

# Department of Emergency Medicine Quarterly Update

October-November-December 2024

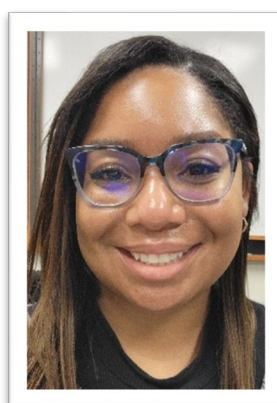
## Message from the Chair: Barry J. Knapp, M.D.

I hope this message finds you well as we begin the new year! Our academic department is wrapping up medical student interviews for the resident recruiting season. Faculty and residents continue to work hard to showcase our department's and group's dedication to training the nation's top residents! We eagerly await Match Day on March 21, 2025.

We are also excited to announce the successful recruitment of three new Fellows for the next academic year, beginning in July 2025:

1. **Global Emergency Medicine Fellow:** Katherin Schaffer (Residency: EVMS)
2. **Medical Education Fellow:** Hannah Kulbeth (Residency: University of Florida-Jacksonville)
3. **Ultrasound Fellow:** Matthew Panicker (Residency: McLaren Macomb Hospital)

Lastly, as **Lisa Brennan** (our Residency Coordinator) prepares to retire at the end of this academic year, we are thrilled to welcome **Alicia Scales** as our new Assistant Residency and Fellowship Coordinator! While Lisa is truly irreplaceable, we are confident that **Ashley Jones** will uphold her high standards when she steps into the Residency Coordinator role in July 2025.



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## New Academic Department Faculty Appointments

On December 1, 2024 **Jondavid Landon, MD** was promoted to **Assistant Professor**, in the Department of Emergency Medicine in the Macon & Joan Brock Virginia Health Sciences Eastern Virginia Medical School at Old Dominion University.

On December 1, 2024 **Ryan Tomberg, MD** was promoted to **Assistant Professor**, in the Department of Emergency Medicine in the Macon & Joan Brock Virginia Health Sciences Eastern Virginia Medical School at Old Dominion University.

## Special Achievements

**Richard Tomasheski, MD**, Instructor of Emergency Medicine, received the **American College of Emergency Physicians National Bedside Teaching Award**. Congrats and well-deserved Rich!

**Joseph Lang, MD**, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, was appointed to the **Virginia EMS Medical Directors Committee**.

**Bruce Lo, MD**, Professor of Emergency Medicine, has been appointed to be on the **American College of Emergency Physician's Nominating Committee**. The nominating committee evaluates and selects candidates to run for leadership positions within ACEP.

**Katherine Schaffer, MD**, EVMS EM PGY-3 Resident was selected as a **"Young Physicians Making a Local Impact"** by [Hampton Roads Physician Magazine](#). Congrats on this Amazing accomplishment that is well-deserved!



## Publications

Reisdorff EJ, Joldersma KB, **Knapp BJ**, et al. [Initial Validity Evidence for the American Board of Emergency Medicine Emergency Medical Services Certification Examination](#). Prehosp Emerg Care. 2024 Jul 31;1-6. PMID: 39042827.

American College of Emergency Physicians Clinical Policies Subcommittee (Writing Committee) on Blunt Trauma; Gerardo CJ, Blanda M, **Lo BM**, et al. [Clinical Policy: Critical Issues in the Evaluation of Adult Patients Presenting to the Emergency Department With Acute Blunt Trauma](#). Ann Emerg Med. 2024 Oct;84(4):e25-e55. PMID: 39306386.

American College of Emergency Physicians Clinical Policies Subcommittee (Writing Committee) on Thrombolytics; **Lo BM**, Carpenter CR, Milne K, et al. [Clinical Policy: Use of Thrombolytics for the Management of Acute Ischemic Stroke in the Emergency Department](#). Ann Emerg Med. 2024 Dec;84(6):e57-e86. PMID: 39578010

Zachrisson K, **Lo BM**, Jauch E, Venkatesh A. [Thrombolytics in Stroke: Moving Beyond Controversy to Comprehensive Care](#). ACEP NOW. 2024; 43 (12): 15.

Oh L, Bhat R, Carr MJ, Joshi AU, **Lo BM**, Rider AC, Wang L, Wadman MC, Lubner SD. [Telehealth in emergency medicine residency training: A model curriculum](#). J Am Coll Emerg Physicians Open. 2024 Dec 17;5(6):e13301. PMID: 39697809

EM Physician's monthly published article titled ["Why Sensitivity Matters More Than Specificity in Identifying Pericardial Tamponade"](#) on November 6, 2024 by **Rogers G**.

## Scholarly Activities and Speaking Engagements

**Bruce Lo, MD**, Professor of Emergency Medicine gave 3 talks at ACEP Scientific Assembly in Las Vegas, NV. On October 1, 2024- Diagnostic Dilemma: Bizarre Behavior and The Rapid and High-Yield Neuro Exam. On October 2, 2024- Neurocritical Care: Resuscitating the Brain.

On October 3, 2024 **Anja Cipi, MD** volunteered at the HOPES Sports Medicine Clinic.

On October 7, 2024, **Barry Knapp, MD**, The Chidester Endowed Chair of Emergency Medicine, attended the American Board of Medical Specialties Finance Committee meeting in Chicago.

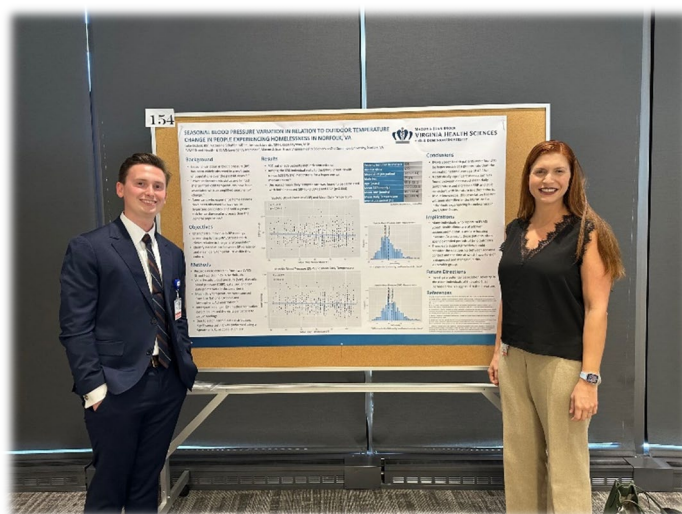
On October 9, 2024, **Bruce Lo, MD**, gave two lectures for the American Academy of Emergency Medicine's Department Operations Certificate Course: 1) Staffing and Scheduling: The Models, 2) Staffing and Scheduling: Putting it Together

On October 9, 2024, **Barry Knapp, MD** participated on the EVMS @ ODU Annual Institutional Review (AIR) Executive Committee.

On October 11, 2024 **Gavin Rogers, MD** gave a lecture to the EVMS/ODU Internal Medicine residents as a part of their didactic education titled: Resuscitative Ultrasound.

**M4 Carine Afiadata** and **Kean Feyzeau, MD** presented, "When New Onset Psychosis Isn't: A Case Report of anti-NMDA receptor Encephalitis", at the 2024 EVMS Research Day on October 11, 2024.

**M4 Luke Ekdahl** and **Kean Feyzeau, MD** presented the poster, "Seasonal Blood pressure Variation in Relation to Outdoor Temperature Change in People Experiencing Homelessness", at the 2024 EVMS Research Day on October 11, 2024.



On October 14, 2024 **Bruce Lo, MD** taught the ATLS course at EVMS. He gave the lecture: Shock and ran the small group: Airway lab.

On October 18, 2024 **Barry Knapp, MD** gave two presentations at the EVMS @ ODU Program Directors Retreat: The Semi-Annual Review: A Love Hate Relationship and "Ask the Former Program Directors Panel".

On October 23, 2024 **Matthew Jones, MD, Rebecca Johnson, MD** and **Nick Huth, DO** ran EMIG procedural workshop, chest tube and intubation session.



On October 24, 2024 **Benjamin Blackwood, MD** gave a lecture to the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth Emergency Residency titled, "An Introduction to ACEP and VACEP".

On November 1, 2024 **Joseph Lang, MD**, was the Course Director for the Virginia Beach EMS symposium.

On November 1, 2024, **Rebecca Johnson, MD** instructed the course, "Pelvic and Extremity Trauma" at the Virginia Beach EMS Symposium.

On November 1, 2024 **Benjamin Blackwood, MD** gave a lecture at the Virginia Beach EMS Symposium titled, "Can't Miss ECGs".

On November 1, 2024, **Camille Halfman, MD** gave a lecture at the Virginia EMS Symposium titled, "Pediatric Pearls".

On November 1, 2024, **Ashley Fox, DO**, gave a lecture at the Virginia EMS Symposium titled, "Diabetic Emergencies".

On November 19, 2024 **Barry Knapp, MD**, ABEM liaison to the ABEM EMS Sub board titled, "ABEM Updates".

On December 9, 2024 **Bruce Lo, MD**, gave a lecture at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Current Concepts in Emergency Care in Maui, Hawaii titled, "Avoiding Creatinine Before IV Contrast: Yes You Can!"



## Accepted Abstracts and Presentations

**Gavin Rogers, MD**, Instructor of Emergency Medicine had an abstract titled, "*Acute Management of Refractory Orthostatic Hypotension and Seizures Associated with Kratom Use: An Emergency Medicine Perspective*", selected for poster presentation at the VACEP 2025 Annual Conference at the Omni Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, VA on Saturday, February 22, 2025

**Gavin Rogers, MD** had an abstract titled, "*Acute Cardiac Tamponade in an Elderly Male with Severe COPD: A Case Report Highlighting Unusual Findings*", selected for poster presentation at the VACEP 2025 Annual Conference on Saturday, February 22, 2025.

**Gavin Rogers, MD** had an abstract titled, "*It's a Clot, it's a Mass, Actually It's a Chiari Network: Pericarditis in a Healthy 25-year-old Male with an Incidental Finding*", selected for poster presentation at the VACEP 2025 Annual Conference on Saturday, February 22, 2025.

## Upcoming Events

- **Journal Club: January 27, 2025, at 6:30pm**
- **SonoGames: January 30, 2025**
- **Resident Retreat: Apr 23 – 26, 2025**
- **Senior Resident Graduation: June 4, 2025 @ the Botanical Gardens**

***Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2025!***



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