



EVMS Emergency Medicine Quarterly Update

July – August – September 2025

Happy October! I'm excited to announce **EVMS Emergency Medicine's Accelerated M.D. Program!** Only a small number of U.S. medical schools offer accelerated graduation programs, and just four Emergency Medicine (EM) programs nationwide provide an accelerated pathway into EM. EVMS EM is proud to be among this innovative group! Our Accelerated M.D. Program allows highly motivated students to earn their EVMS M.D. degree in just three years, with a direct pathway into our EVMS @ ODU EM Residency Program.

The accelerated curriculum offers numerous advantages, including significant financial savings and earlier entry into residency and the EM workforce. It positions EVMS EM at the forefront of medical education innovation while attracting top applicants seeking efficient, high-quality training. Studies have shown that graduates of similar accelerated programs report equivalent satisfaction with their medical education, feel just as prepared for residency, carry lower debt, and experience similar rates of burnout compared with traditional four-year M.D. graduates.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this program a reality!

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New core faculty member, Dr. Emmagene Worley!



Special Achievements

Joseph Lang, MD, Associate Professor, was appointed **Chairman of the Patient Care Committee for the Commonwealth of Virginia**.

Barry Knapp, MD, the Chidester Endowed Chair of Emergency Medicine, was appointed to the **ABEM Finance Committee**.

Barry Knapp, MD, the Chidester Endowed Chair of Emergency Medicine, was appointed to the **ABEM Continuing Certification Committee**.

Joshua Lesko, MD, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, was appointed as a voting member of **Virginia's Health and Human Services Hospital Workplace Violence Task Force**.

Joshua Lesko, MD, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, was also selected for the **ACEP Artificial Intelligence Committee**.

Roland Roberson, MD, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, was appointed as an **ABEM Oral Examiner**.

Ryan Miller, MD, EVMS EM PGY-3, was selected as a participant in the **2025–2026 SAEM Advanced Research Methodology Evaluation and Design (ARMED) Course**.

Alan Enjetti, MD, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, earned his **Cosmos certification**—a dataset created in collaboration with health systems using Epic to improve patient care. He also holds **Epic Smart User** and **Epic Physician Builder** certifications and serves as a voluntary member of the **ED Program Advisory Group (PAG)**. Dr. Enjetti has also joined the **Assistant Chief Health Informatics Officer (ACHIO) Monthly Data Meeting**.

Richard Tomasheki, MD, Instructor of Emergency Medicine, received the **Community Faculty Teaching Award for Outstanding Clinical Instructor for the 2024–2025 Academic Year**.

Jessica Burgess, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery, received the **Off-Service Faculty Teaching Award for the 2024–2025 Academic Year**.



Dr. Richard Tomasheki receiving his Faculty Teaching Award with EVMS EM Residents.

Publications

1. Promes SB, Westafer L, Byyny R, Diercks DB, **Lo BM**, et al. [*Critical Issues in the Evaluation and Management of Adult Patients With Suspected Acute Nontraumatic Thoracic Aortic Dissection*](#). Ann Emerg Med. 2025 Jul;86(1):e12-e26. PMID: 40543988.
2. Gemme S, Meltzer AC, Byyny R, Diercks DB, **Lo BM**, et al. [*Clinical Policy: A Critical Issue in the Outpatient Management of Adult Patients Presenting to the Emergency Department With Asymptomatic Elevated Blood Pressure*](#): Approved by the ACEP Board of Directors January 22, 2025. Ann Emerg Med. 2025 Jul;86(1):e1-e11. PMID: 40543987.
3. **Cipi A, Sealy E**. [*Hooked on Sight: Teen With Eye Trauma*](#), JACEP Open, Volume 6, Issue 5, 2025,100228, ISSN 2688-1152.
4. **Cipi A, Sealy E**. [*Blurry With a Chance of Ultrasound: A Case of Sudden Vision Loss*](#), JACEP Open, Volume 6, Issue 5, 2025,100221, ISSN 2688-1152.
5. **Lo B**. [*ACEP Clinical Policy on Thrombolytics for the Management of Acute Ischemic Stroke*](#). ACEP NOW. 2025; 44 (4): 18.
6. **Lo B**. ACEP's Point of Care Tool: [*Respiratory Failure in the ED*](#). Updated August 15, 2025.



7. **Darrow P, Klinkhammer M.** *EBM Review Series: Diagnostic Performance of GFAP, UCH-L1, and MAP-2 Within 30 and 60 Minutes of Traumatic Brain Injury.* August 11, 2025.
8. **Lo BM.** ACP Journal Club Editorial Team at McMaster University. *In acute ischemic stroke with large core infarct, EVT improves mRS scores but increases symptomatic intracranial hemorrhage at 90 Days.* Ann Intern Med. 2025 Sep;178(9):JC103. PMID: 40889363.

Scholarly Activities and Speaking Engagements

1. On July 16 -18, 2025, **Barry Knapp, MD, Martin Klinkhammer, MD, and Charlie Graffeo, MD**, attended the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) Item Writers meeting in Seattle, WA.
2. On July 19 -24, 2025, **Barry Knapp, MD**, Professor of Emergency Medicine, attended the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) Board of Directors meeting in Vancouver, Canada.
3. On July 29, **Katherine Schaffer, MD**, Global Health EM Fellow, and **Megan Powers, MD**, EVMS EM PGY-3, spoke at the VBEMS Training: Trauma-Informed Care at Macon & Joan Brock Virginia Health Sciences Eastern Virginia Medical School at Old Dominion University.
4. In July, **Joshua Lesko, MD**, represented ACEP at the AMA's AI Specialty Collaborative in Chicago and was awarded his Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians (FACEP) status.
5. On August 13, **Bruce Lo, MD**, Professor of Emergency Medicine, was invited to serve on a panel with the Healthcare Administrators of Tidewater to discuss "Sustainable Strategies to Support Well-being for Healthcare Professionals" at the Founder's Inn in Virginia Beach, VA.
6. **Eleanor Erwin, MD**, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, was selected to give a poster presentation at Epic's User Group Meeting on the topic "PP10 Using Track Board and ED ASAP Orders to Decrease Boarding Times for Behavioral Health Crises."



7. **Anya Cipi, MD**, Associate Program Director and Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, presented updates for the CORD APD COP as the vice-chair during the CORD Townhall and led the in-person meeting at ACEP25 in Salt Lake City, UT.
8. **Ben Blackwood, MD** and **TJ Tzavaras, MD**, attended ACEP25 and ACEP council meetings as VACEP representatives in Salt Lake City, UT.
9. On September 6, **Joshua Lesko, MD**, spoke on AI in medical education at ACEP25 at Salt Lake City, UT.



Dr. Joshua Lesko discussing AI in Medical Education at
ACEP25

10. On September 8, **Bruce Lo, MD**, gave the lectures, "Sending Home Traumatic ICH From the ED: New Standard or Tomfoolery?", "The Rapid and High-Yield Neuro Exam", and "Diagnostic Dilemma: Bizarre Behavior" at ACEP25 in Salt Lake City, UT.



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11. On September 8, **Coral Byrns, DO**, EVMS EM PGY-3, and **Renee Grill, MD**, EVMS EM PGY-3, attended the EMRA Residency Representative Council meeting.
12. On September 17, **Bruce Lo, MD**, gave a talk for the American Academy of Emergency Medicine's Emergency (AAEM) Department Operations Certificate Course "Staffing Models for your Emergency Department".

Accepted Abstracts and Presentations

1. On September 16, **Bruce Lo, MD**; **Megyn Christensen, DO**, EVMS EM PGY-3; **Coral Byrns, DO**, EVMS EM OGY-3; and **Ben Chidester, MD**, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, had an accepted publication for the Clinical Practice and Cases in Emergency Medicine (CPC-EM) of the open-access journal WestJEM.

Upcoming Events

- October 27, 2025- Journal Club at 6:30 pm – [Smartmouth Brewery Co.](#)
- May 28, 2026- Research Day
- April 22-25, 2026- Resident Retreat
- June 24, 2026- Graduation at Town Point Club



Resuscitation Day August 2025