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The **American Academy of Urgent Care Medicine**® (AAUCM) is comprised of physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners actively engaged in the field of Urgent Care Medicine. Urgent Care Medicine is defined as provision of immediate medical service (no appointment necessary) offering outpatient care for the treatment of acute and chronic illness and injury. Urgent Care Medicine requires a broad, comprehensive fund of knowledge to provide such care.

The Academy was founded in 1997, developed from a growing need for those physicians who provide such care to provide stewardship for the continued growth of this specialty. The purpose of the AAUCM is to contribute to the field of Urgent Care Medicine in the areas of professional growth, scientific and medical research, and medical education, all to improve the overall quality of medical care.

The American Academy of Urgent Care Medicine is working diligently to protect and ensure the future of the specialty of Urgent Care.





Goals

- To elevate standards of Urgent Care through basic and advanced education and training
- To provide positive and increased recognition of the Urgent Care practitioner and his/her vital function in the provision of medical care in the United States
- To promote innovations in the field of Urgent Care Medicine
- To serve the public by encouraging quality patient care in the practice of Urgent Care Medicine
- To disseminate Urgent Care Medicine materials and knowledge through lectures, seminars, conferences, workshops and publications
- To exist as the preeminent national association recognizing Urgent Care Medicine

Code of Ethics

The American Academy of Urgent Care Medicine requires that members:

- Strive to advance his/her knowledge and skills in the practice of medicine
- Use every opportunity to improve the public's understanding of the role of their specialty of Urgent Care Medicine
- Strive for excellence in all aspects of medical practice
- Maintain the highest standard of personal conduct
- Possess a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine
- Have not been in ethical violation of another professional group's standards
- Have not been convicted of a felony
- Have not been disciplined by the Board of Professional Regulation in the state in which the applicant practices medicine

The American Academy of Urgent Care Medicine does not discriminate on any basis, to include discrimination in regards to sex, color, creed, religion, disability, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, age, or any other reason unrelated to character or competence.

Accomplishments

The AAUCM has enjoyed many accomplishments in its 10-year history. In June 2003, the AAUCM was admitted into the Specialty and Service Society (SSS) of the American Medical Association (AMA). This accomplishment represents a culmination of more than five years of hard work and dedication to our members, all with the goal of representing our members' interests and serving as a voice in the "House of Medicine." For more information about the Specialty and Service Society of the AMA, please visit www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/11619.html#.

In March 2004, in cooperation with the AMA, the AAUCM was successful in having Urgent Care Medicine, UCM, established as a self-designated/practice specialty (SDPS) code by the AMA, allowing AMA members in Urgent Care to accurately designate their practice specialty.

In March 2005 the AAUCM was awarded Provisional Accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), and in July 2007 was awarded full Accreditation status. This accreditation was awarded based on the Academy's demonstration of consistent, high-quality procedures for developing medical education. The AAUCM can proudly say that it is the only Urgent Care organization that is accredited by the ACCME to provide its own continuing medical education.

Launched in October 2006, URGENT CARE (now a Special Section within Emergency Medicine) is the official journal of the AAUCM. In May 2007 URGENT CARE won the Gold Award in the New Publication category in the annual American Society of Healthcare Publication Editors (ASHPE) 2007 Awards Competition. The ASHPE Awards Competition is a recognition of excellence and achievement for work done by healthcare publication editors. An ASHPE award honors the best of the best in the healthcare publication field. AAUCM members receive a complimentary subscription to the combination Emergency Medicine/Urgent Care journal. For more information about the journal, visit www.urgentcarejournal.com.

CME

The AAUCM offers high-quality continuing medical education materials for its members. AAUCM Category-1 CME credits are available through a variety of sources including Exam Master OnLine®, annual Urgent Care conferences, and through the URGENT CARE journal.

As a complementary service to our members, the AAUCM will track and store all of your CME information, even if you didn't earn the credits from us! Simply fax, email or mail a copy of your completion certificate(s) or CME activity reports and we will keep a record of your CME credit hours. At the end of the year, you can request a printout detailing your CME activity for the year.

Web Site - www.aaucm.org

The AAUCM website, www.aaucm.org is a constantly changing and growing resource for Urgent Care community. The site serves as a portal for AAUCM news and information, provides access to a variety of CME activities, and also a source for the latest medical news and information such as pediatric, infectious disease and GI updates, new products in Urgent Care and Urgent Care news, treatment guidelines and more. The site is also the place to learn about all of the available member benefit programs.



Member Benefits

The AAUCM has developed partnerships with various organizations to offer discounts and privileges for our members. As a distinguished member of the AAUCM, you will have access to a variety of unique and exclusive benefit programs including malpractice insurance, office, medical and clinical supplies, electronic health records, point-of-care dispensing, and more. Member benefit programs are intended to ensure the highest quality of care, to improve workflow and to increase profits. Information and contact information for each benefit program is available on the AAUCM web site where links are provided so that you may visit each company's web site.

AAUCM members have exclusive access to the Discharge Note©, a unique computer-based discharge instruction tool which allows you to print personalized discharge instructions, patient prescriptions and more...right from your computer. This innovative program was developed exclusively for AAUCM members to use in their practices.

As a member of the Academy you will also receive a complimentary subscription to the combination Emergency Medicine/Urgent Care journal. For more information about the journal, visit www.urgentcarejournal.com.



Urgent Care Center Accreditation

Accreditation is a voluntary process through which an Urgent Care center is able to measure the quality of its services and performance against nationally recognized standards. The accreditation process involves self-assessment by the organization, as well as a thorough review by AAUCM expert surveyors.

The Urgent Care Center Accreditation (UCCA) program accomplishes the accreditation of centers by setting standards, measuring performance, and providing consultation and education where needed. Accreditation is ultimately awarded to those Urgent Care centers that are found to be in compliance with the AAUCM standards. For more information about the UCCA program, and to download a brochure, an application and the Accreditation Handbook, please visit the AAUCM web site or contact the AAUCM.

Fellowship

The Degree of Fellow was established by the AAUCM to recognize members who have distinguished themselves among their colleagues by their participation in activities outside their medical practice and have shown themselves to be exemplary physicians dedicated to education, the community and their profession. As a conferred Fellow of the American Academy of Urgent Care Medicine, these honored individuals are entitled to all the honors and privileges bestowed by this degree. For more information about Fellowship and to download an application, please visit the AAUCM web site or contact the AAUCM.

Board Certification

The American Board of Urgent Care Medicine® (ABUCM) offers Board Certification in Urgent Care Medicine for qualified Urgent Care physicians. Physicians desiring to become board certified in Urgent Care medicine must complete an application prior to examination. Board Certification requires re-certification every eight years.

The exam is an electronic exam offered during four exam windows throughout the year; June, September, December and March. There are hundreds of computer centers throughout the United States. When submitting application materials, the \$750 examination fee must accompany the completed application.

If a physician wishes to become board certified, he/she may download an application at www.abucm.org. To receive an application by mail, please send a written request to the Board along with the \$30 application fee. Payment may be made by check or money order payable to the American Board of Urgent Care Medicine. Anyone interested in paying by credit card should contact the Board to make arrangements. Please send application requests and payments to:

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Membership

Membership in the AAUCM is voluntary and open to any physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner in the practice of urgent care medicine. The AAUCM has several membership categories designed to suit the diverse needs of medical professionals practicing Urgent Care Medicine. Membership fees are due annually unless you are a Lifetime Member. Lifetime Members pay dues one time while continuing to enjoy all of the benefits of membership. Individual payment plan for Lifetime membership can be arranged. Please contact the AAUCM for more information.

Dues by Membership Category

Physician Member.....	\$325
Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner Member.....	\$200
Senior (age 65 older).....	\$175
Life Member (Physician).....	\$2,000
Life Member (Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner).....	\$750

All fees paid in U.S. currency.

Funds drawn from a non-U.S. bank must include a \$40 processing fee.

A penalty of \$40 shall be imposed upon any person submitting a check payable to the American Academy of Urgent Care Medicine or the American Board of Urgent Care Medicine for any fee for each such check returned by a banking institution for insufficient funds.

The information contained in this booklet is accurate as of the date of publication. Applicants are reminded that requirements, policies and fees may change and are encouraged to contact the American Academy of Urgent Care Medicine.

