

URMC Department of Emergency Medicine

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Fellow Alumni –

In partnership with Ryan Bodkin, MD, '11M (Res), Residency Program Director and Vice Chair of Education, and Andrea Miglani '04, '10M (MD), '13M (Res), Medical Director and Vice Chair of Operations for Strong Memorial Hospital, we are launching our first alumni newsletter in an effort to stay better connected with all of you.

As all of you know, emergency medicine and healthcare in general is in a period of flux right now. While we continue to do our best for our patients and for one another, we hope this serves as another mechanism to stay in touch and be a source of support for our EM family.

This past year we had our first annual **Jon Markson Alumni Weekend** to honor our teacher, friend and colleague, Jon Markson, MD, who passed away in April of 2022. Thanks to all of your generosity and enthusiasm we were able to meet our goal and establish an endowment fund in his name. These funds will be for the sole purpose of education for our EM residents.

Also, we have broken ground on the largest building improvement project ever taken on in the history of URMC, a **new Emergency Department** and new tower. Construction within the department has already begun. The hope is the ribbon cutting for the new ED will be in approximately 3.5 years.

Despite many changes, what has stayed the same is our commitment to our community, education, and to one another, which includes all of you.

Looking forward to staying in touch,



Sincerely,

Michael Kamali, MD, FACEP, '01M (Res)
Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine
University of Rochester Medical Center



Update from the Emergency Medicine Residency Program

Our residency program continues to provide outstanding didactic and experiential education to Emergency Medicine bound residents. At first glance, things may look similar to when you were training with us, but we have expanded and continue to grow in so many ways. At 14 residents per class (42 residents total), we are one of the larger programs in the state. We continue to recruit a diverse group of applicants from all over the country. Our residents now rotate through four different emergency departments: Strong Memorial Hospital, Highland Hospital, FF Thompson, and Strong West. Our free-standing Emergency Department gives them a broad view of emergency medicine and the different ways EM can be practiced.

Our Residency Leadership Team has grown as well, consisting of Ryan Bodkin, MD, '11M (Res) (Program Director), Jason Rotoli, MD, '03, Valerie Lou, MD, '15M (Res), '18M (MPH), and Lindsey Picard, MD, '20W (MS), '20M (Flw), who work hard to organize and administer the program while creating innovative educational experiences and mentorship for our residents.

We hope you all remember your time with our program fondly. Please come see us at ACEP and reach out if you are ever back in Rochester and want to join us for conference, give a lecture for our current residents, or just catch up!

[[Read more about our current program](#)]

Division of Prehospital Medicine

The Division continues to provide educational opportunities through field experience, training, and special events. We've now grown to providing EMS medical direction and oversight to a paramedic program, flight program, three 911 centers, fourteen law enforcement agencies, and nearly one hundred fire and EMS agencies across five counties. This is all done by a core team of six EMS physicians, four of whom are Fellowship-trained and Board Certified in both EM and EMS, and an anesthesiologist and critical care physician who rounds out the team in providing high-end critical care and interfacility transport medical oversight.



Ultrasound Division

The Ultrasound Division has grown to a total of nine dedicated faculty. Recent achievements include:

- **Clinical:** Integration of the Butterfly Network software into ED clinical operations in 2023—making emergency US studies more streamlined, improving patient care, and showcasing EM as the leaders in point-of-care US at URMC.
- **Education:** Providing didactic and bedside scanning education for close to 50 EM residents, PEM fellows, and US fellows every year, as well as medical students, and providers from other URMC departments.
- **Research:** An increasing number of US-specific research projects, quality improvement projects, and publications. Several research projects and abstracts have been presented at national conferences including SAEM, NAEMSP (Emily Fitzgerald, MD, class of 2023), and AIUM (Thijs Wolf, DO, class of 2023). We are considered one of the major sites for the ongoing REASON 3 cardiac arrest multicenter research trial.

[[Read more](#)]

Medical Toxicology Division

URMC has established an ACGME accredited Medical Toxicology Fellowship and matched our first fellow. Our educational initiatives have grown, and we continue to improve a robust didactic curriculum and rotation to EM and off service residents. We have expanded our medical student rotation to include both third and fourth year students. Our research efforts continue in the directions of naloxone distribution and THC intoxication. Clinically we continue to provide consultation services for patients suffering from acute and chronic poisoning, as well as those struggling with chemical dependency.

[[Read more](#)]

Emergency Medicine Research Division

The Research Division includes eight core faculty members and others who are actively engaged in research. Collectively, we are funded through NIH, foundation, and private industry grants to the tune of over 3 million dollars per year.

- **Current projects:** We are a high enrolling site for several federally funded national EM clinical trials. Highlights include the NIH-funded ICECAP trial investigating the optimal duration of cooling for cardiac arrest patients after ROSC as well as the NIH-funded BOOST3 trial evaluating brain oxygenation management in patients that are intubated after severe TBI. Our own investigator-initiated studies include NIH-funded trials related to suicide, brain injury, and cancer screening for ED patients.
- **Research associates:** Our nationally recognized Emergency Department Research Associate (EDRA) employs about 30 EDRA's who are facilitating enrollment into over a dozen studies in our ED 16 hours/day 7 days/week.
- **Education:** We are home to an SAEM-approved 2-year EM research fellowship. Our resident research program continues to thrive with dedicated faculty and staff support for every resident to conduct a research project during their training.

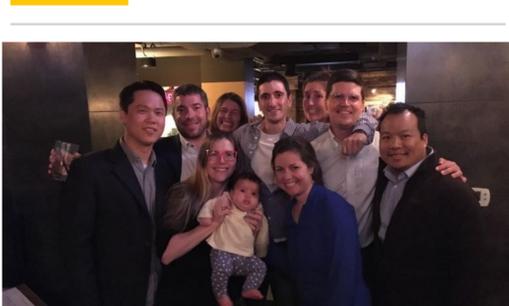
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Alumni spotlight

Tanya Bucierka, DO, '21M (Res) has been recognized for her humanitarian work after traveling to Western Ukraine. Creating a mobile medical clinic, treating refugees, and teaching point of care ultrasound for trauma to Ukrainian doctors were some of the ways that Bucierka used her expertise to help the Ukrainian people.

[[Read more](#)]



Join us

We welcome you to join us at the ACEP Academic Assembly for our URMC Emergency Medicine Alumni Reception:

October 10
6 – 7:30 p.m.

Revelation House
200 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA

[[RSVP](#)]

Contact updates & class notes

Have you had a change in address? Do you have good news to share with your fellow alumni? You can submit your updates below. [Click here to share a story or recent photo](#) to be featured in an upcoming issue of the newsletter.

Please reach out to Andrea Miglani, MD, at aehta_miglani@urmc.rochester.edu or Ryan Bodkin, MD, at ryann_bodkin@urmc.rochester.edu with any questions or ideas.

[[Submit your contact updates](#)]

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You can support our mission to improve health through caring, discovery, teaching and learning. Consider a tax-deductible gift to the Dr. Jonathan Markson Resident Education Fund. Gifts of all amounts play a huge role in creating opportunities for our doctors, researchers, and staff, and for the community to receive the best care possible.

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