

Jay A. Kaplan, MD, FACEP, President

Current Professional Position: Director of Patient Experience, CEP America Emergency Physician Partners

Medical Degree: MD, Harvard Medical School, 1975.

Internship and Residency: Family Medicine Residency, University of California, Davis, Sacramento Medical Center, 1975-1978; Teaching Fellowship, University of California, Davis, Sacramento Medical Center, 1978-1979.

Years Elected to the Board: 2009, 2012

Bio: Jay Kaplan, MD, FACEP, from San Anselmo, CA, assumed the presidency during ACEP's annual meeting, October 2015 in Boston. He was elected by ACEP's Council to serve a 1-year term. Dr. Kaplan has been serving as the group's president-elect for the past year.

Dr. Kaplan said he will make access to lifesaving emergency care and the issue of fair payment for emergency medical services his top priorities for his term in office. He believes emergency physicians are the true patient advocates.

“Patients count on emergency departments to do whatever is necessary to diagnose and treat them,” said Dr. Kaplan. “As emergency physicians, that’s what we’re trained to do, that’s what we want to do, and that’s what the law demands. It is hypocritical for health insurance companies to allege that medical providers are sending surprise bills and charging too much, instead of admitting that they are paying too little. They are taking advantage of emergency patients and medical providers. This has to end.”

Dr. Kaplan is director of the patient experience for CEP America in Emeryville, CA and a practicing clinician in the emergency department at Marin General Hospital in Greenbrae, CA. Dr. Kaplan has committed this next year to work on the big issues facing emergency physicians across the nation such as emergency department inpatient boarding, fair reimbursement, liability reform and increased support for graduate medical education. Dr. Kaplan will also focus on promoting wellness and avoiding burnout in emergency medicine. He has dedicated his career to collaborating with physicians, hospital staff and medical groups to ensure that emergency caregivers have the equipment and training necessary to provide quality care to patients while providing an excellent work environment for the medical staff.

Dr. Kaplan was elected to ACEP's Board of Directors in 2009 and 2012. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Medical School. He completed his residency at the University of California, Davis, Sacramento Medical Center.