

New Member Spotlight: Lake Michigan Emergency Specialists



Lake Michigan Emergency Specialists (LMES) is a democratic, physician owned-and-operated emergency medicine physician group. It was formed in early 2017 from two other independent emergency medicine physician groups, with one having roots in the community for over 30 years. LMES employs over 25 emergency medicine physicians, 20 advanced practice providers and trains 28 emergency medicine residents. LMES staffs emergency departments from a small critical access hospital to an urban Level II trauma center. For more information about Lake Michigan Emergency Specialists, please click [here](#).

Excerpts from a conversation with Justin Grill, DO, Managing Partner

Dr. Justin Grill is a practicing emergency medicine physician and runs the medical education program for the hospitals where LMES provides staffing. As the Designated Institutional Official (DIO), he splits his time between supporting academic oversight for the residents and providing care as an ED physician. Dr. Grill enjoys this dual role as it gives him insights into the needs of both the up-and-coming emergency medicine physicians and the hospitals they serve. At Lake Michigan Emergency Specialists, they take pride in their excellence of care, their knowledge of and long-standing relationships in the community and their quality of service.

Dr. Grill was encouraged to join EDPMA by a Michigan-based member. The member highlighted the range of advocacy work that EDPMA spearheads at the State and Federal levels. As Dr. Grill was looking into EDPMA's advocacy activities and successes, he realized that becoming a member of EDPMA offers LMES an opportunity to participate in advocacy issues critical to their group's success and provide ongoing input. Plus, EDPMA provides ongoing information on what is happening in emergency medicine keeping the team informed on issues at the State and Federal levels. Dr. Grill said, "some of the challenging issues in emergency medicine include balance billing, insurance reform, scope of practice for physicians and advanced practice providers, and CMS's re-writing of fee schedules." Justin recognizes that his team cannot be at every meeting or on every conference call. Thus, one key benefit as an EDPMA member is that the team can efficiently and effectively stay-up-date on important emergency medicine issues. Dr. Grill noted that the monthly Advocacy Newsletter provides information and analysis on ongoing legislative matters and provides summaries in one easy-to-access newsletter.

While Dr. Grill was unable to participate in the Solutions Summit in Scottsdale, he followed up with a few colleagues who attended the conference. Dr. Grill learned that these colleagues gave the Summit high marks for both educational value and networking. Justin hopes to attend the 2020 Solutions Summit scheduled for May 3-6 in Nashville, TN. Also, Dr. Grill plans to join or have some of his team join one or two of EDPMA's Committees. He understands that joining EDPMA Committees creates new professional relationships as well as bringing his team members closer to the important issues that matter to his group.