

Bill Hall Award Presented at Ohio ACEP Emergency Medicine Forum to Michael J. McCrea, MD, FACEP

Columbus, OH—On May 3, at the organization’s Emergency Medicine Forum, the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (Ohio ACEP) awarded the 2017 *Bill Hall Award for Service to Ohio Chapter ACEP* to a dedicated physician leader, **Michael J. McCrea, MD, FACEP**.

The award’s namesake, Dr. William Hall, served as Chapter President from 1974 to 1975 and as Treasurer from 1979 to 1985. The award that bears his name is the highest honor Ohio ACEP bestows, and it has been presented 27 times to Ohio ACEP members who have served the Chapter with distinction. Physicians who have received the Bill Hall Award have made a significant contribution to emergency medicine and to Ohio Chapter ACEP and reflect the character of Dr. Hall, such as selfless giving of time and enthusiasm for patient care.

Dr. Michael McCrea perfectly embodies these qualities. He has served Ohio ACEP in multiple leadership roles, including service as a Board Member, Councillor, and two terms as Ohio ACEP President. He has been closely involved with Ohio ACEP’s Leadership Development Academy and—as a graduate of the program himself—devotes time and enthusiasm for mentoring Academy members in the art of leadership and physician advocacy. Dr. McCrea is a tireless advocate for Ohio’s emergency physicians and their patients, meeting frequently with state legislators on behalf of his fellow physicians.

At the national level, Dr. McCrea has served on several ACEP committees, including the ACEP Council Steering Committee, Council Reference Committee, Bylaws Committee, and the Tellers, Election, and Credentials Committee. In addition, his keen interest in health policy and advocacy issues have served him well as a member of ACEP’s State Legislative-Regulatory Committee.

Dr. McCrea is a devoted educator, working closely with his residents at Mercy St. Vincent Emergency Medicine Residency, where he is the program’s Director of Simulation Education. He has also been active in a number of Ohio ACEP’s educational offerings, including lecturing at the Ohio ACEP Emergency Medicine Board Review Course, contributing to the Dr. Carol Rivers’ Written and Oral Board Review materials, and serving as Co-Director of the Oral Board Review Course.

In her letter nominating Dr. McCrea for the Bill Hall Award, Dr. Erika Kube—who began her residency at The Ohio State University while Dr. McCrea was a senior resident leader there—commended him as an excellent clinician, mentor, educator, and advocate for emergency medicine who has “diligently dedicated himself to all of the missions Ohio ACEP.”

Congratulations to Dr. Michael McCrea for his well-deserved award!

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Ohio ACEP is a state medical specialty society representing emergency medicine physicians with more than 1,500 members. For 45 years, Ohio ACEP has served the state’s emergency physicians through tireless advocacy, nationally-recognized continuing medical education, and physician leadership development.

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