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## **2017 ACCP Fall Educational Conference**

The 2017 Fall Educational Conference will be held November 5, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. “Essential Topics for Correctional Practitioners” will deal heavily with legal and mental health issues, with a focus on the use of Isolation. Based on the feedback from a shorter session on litigation involving the correctional physician, we are expanding that session this year to include more in-depth education related to physician as defendant and expert. The training will include a mock deposition which will be video recorded. The lawyer will then use the recording - as he might in litigation - during parts of a mock trial. Another speaker will help us tease out issues in a common - and sticky - area of intersection between mental health and the law surrounds: patient decision-making, specifically the ability to consent and refuse. When does a patient have, or lose, the capacity to make decisions, such as those surrounding forced administration of psychotropics (Harper) or food (hunger strikes)?

Closely related to this, another speaker will help us navigate another common and litigation-prone situation; differentiating between medical vs. mental health etiologies in a patient with a bizarre or agitated behavior. Many of these patients end up in isolation, which will be the focus of the rest of our conference. We will hear perspectives from three different voices: mental health professional, correctional professional, and patient. Our mental health professionals will review the evidence for harm from isolation and help us design safer systems. Our correctional professional will share what she sees as the role for physicians in a decision - and phenomenon - that is largely custody-driven.

And finally, and arguably most importantly, we will end the day with ACCP’s signature “ACCP Talks to its Patients” session. During this session, a panel of 4-5 formerly incarcerated individuals of different genders and races will share their stories of YEARS in isolation and

engage in a conversation with the audience. If you are a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant practicing in jail or prison in the US, this is a conference you cannot afford to miss.

Registration opening soon, please check the [website](#) for updates.

## **Volunteers Needed for Fall Conference Exhibit Booth**

We are seeking ACCP members who are planning to attend the Fall NCCHC Conference November 5 -7, 2017 to volunteer an hour of their time. Members are needed to greet conference attendees at the ACCP booth in the exhibit hall. If you are interested, please email [christine@accpmed.org](mailto:christine@accpmed.org).

## **ACCP 2017 Fall President's Reception**

The President's reception at the Fall Conference in Chicago will be an RSVP only event. Our receptions have become so popular you will need to preregister as on-site registrations will not be accepted due to space limitations.

## **CorrDocs Feature Article:**

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## **Upcoming Events**

American College of Correctional Physicians Educational Conference  
November 5, 2017  
Hyatt Regency Chicago

National Conference on Correctional Health Care  
November 4-8  
Hyatt Regency Chicago

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## **College News**

## **Facebook & Twitter**

ACCP now has a Twitter presence. You are invited to follow us at [twitter.com/ACCP\\_MED](https://twitter.com/ACCP_MED) or send us a tweet to @ACCP\_MED. Please stop in and review the new [Facebook](#) page. Relevant correctional and medical articles are posted many times per week. Feel free to leave comments, post important news, upcoming events, and read the latest posts.

## Election Time is Coming Soon

Please watch your email box for ballot information. There will be a link to vote on the website page listing the nominee's bios or you may follow the link provided in your email to cast your vote. Make sure your membership is up-to-date so you may cast your vote.

## ACCP CorrDocs Articles

The American College of Correctional Physicians is putting together its next newsletter of CorrDocs and is soliciting articles for publication. CorrDocs strives to update its members on advances within the walls of correctional medicine, as well as stories that touch the human element. From my experience, everyone has an interesting story (or two!) and knowledge to share. Our membership would benefit from reading it. Please submit a 500-1000 word literary piece for review.

You may email them to our editor, Rebecca Lubelczyk, at [Rebecca@lubelczyk.com](mailto:Rebecca@lubelczyk.com). Please visit our website [www.ACCPmed.org](http://www.ACCPmed.org) to review past issues of CorrDocs to help develop your own contribution. We look forward to reading your work!

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## Other Upcoming Events

Date to be announced - ACCP President's Reception, Chicago. MUST preregister, on-site registrations will not be accepted due to space limitations.



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