

# Erik J. Blutinger, M.D., M.Sc.

## EDUCATION

- Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania  
Department of Emergency Medicine, 2015 - present  
Residency Program, Leadership in Quality Improvement (QI) Tract
- M.D. The George Washington University, School of Medicine and Health Sciences  
Doctor of Medicine, May 2015  
Global Health Track
- MSc London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine & London School of Economics  
Master's in Health Policy, Planning and Finance, November 2014
- B.A. Brandeis University, May 2009  
Dual major: Economics, Italian studies (*Magna Cum Laude*)  
Study abroad at Università Degli Studi di Padova (Padua, Italy)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Selected Member, Healthcare Leadership in Quality Track** Present  
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP), Emergency Department
- Execute projects related to health care quality, patient safety and informatics
  - Function as resident representative to national ACGME Pursuing Excellence Collaborative
  - Collaborate with Center for Health Care Innovation to develop new technology
- Committee Member, State Legislative/Regulatory Committee for ACEP** Present  
Professional Medical Organization; Irving, T.X.
- Identify, assemble and provide chapters with examples of effective state and local initiatives
  - Compiled memo on interstate medical licensure compact for ACEP Board of Directors
- Vice Chair, Health Policy Committee** Present  
Emergency Medicine Resident Association (EMRA)
- Run new mentorship program pairing residents with ACEP-affiliated faculty
  - Write regular health-policy related articles for *EM Resident* magazine
  - Recruited for the ACEP Resident Association (EMRA) Health Policy Task Force
- International Postgraduate Student, Khayelitsha Hospital** March - April, 2018  
Stellenbosch University; Cape Town, South Africa
- Worked clinically alongside other international EM and GP-trained clinicians
  - Served as team member for devising new medical school curriculum with AFEM
  - Proctored junior doctor diploma examinations at Tygerberg College
- Board Member, Pennsylvania College of Emergency Physicians (PACEP)** 2016 - 2018  
State Chapter for the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)
- Supervised quarterly newsletter "resident" section with articles submitted by residents

- Authored policy resolutions and changes to ACEP bylaws as Council member

**Executive Secretary, American Bhutanese Association for Health (ABAH)** 2010 - 2015  
Non-profit Foundation; Thurmont, MD

- Worked directly with Bhutan’s Ministry of Health to assist health system development

**Intern, U.S. Senate HELP Committee** Fall 2009, Spring 2010  
Majority Health Policy Office; Washington, D.C.

- Assisted staff in composing parts to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), HR 3590 bill

**Unit Secretary, The Cambridge Hospital** January – May, 2010  
Emergency Department; Cambridge, MA

### **PUBLICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS:**

Blutinger, E.J., Meisel Z.M., South, E.C., “Going Beyond Zip Code: Can A Person’s Address Help Us Improve Their Acute Care?” *Academic Emergency Medicine*. Accepted for publication 09 March 2018 (Article DOI: 10.1111/acem.13412).

Blutinger, E.J., Leanza, J., “Medical mystery: An unexpected - and ironic - cause of chest pain.” *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. Health section. Published online and in-print 24 June 2018.

Blutinger, E.J., “Medical mystery: A pounding headache, a big surprise.” *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. Health Section. Published online and in-print 22 March 2018.

Blutinger, E.J. “Why a \$13,000 ER bill in Kentucky is bad for patients everywhere” *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. Op-Ed. Published online and in-print 07 February 2018.

Blutinger, E.J., Sangal R., Shofer F.S., et. al. “Room For Improvement: Identifying Patients Most Dissatisfied With Care Updates in the Emergency Department.” Poster presentation at the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM), Indianapolis, IN, 2018.

Invited Speaker, “Introduction to Bedside Ultrasound,” American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) National Conference, Philadelphia PA, 20 June 2017

Invited Speaker, “Case Review: Precipitated Opioid Withdrawal,” Pennsylvania Poison Control Conference, Philadelphia PA, 11 January 2017.

Blutinger, E.J. “A Philly ER doc on the GOP health bill and what his patients really need” *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. Op-Ed. Published online 28 June 2017.

Blutinger, E.J., South E.C., “Preserving the Safety Net: What is the True Cost of the Uninsured” *EM Resident*. Published online and in-print 26 January 2017.

Contributor: *EMRA Basics of Emergency Medicine, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*. Habboushe, Joseph, ed. Emergency Medicine Residents Association, Irving, TX, 2017.

Blutinger, E.J. , Meisel Z.M. “The Affordable Care Act: 5 Years Later – Are We There Yet?” *EM Resident*. Published online 23 May 2016.

Blutinger, E.J. "The Passage of Obamacare Is a Lesson in How to Outmaneuver Institutions and Pass Controversial Policy Legislation." *LSE USApp Blog*. Published online 28 March 2014.

Blutinger, E.J., Solomon, S.S., Srikrishnan, A.K. "Dropout from care among HIV-infected patients availing care at a tertiary HIV care center in Chennai, India." *AIDS Care*, Published online 11 Jul 2014.

Blutinger, E.J., Solomon, S.S., Srikrishnan, A.K. "Dropout from care among HIV-infected patients availing care at a tertiary HIV care center in Chennai, India." Oral presentation at the Conference on Retrovirals and Opportunistic Infections (CROI), Seattle, WA. 2012.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**University of Pennsylvania Health System** Present  
Department of Emergency Medicine; Pennsylvania, PA

- Authored national survey to assess EM practice patterns for prescribing opioid meds
- Compiled data to illustrate prescription variability across electronic health record systems

**YR Gaitonde Centre for AIDS (YRGCARE)** June 2010 – July 2013  
Medical, Educational and Research Foundation; Chennai, India

- Completed study to assess reasons for losing patients to ART treatment follow-up
- Presented research to the clinical administrative team and published findings

**Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)** January – June 2013  
Health Care Policy and Regulatory Group; Washington, DC

**Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR)** February – May 2010  
Malaria Vaccine Development Division; Silver Spring, MD

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Surfing Instructor, The Corolla Surf Shops** June 2008 – 2015  
Sponsored by Billabong Corporations; Corolla, NC

- Instructed children and adults (all-ages) on beach safety, board mechanics and surfing technique

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Global Emergency Medicine Academy (GEMA)  
Pennsylvania College of Emergency Physicians (PACEP)  
American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)  
Emergency Medicine Residents' Association (EMRA)

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

Benjamin H. Josephson Fund (Global Health), 2018  
EMRA Global Health Initiative, 2018  
EMRA ACEP Travel Scholarship, 2017  
Max Kade Clinical Clerkship Fellowship, 2014  
Medical Student Scholarship (AAN Conference), 2013  
Young Investigator Award (CROI Conference), 2012

Global Health Services Scholarship, 2011  
Richard Kaufman '58 Memorial Prize, 2009

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

**Scuba Open Water Diver Certified (PADI)**

Present

**Graduate Medical Trainee, Emergency Medicine**

September 2015 - 2019

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of State

- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
- Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS)
- Basic Life Support (BLS)

## **HOBBIES, INTERESTS, AND ACTIVITIES**

Surfing, basketball, soccer, playing piano, tennis, listening to Italian music