

New Member Spotlight: Hernando County Emergency Physicians



Hernando County Emergency Physicians (HCEP) is a democratic, physician-owned-and-operated emergency medicine physician group based near Tampa, FL. It is a small, independent group growing step-by-step that prides itself on providing the highest quality of care for its patients. HCEP staffs three emergency departments in two counties. For more information about Hernando County Emergency Physicians, please contact Dr. Roderick Bennett at roderick.bennett@hcep.com.

Excerpts from a conversation with Roderick Bennett, MD, MBA, Partner

Dr. Roderick Bennett is a practicing emergency medicine physician. He started his career in emergency medicine working as an emergency department tech and an EMT during college. Even in his early days of transporting patients and stocking rooms, he knew he wanted to become an emergency physician and manage emergency departments. Dr. Bennett received his BA from Harvard University and during his second and third years of Medical School at Emory University, he received his MBA from Rollins College.

Roderick knew about EDPMA and its work in advocacy and in business best practices as he had attended a few Solutions Summit conferences when he was with another ED physician group. As a partner in his new physician group, he took the step to join EDPMA knowing it would add value and critical information for his management team, advanced practice professionals and staff. As Dr. Bennett said, "EDPMA is the group's key source of information on what is happening in emergency medicine from reimbursement issues to coding changes and business best practices." He sees EDPMA's resources as a way to effectively and cost-efficiently consolidate information on emergency medicine in one place for his team. Dr. Bennett is also particularly interested in telemedicine and is glad to see EDPMA getting involved in this area.

Dr. Bennett highlighted many of the challenges facing emergency medicine. He sees key challenges as the pace of change and the legislative issues both at the state and federal levels, particularly on reimbursement and surprise billing. He's pleased to see that EDPMA is at the forefront in fighting for what emergency physicians need in surprise billing legislation, keeping its members informed on the issue, and sending action alerts.

Dr. Bennett finds the monthly newsletters, weekly updates and action alerts to be particularly useful. Dr. Bennett and his partners have a partner meeting scheduled this summer where they will discuss the EDPMA committees and determine how they will take advantage of the opportunity to participate in at least one or two committees. Dr. Bennett also plans on attending the 2020 Solutions Summit (May 3-6, Nashville).