



URGENT CARE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

Inspiring Excellence, Advancing the Specialty

ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Mission Statement:

- The Urgent Care College of Physicians (UCCOP) fosters quality, value and advancement in the clinical practice of urgent care medicine, through research, education and advocacy for its physicians and patients

What is UCCOP and what is its purpose?

- An organization of physicians representing the academic and clinical interests of physicians and the practice of the Urgent Care specialty, with the goals of providing:
 - A focused physician voice on matters affecting the specialty
 - A clear distinction between clinical and trade/industry functions
 - A physician society that mirrors the ACGME model for specialty development initiatives and recognition of the specialty
- A physician organization developed in collaboration with UCAOA, the recognized leader in organized urgent care, which shares the same values and vision for the specialty

What role will UCCOP play?

- Specialty-development, clinical, and academic initiatives, many of which were founded by UCAOA, will be transitioned or co-represented by UCCOP including, but not limited to:
 - Providing clinical education and CME conferences
 - Overseeing fellowships in urgent care medicine and other training and professional development programs
 - Working with ACGME and other specialty-development initiatives
 - Supporting the *Journal of Urgent Care Medicine (JUCM)*, especially as it relates to clinical content and research
 - Stimulating and guiding clinical research to determine safe, cost-effective and evidenced-based treatments for illnesses and injuries typically seen by urgent care practitioners
 - Promoting clinical quality initiatives
 - Offering clinical practice guidelines
 - Advocating for Urgent Care as a distinct specialty
 - Advocating for and representing the specialty in political and regulatory processes
 - Exploring urgent care's role in healthcare system integration
 - Providing public health and patient education

How is UCCOP different from other urgent care organizations?

- UCCOP adheres to strict governance principles considered standard for non-profit organizations. UCCOP encourages its members and potential members to always inquire about the following practices:
 - Board director terms: To ensure broad member participation, vitality and diversity, the board of directors should establish a clear policy on length of terms, rotation of directors, number of consecutive terms and the removal of board members; UCCOP maintains such a policy

- Compensation of board members: Other than paid staff, board members should not receive compensation for their board duties other than reimbursement for expenses; this is reflected in UCCOP policy
- Public access to information: A non-profit organization should make information about its operations, including governance, finances, programs and activities, widely available to the public; UCCOP maintains transparency
- Rotational leadership ensures the most democratic representation of its members
- Rotational leadership is a critical component of good governance
- UCCOP believes that transparency is critical for good governance; Bylaws and financial information are available to all members
- UCCOP requires full disclosure of all potential conflicts from its board members

What are the benefits of membership?

- Print edition of *JUCM*
- Discounts on conferences, annual convention and other educational activities
- Free online access to clinical resources including practice guidelines and clinical forums
- Membership certificates
- Supporting the future of the specialty
- Supporting a national voice on behalf of urgent care physicians

What is the membership structure of UCCOP?

- With UCCOP membership, physicians enjoy the membership benefits of both UCAOA and UCCOP; there is no need to join both organizations
- Individual dues are \$225 per year
- Special Charter and Founding Memberships are available for an additional contribution
- Applications for membership are required: apply online at: www.UCCOP.org/membership

Will UCCOP be offering board certification?

- Being a professional society, UCCOP does not offer board certification
- UCCOP supports the ACGME recommendation that all board certification exams reflect the core competencies defined by clinical training programs
- UCCOP supports the ACGME / AMA requirement that membership in a physician society NOT be a requirement for maintenance of certification
- UCCOP supports the principle that practicing physicians maintain their certifications in specialty boards for which they are eligible, based on their training and experience

Will UCCOP offer fellowship status?

- Yes. Details will be forthcoming on the UCCOP website www.UCCOP.org

How can someone contact UCCOP?

- Go online to www.UCCOP.org
- Email questions and requests for information to: info@UCCOP.org
- Send applications and mailed inquiries to:

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