

Dennis Beck, MD, Recognized by the American College of Emergency Physicians as a "Hero of Emergency Medicine"

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Washington, D.C. - The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) today announced it has recognized Dennis Beck, MD, FACEP, president of Beacon Medical Services, as a "Hero of Emergency Medicine." The campaign, which is part of ACEP's 40th anniversary, recognizes emergency physicians who have made significant contributions to emergency medicine, their communities and their patients.

"Emergency physicians are on the front lines of America's health care system, providing the essential community service of emergency care," says ACEP President Linda L. Lawrence, MD. "The dedication, passion and commitment Dr. Beck has shown embodies the vision of ACEP's founders and the ideals of our specialty."

Dr. Beck, who is also on staff at Medical Center of Aurora, is a long-term leader in emergency medicine on both the national and state levels. In addition to years of clinical practice, he has served as president of Colorado ACEP and has educated Colorado emergency physicians on a continuing basis in compliance, EMTALA and reimbursement.

Dr. Beck has also chaired the ACEP Reimbursement Committee and now chairs ACEP's Quality and Performance Committee. He is an ACEP representative to the AMA's Relative Value Committee and was instrumental in securing increased valuation of E&M codes. He is one of the invisible hands of ACEP fighting for high-quality patient care and fair physician reimbursement.

"The American College of Emergency Physicians is celebrating 40 years of advancing emergency care, and the nation's emergency physicians are dedicated to saving even more lives and to improving emergency care for the next 40 years," said Dr. Lawrence. "Tens of thousands of lives are saved each year by emergency physicians and 115 million patients are treated in the nation's emergency departments. Emergency physicians are medical specialists who are experts in their field."

ACEP is a national medical specialty society representing emergency medicine with more than 25,000 members. ACEP is committed to advancing emergency care through continuing education, research and public education. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, ACEP has 53 chapters representing each state, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. A Government Services Chapter represents emergency physicians employed by military branches and other government agencies.

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