

EDPMA New Member Spotlight



Juneau Emergency Medical Associates, Inc. is a small Alaska-based ED Physician Group.

Excerpts from a conversation with Dr. James Thompson of Juneau Emergency Medical Associates, Inc.

While there are many benefits to working with a small independent group, it can be isolating at times. Our organization heard about EDPMA at an ACEP conference. Due to the remote nature of our work, and our interest in EDPMA as a means to access information about ED news across the country, we decided to become a member. We continue to look to the weekly EDPMA notifications, emails, and advocacy newsletters for topics in the ED space that may be of interest to us.

I attended the 2015 Solutions Summit, which provided an outstanding network of professionals. At the time, our organization was in the process of transitioning into doing our own billing collections through a third party vendor, who was at the Summit. As a result, we were able to meet and go to dinner with both the CEO and VP of the vendor. Being a member of the EDPMA community has allowed us to network with high-level decision makers we may have otherwise not had a chance to engage with. Additionally, at the time that we joined, there were multiple ED groups hiring and administrating hospitalist programs, which was discussed in detail at the 2015 Summit. This was very eye-opening for us, as we had been, and still are, trying to ascertain if that may be something worthwhile, both from a political and functional stand-point.

We are eager for the 2016 Solutions Summit this coming spring as a means to network and to learn about current issues facing the ED community."