



# **Puerto Rico** American College of Emergency Physicians

## **What is ACEP?**

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) is the first and largest professional organization of emergency medicine physicians in the United States. It was founded in 1968. In August 2018, ACEP had over 39,000 members.

## **What is Puerto Rico ACEP?**

The Puerto Rico Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians is the local chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. Puerto Rico ACEP is dedicated to advancing excellence in emergency care, and advocating for emergency physicians, their patients and the health of Puerto Rico communities.

## **How many members does Puerto Rico ACEP have?**

Currently, membership is comprised of around 145 Puerto Rico emergency physicians.

## **Can you be a member of the Puerto Rico Chapter independently of membership in the national organization?**

Puerto Rico ACEP Bylaws require membership in the American College of Emergency Physicians.

## **Who can be a member of ACEP/Puerto Rico ACEP?**

Active membership in ACEP is available to physician emergency specialists who meet one of the following requirements:

- Satisfactory completion of an emergency medicine residency accredited by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)
- Satisfactory completion of an emergency medicine subspecialty-training program accredited by ACGME
- Satisfactory completion of an emergency medicine residency training program accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
- Satisfactory completion of an emergency medicine residency program approved by an ACEP-recognized accrediting body in a foreign country
- Certification by an emergency medicine certifying body recognized by ACEP
- Membership categories are also available for Emergency Medicine Residents, Medical Students, and Interns

## **How often does the Puerto Rico ACEP Board of Directors meet?**

The Puerto Rico Board of Directors typically meets twice a year and holds member benefit events in conjunction with National ACEP Events.

## **Who can attend Puerto Rico ACEP quarterly meetings?**

Any Puerto Rico member in good standing may attend Puerto Rico Chapter meetings. Non-members, Residents and Medical Students wishing to attend these meetings must contact the Puerto Rico Chapter in advance for approval.