

Department of Emergency Medicine

Quarterly Update

April – May – June 2025

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

July 1st marked the start of a new academic year, and I want to warmly welcome our new PGY-1 residents as they begin their journey to becoming board-certified emergency physicians. Our core and community faculty are committed to delivering the highest quality teaching in both clinical and academic settings!

I'm excited to announce the hiring of **Emmagene Worley, MD** as our newest core faculty member. Dr. Worley currently serves as the Associate Program Director of Emergency Medicine at Columbia University in New York and will be joining us in September.

Please also join me in welcoming our three new Fellows:

1. Ultrasound Fellowship- **Matt Panicker, DO, MBA**
2. Education Fellowship- **Hanna Kulbeth, MD**
3. Global Emergency Medicine Fellowship- **Katherine Schaffer, MD**

Finally, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the new physicians who have recently joined **Emergency Physicians of Tidewater**. We're excited to have you on board!

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2025 Graduating resident class

Special Achievements

Joseph Lang, MD, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, was appointed **Chairman of the Medical Directors Committee for the State of Virginia**.

Bruce, Lo, MD, Professor of Emergency Medicine, was appointed to serve on the **Editorial Board of the American Journal of Emergency Medicine**.

Michael Hurban, MD, Instructor of Emergency Medicine, was awarded the **2025 ACEP National Excellence in Bedside Teaching Award**.

Emily Sealy, MD, was nominated **Subspecialty Track Leaders** this year and was instrumental in planning and coordinating the week. Congratulations on your graduation from the residency program!

New Academic Department Faculty Appointments

On April 1, 2025, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine **Joseph Lang, MD**, was promoted to **Associate Professor** in the Department of Emergency Medicine in the Macon & Joan Brock Virginia Health Sciences Eastern Virginia Medical School at Old Dominion University.

On April 1, 2025, Instructor of Emergency Medicine **Grace Gartman, 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.

The following received their initial appointment as a faculty member in the Department of Emergency Medicine in the Macon & Joan Brock Virginia Health Sciences Eastern Virginia Medical School at Old Dominion University at the rank of **Instructor**:

1. **Kaitlynn E. Butler, MD** (Instructor)
2. **Haley Kearns, MD** (Instructor)
3. **Gabriela A. Gurrola** (Instructor)
4. **Megan Winning, MD** (Instructor)
5. **Katherine Schaffer, MD** (Instructor, GEM Fellow)
6. **Matthew Panicker, DO** (Instructor, Ultrasound Fellow)
7. **Hanna Kulbeth, MD** (Instructor, Academic Fellow)
8. **Caitlin Christoffel, MD** (Instructor)
9. **Chelsea Bunce, DO** (Instructor)
10. **Meredith E. Culbertson, DO** (Instructor)
11. **Pahl Pappas, DO** (Instructor)

The Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM) Fellowship Committee **approved the EVMS Emergency Medicine Education Fellowship (formerly Academic Fellowship)**. In an effort to promote standardization of training for fellows, this program was developed for eligible programs to earn the endorsement of SAEM as an approved fellowship. SAEM has developed guidelines for training programs that address milestones in curricular elements, faculty support recommendations, and career development opportunities.



Dr. Blackwood presenting Dr. Sealy with her diploma



Dr. Landon presenting Dr. Winning with her diploma



Faculty with 2025 Graduates on Research Day



2025 Senior Residents with family members during graduation

Publications

1. American College of Emergency Physicians Clinical Policies Subcommittee (Writing Committee) on Carbon Monoxide Poisoning; Shih RD, Tomaszewski CA, Kaji A, Diercks DB; Members of the American College of Emergency Physicians Clinical Policies Committee (Oversight Committee); Diercks DB, Anderson JD, **Lo BM**, et al. A Critical Issue in the Management of Adult Patients Presenting to the Emergency Department With Acute Carbon Monoxide Poisoning. *Ann Emerg Med*. 2025 Apr;85(4):e45-e59. PMID: [40118649](#).
2. **Knapp B, Knapp J, Klinkhammer M, Cipi A, Fox A.** [A Blistering Rash With a Diagnostic Sign](#), *JACEP Open*, Volume 6, Issue 4, 2025, 100174, ISSN 2688-1152.
3. **Lo B**; ACP Journal Club Editorial Team at McMaster University. In ischemic stroke, IV thrombolysis >4.5 h after symptom onset vs. standard medical care improves 90-d functional outcomes. *Ann Intern Med*. 2025 May;178(5):JC55. PMID: [40324187](#).



4. Gettel CJ, Kitchen C, Rothenberg C, Song Y, Koski-Vacirca R, **Schaffer K**, Janke AT, Mohr NM, Greenwood-Ericksen M, Venkatesh AK. Emergency department visits among rural and urban older adults: disparities in ambulatory and emergency care sensitive conditions. BMC Health Serv Res. 2025 Jul 24;25(1):975. doi: 10.1186/s12913-025-13161-2. PMID: [40707938](#)
5. Rao SV, O'Donoghue ML, **Lo B**, et al. 2025 ACC/AHA/ACEP/NAEMSP/SCAI Guideline for the Management of Patients With Acute Coronary Syndromes: A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Joint Committee on Clinical Practice Guidelines. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2025 Jun 10;85(22):2135-2237. PMID: [40013746](#).

Scholarly Activities and Speaking Engagements

1. On April 6, 2025, **Bruce Lo, MD**, Professor of Emergency Medicine, gave the talk "Optimizing ED Patient Experience: Sharing Solutions" for the Emergency Department Operations Course at the American Academy of Emergency Medicine in Miami, FL.
2. On April 7, 2025, **Bruce Lo, MD**, gave the lectures, "Coaching and Dealing with Disruptive Behaviors", "Six Sigma – What is it", and "Lean Six Sigma – Putting it Together" for the Emergency Department Operations Course at the American Academy of Emergency Medicine in Miami, FL.
3. On April 10, 2025, **Matt Jones, MD**, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine served as a panelist for a SAEM Webinar: Developing Your Professional Identity as an Educator in Residency.
4. From April 14 through April 16, 2025, **Barry Knapp, MD**, the Chidester Endowed Chair of Emergency Medicine, was Team Leader for Prioritization case development at the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) Certifying Exam Case Development meeting in Raleigh, NC.
5. On April 15 and April 28, 2025, **Katherine Schaffer, MD**, Global Health Fellow and **Megan Powers, MD**, EVMS EM PGY-2, gave didactic sessions to students in the EM M3 Clerkship and M4 TIPS, respectively, titled Trauma-Informed Care at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Virginia.
6. On April 15, 2025, **Bruce Lo, MD**, gave two lectures at Eastern Virginia Medical School at Old Dominion University titled: "Neurological Emergencies in the ED" for the EVMS PA students and "Stroke 101" for the EVMS M4 students during TIPS.



7. M4 TIPS week was well received by students! Thank you to all of our residents who participated in student Procedures Day! **Drs. Erika Rhone, MD and Brooke Hooper, MD** were also thanked **Barry Knapp, MD and Anya Cipi, MD** for their Programmatic and Departmental support of this course. They hope to for our participation again next year.
8. On April 21, 2025, **Charles Graffeo, MD**, Professor of Emergency Medicine, gave a talk titled "An Overview of Disaster Medicine and Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine.
9. On April 23, 2025, **Alan Enjetti, MD**, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, presented "Wilderness Medicine" to an EVMS EMS Fellow.
10. On April 29, 2025, **Drs. Anya Cipi, Mary McCarthy, TJ Tzavaras**, and **Bruce Lo** as part of ACEP Leadership and Advocacy Conference, met with legislators in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to discuss issues related to Emergency Medicine.



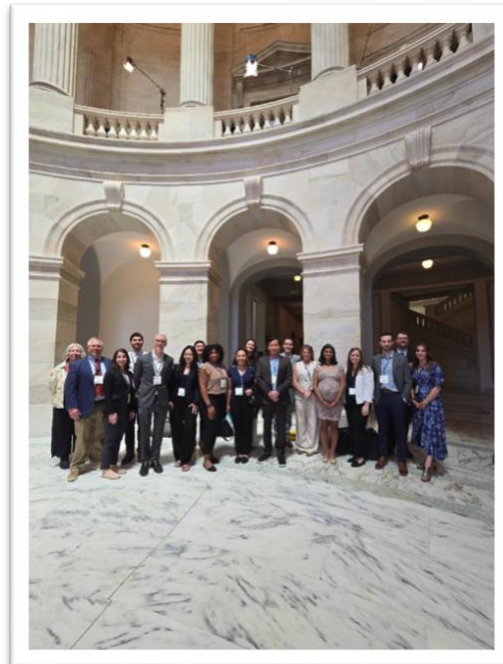
Dr Cipi with members of the ACEP Leadership team in Senator Kaine's office.



From left to right: Drs. Lo, Cipi, Tzavaras, and McCarthy



From left to right: Drs. Lo, Cipi, Tzavaras, and
McCarthy



ACEP Leadership Team

11. On May 6, 2025, **Barry Knapp, MD**, attended a virtual meeting for the America Board of Medical Specialties Finance Committee.
12. On May 7, 2025, **Barry Knapp, MD**, gave a lecture to EVMS M1 students for their Integrated Clinical Skills course entitled, "Ultrasound Evaluation of Pelvic Pain and Early Pregnancy".
13. On May 9, 2025, **Katherine Schaffer, MD**, Global Health Fellow and **Megan Powers, MD**, EVMS EM PGY-2, gave a didactic session at the Advanced Practice Professionals (APP) Conference titled, "Trauma-Informed-Care: Human Trafficking" in Virginia Beach, VA.
14. On May 14, 2025, **Bruce Lo, MD**, gave a virtual lecture for the American Academy of Emergency Medicine's Emergency Department Operations Certificate Course titled, "Input, Throughput, Output - Models of Patient Flow".



15. On May 15, 2025, **Bruce Lo, MD**, gave an interview today with Ashley Smith of WVEC on Stroke prevention and treatment.
16. On May 15 and May 16, 2025, the following lectures were given at the Tidewater EMS Expo in Norfolk, VA: "Electrical and Lightning Injuries" by **Joseph Lang, MD**, and **Emory Newkirk, MD**, EVMS EM PGY-3; "Taking the Lid off Capnography" by **Nella Hendley, MD**, Instructor of Emergency Medicine; "Bad dog! Traumatic Animal Injuries" by **Rebecca Johnson, MD**, EVMS EMS Fellow; "Avoiding Failure in Respiratory Failure" **Ashley Fox, DO**, EMS Fellowship Associate Director.
17. On May 16, 2025, **Bruce Lo, MD**, gave a lecture at the Sentara 5th Annual Stroke Symposium in Virginia Beach, VA titled, "In the ED, Acute Management of Hemorrhagic Stroke".
18. On May 26, 2025, **Bruce Lo, MD**, ran the Behavioral Emergencies Special Interest Group as chair at the International Conference in Emergency Medicine meeting in Montreal, Canada.
19. On May 30, 2025, **Kean Feyzeau, MD**, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, taught eFAST at the 9th Annual Eastern Pediatric Trauma Conference at EVMS.
20. In June 2025, **Nella Hendley, MD**, attended the Nightingale Sim Day Lecture "Prehospital Management of Pulmonary Embolism".
21. **Carol McCammon, MD**, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, served as an external examiner for the University of the West Indies diploma in Emergency Medicine candidates on June 10, 2025, in Mount Hope, Trinidad, St. Augustine Campus – an event for which Sentara Princess Anne Hospital secured donated supplies for the simulation stations and helped create a more realistic experience for the examinees. Dr. McCammon also served as a virtual visiting professor following the exams on June 17, 2025, presenting and discussing challenging cases in chest pain and ECG interpretation.
22. On June 24, 2025, **Carol McCammon, MD**, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, presented "Cardiac Conundrums" as a virtual visiting professor for the University of the West Indies emergency medicine registrars' program.



23. On July 1, 2025, **Drs. Newkirk, Gayfield, Potter, Tzavaras, Weingart and Lo** attended to an event for Delegate Feggans to advocate for the House of Medicine in Virginia (photo below)!

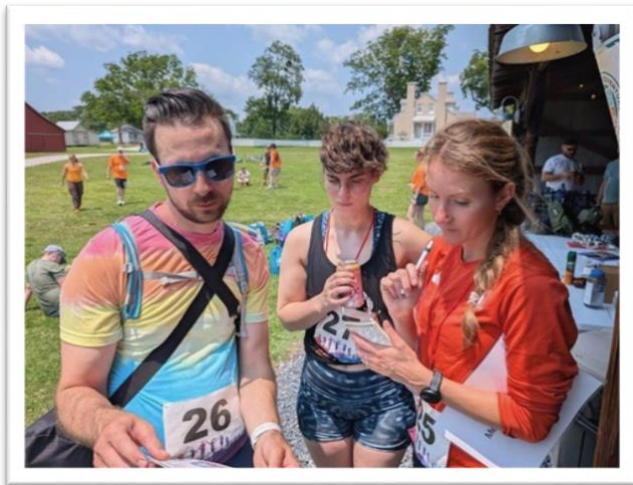


Accepted Abstracts and Presentations

1. During Emergency Medicine Week of the M4 TIPS residency preparedness course, EVMS EM faculty presented several lectures: "My Malpractice Experience" by **Michael Bono, MD**, Professor of Emergency Medicine; "EKG Refresher" by **Gavin Rogers, MD**, Instructor of Emergency Medicine; "High Yield EM" by **Grace Gartman, MD**, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine; "Stroke Management" by **Bruce Lo, MD**
2. **Katherine Schaffer, MD**, EM Global Health Fellow, presented an oral abstract and poster presentation titled "Disparities in emergency care for rural and urban older adults: ambulatory and emergency sensitive conditions" for the Society of Academic Emergency Medicine and the American Geriatrics Society.

Upcoming Events

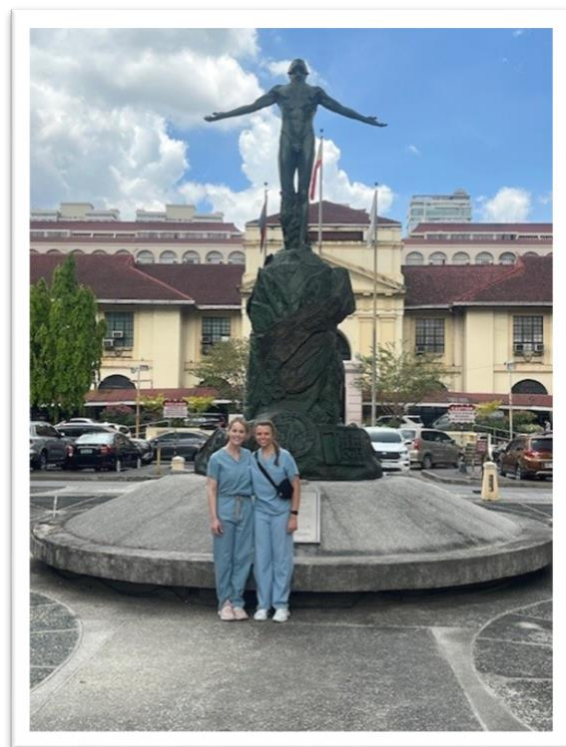
- **Journal Club: July 28, 2025, at 6:30 pm – Perro Blanco (Norfolk, VA)**



From left to right: Drs. Jordan Gayfield, Kiersten Potter and Shai Konnar Ansell at MedWars 2025



Emergency Medicine Faculty, Program Coordinators, and Residents



Drs. Shirley Jones and Kaitlynn Butler in the Philippines teaching ultrasound.



Class of 2028 picture day