair elect, and Dr. Alexis Salerno, past chair

Global Ultrasound – Dr. David Martin, chair

Industry Roundtable – Dr. Lori A. Stolz, chair, Dr. Rob Ferre, immediate past chair, Dr. Jeremy Boyd, chair elect

Medical Student Education – Dr. Dan Mirsch, chair, Drs. Jodi D. Jones and Wilma Chan, past co chairs, and Dr. Emily Lovallo, chair elect

Pediatric Ultrasound – Dr. Lindsey Chaudoin, chair, Dr. Matthew Moake, chair-elect, and Dr. Rahul Shah, - Peds Subsection Editor

Prehospital, Austere and Tactical Ultrasound – Drs. Sarah Gartner and Sean Scott, co chairs, and Dr. Cameron Wolterstorff, MD, FACEP, chair-elect

Research – Drs. Nicole Duggan and Nikolai Schnittke, co chairs, and Dr. Lynn Roppolo, chair-elect

Regional Anesthesia – Dr. Joseph Stegeman, chair and Dr. Andrew Goldsmith, chair elect

Resident Education – Dr. David Suwondo, chair, Dr. Trent She, past chair, and Dr. Zachary Boivin, chair elect

Safety – Drs. Tiffany Fong and Jessica Koehler, co chairs, Dr. Josephine Valenzuela, chair elect, and Dr. Daniel Mirsch, immediate past chair

Simulation – Dr. Edmund Hsu, chair, Dr. Solomon Sebt, chair elect, and Dr. Zachary Boivin, immediate past chair

Sonoguide – Drs. Dasia Esener and Gabriel Rose, co chairs

System Wide Ultrasound – Dr. Cory Wittrock, chair

Election Results – 2025-2026 Officers

Chair – Robinson Ferre, MD, FACEP

Chair-elect – Laura Oh, MD, FACEP

Immediate Past Chair – Samuel Lam, MD, FACEP

Secretary (Lead) – Megan Hilbert, MD, FACEP

Secretary (Associate) – Heesun Choi, DO

Councillor – Tobias Kummer, MD, FACEP

Alternate Councillor – Yue “Jay” Lin, MD

The next section election will take place in advance of *ACEP26* in Chicago.

Ultrasound Awards – Dr. Hilbert presented the following awards:

- Future Leader in Education – Taryn Hoffman, MD, MS, FACEP
- National Leader in Education – Meghan K. Herbst, MD, FACEP
- US Leadership and Advocacy - Jeremy Boyd, MD, FACEP
- Outstanding Subcommittee Leader - Dasia Esener, MD, FACEP
- ACEP Awards to the Emergency Ultrasound Section
 - 2025 ACEP Service to Section Award
 - Outstanding Section Newsroom Content

In addition, many of our Ultrasound Section members were recognized with National ACEP teaching awards this year:

National Emergency Medicine Excellence in Bedside Teaching Award

- Troy Foster, MD, FACEP - Illinois chapter

National Emergency Medicine Faculty Teaching Award

- Jaily Avila, MD - California chapter
- Robert Jones, DO, FACEP – Ohio chapter

National Emergency Medicine Junior Faculty Teaching Award

- Jessica Baez, DO - Ohio chapter
- Joseph Brown, MD, FACEP - Colorado chapter
- Elizabeth Yetter, MD - New York chapter

2-Minute Video Challenge Discussion/Winners - The audience voted and the winners were:

First Place

Jet Velocity, Michael Vu, MD from UT Health Houston

Second Place

Seeing with Sound 2: Dr. Dolphin Returns, Michael A. Thompson, MD; Ross Sinicrope, MD; Jordan Palmer, DO from UCF/HCA Greater Orlando

Third Place

Keys to Metal Wellness and Metal Wellbeing. Looking after your Machine, Chris Yap, MBChB, FRCEM from Northern General Hospital, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Incoming Chair Address

Dr. Rob Ferre gave his incoming chair address. He paid tribute to previous ACEP EUS leaders that were trailblazers and noted that next year will be 25 years since the original 2001 ACEP Emergency Ultrasound Guidelines were published. He spoke about three section priorities for the year: 1) Engage members and provide education around AI within POCUS; 2) Continue the work with IHE for industry standard guidelines for encounter-based workflows; 3) Gather our section and emergency ultrasound history for future generations.

Thanks and Transition to Breakouts – Dr. Lam thanked the section for their hard work this year and adjourned the meeting. Attendees were then directed to choose between two breakout sessions:

Workflow, presented by Matt Riscinti, moderated by Rob Ferre
International POCUS, presented by David Martin, moderated by Megan Hilbert