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Three-Quarters of Emergency Department Directors Responding to Survey Report Inadequate Surgical Coverage

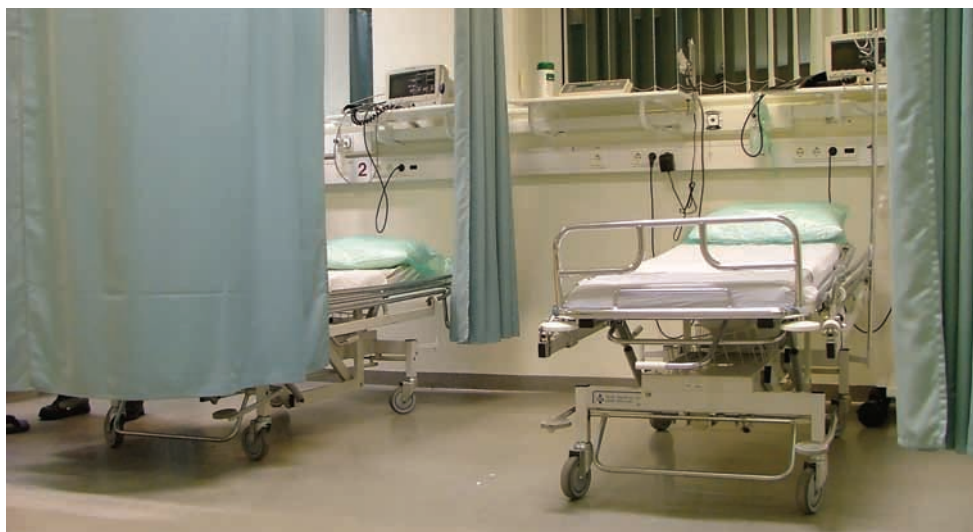
The majority of emergency department directors responding to a survey report inadequate on-call trauma coverage, and nearly one-quarter report a loss or downgrade of their hospitals' trauma center designations. The survey results are reported in a new study appearing online today and in the December print edition of *Academic*

Emergency Medicine ("The Shortage of On-Call Surgical Specialist Coverage: A National Survey of Emergency Department Directors").

"Without adequate on-call surgical coverage, our health care system cannot provide for emergency and trauma patients," said lead study author Mitesh Rao, MD, MHS,

of the department of emergency medicine at Yale University in New Haven, Conn., and clinical scholar with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. "Twenty-one percent of emergency department deaths and permanent injury can be linked to shortages in specialty physician care. Transferring patients significant distances to an available specialist is sometimes the only option, but it can create a dangerous delay in care."

Sixty percent of respondents reported losing the ability to provide round-the-clock coverage for at least one medical specialty in the last four years. More than three-quarters of respondents reported that their emergency departments have inadequate coverage for plastic surgery, hand surgery and neurosurgery. Almost one-quarter of survey respondents reported an increase in patients leaving before being seen by a medically needed specialist, which is known to lead to worse outcomes and increased need for hospitalization.



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Pence Introduces Bill to Deny Federal Funding to Planned Parenthood with 122 Cosponsors

"The Largest Abortion Provider in America Should Not Also be the Largest Recipient of Federal Funding Under Title X"

U.S. Congressman Mike Pence issued the following statement today after introducing the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act. The bill currently has 122 cosponsors.

"It is morally wrong to end an unborn human life by abortion. It is also morally wrong to take the taxpayer dollars of millions of pro-life Americans and use them to promote abortion at home or abroad.

"Last year, Planned Parenthood received more than \$363 million in revenue from government grants and contracts. During that same time, they performed an unprecedented 324,008 abortions.

"The largest abortion provider in America should not also be the largest recipient of federal funding under Title X.

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Advanced Colleges of America Adopts 'it's Learning' To Deliver Online Courses to Future Medical Assistants and Residents

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For more information on Advanced Colleges of America, visit <http://edu.advancedcolleges.us/>. For more information about it's learning, visit www.itslearning.net.

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Women May Receive Less Testing for Heart Problems Because They Want Less Testing than Men Do

One possible explanation for disparities in care for acute coronary syndrome between men and women may be that women are less likely to accept their physician's recommendation on treatment. The results of the study were reported online today in *Annals of Emergency Medicine* ("Gender Bias in Cardiovascular Testing: The Contribution of Patient Preference").

"The well-documented 'Mars and Venus' differences between the sexes may play out in how patients make medical decisions," said lead study author Judd Hollander, MD, of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. "Prior studies of coronary patients have attributed disparities in care between men and women to access problems, differences in insurance coverage or physician biases. Our study shows that at least part of the previously noted gender disparity can be explained by patient preferences."

Researchers enrolled 1,080 patients

who came to the emergency department with symptoms of acute coronary syndrome. Women and men both preferred stress testing to cardiac catheterization, and both sexes accepted their physician's recommendation for stress testing equally (85 percent for both sexes). However, only 65 percent of women stated that they would accept cardiac catheterization, compared to 75 percent of men. And only 67 percent of women said they would accept their physician's recommendation for angioplasty, versus 73 percent of men. Women were less likely to desire coronary artery bypass grafting than men (61 percent versus 68 percent).

Of patients enrolled in the study who were admitted to the hospital (60 percent of the total), 38 percent of women received diagnostic testing of any kind, versus 45 percent of men. And 10 percent of women received cardiac catheterization, versus 17 percent of men.

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Women May Receive

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Researchers theorized that women might be less willing to undergo diagnostic testing and treatment because they perceive their disease as less severe, or because they have lower tolerance for the risks associated with such procedures.

"The challenge for health care providers is to make sure both men and women have all the information at their disposal to make the best decisions about their own medical care," said Dr. Hollander. "Future studies should focus on identifying the reasons that women appear less likely than men to accept physician-recommended tests and treatments for acute coronary syndrome."

Annals of Emergency Medicine is the peer-reviewed scientific journal for the American College of Emergency Physicians, a national medical society. ACEP is committed to advancing emergency care through continuing education, research, and public education. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, ACEP has 53 chapters representing each state, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. A Government Services Chapter represents emergency physicians employed by military branches and other government agencies. For more information visit www.acep.org.



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"The Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act will prevent any family planning funds under Title X from going to Planned Parenthood or other organizations that perform abortions. It will ensure that abortion providers are not being subsidized with federal tax dollars.

"I am grateful for the support of more than 122 original co-sponsors of this important legislation and look forward to voting to enact the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act."

BACKGROUND:

The Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act would not reduce the total amount of funds available for family planning; it would simply block funding to organizations that perform abortions. Title X is the only federal grant program dedicated solely to providing comprehensive family

planning and related preventative health services, and there are a number of federally funded clinics across the nation that offer beneficial services including patient counseling, breast cancer screenings, HIV prevention education and more.

Last year alone, according to Planned Parenthood's own annual report, it received more than \$363 million in revenue from government grants and contracts. During that same time frame, they performed an unprecedented 324,008 abortions, a 5.8 percent increase from the previous year. The nation's largest abortion provider is also under investigation in multiple states including Indiana, California, Alabama and Tennessee for allegations of fraudulent use of Title X funding.

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"More than 70 percent of respondents noted difficulties with their neurosurgical coverage, and 80 percent reported inadequate hand surgery coverage," said Dr. Rao. "Patients with traumatic brain or hand injuries have a substantial risk of lifetime disability if they cannot get appropriate care in a timely fashion. We need to change the system to better handle the incentives and disincentives for surgeons who are willing to take call in the emergency department".

Teaching hospitals fare better than non-teaching hospitals, with inadequate coverage reported at 68 percent of the former and 78 percent of the latter. However, that may increase the burden on what the Institute of Medicine considers "core safety net providers" if non-teaching hospitals increasingly transfer patients who need surgical care to teaching hospitals.

"If you are in a car crash or even slice open your hand carving the holiday turkey, you need fast access to emergency surgery," said Sandra Schneider, MD, FACEP, the

president of the American College of Emergency Physicians. "This study highlights one of the most critical threats to the emergency medical care system. As we implement health care reform, lawmakers must take steps to ensure that emergency surgery is available to anyone who needs it. Medical liability reform would be a great first step."

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