



PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATE

Personal Statement

Rachelle Klammer, MD Personal Statement for Election as President-elect of the Colorado Medical Society

My commitment to the Colorado Medical Society began early in my medical training. During my first week of medical school, CMS leaders engaged students around a legislative issue that had a significant impact on the cost of medical education. Their energy, clarity of purpose, and willingness to engage learners were inspiring. CMS offered me a way to contribute beyond my studies and showed me how to serve both patients and colleagues through organized medicine.

Although I am a Colorado transplant, this state has been home since shortly after college. My path to medicine was non-traditional, with early training in the arts, giving me a deep appreciation for the varied journeys of our medical students and residents. As President-Elect, I hope to continue strengthening leadership pathways and ensuring that CMS remains relevant, welcoming, and supportive for physicians at every stage of their careers.

Over the years, I have been privileged to serve in numerous leadership roles within CMS and the American Medical Association, including on the CMS Board of Directors and Executive Committee, the Council on Legislation, and as Chair of COMPAC. These roles have provided me with a strong understanding of how our organization functions, the opportunities for collaboration, and how thoughtful, physician-led advocacy advances both patient care and professional sustainability.

As a full-time emergency medicine physician, I see firsthand the pressures facing our healthcare system and our physician workforce. Each shift brings firsthand exposure to the effects of Medicaid unwinding, prior authorization barriers, workforce shortages, and unmet social needs. I also see the dedication and resilience of physicians and care teams working to deliver high-quality care in challenging environments. CMS plays a vital role in elevating these experiences and translating them into effective policy and advocacy.

It would be an honor to serve as President-Elect of the Colorado Medical Society. I am committed to supporting our members, strengthening our advocacy efforts, and helping CMS continue to evolve as a trusted, inclusive, and forward-looking voice for physicians and patients across Colorado.



PRESIDENT-ELECT Candidate Profile

Rachelle M. Klammer, MD, Personal Statement for Election to President-elect of the Colorado Medical Society

- **Name:** Rachelle M. Klammer, MD
- **City:** Denver
- **Employment:** CarePoint Healthcare
- **Specialty:** Emergency Medicine
- **Organized Medicine experience:**
 - Colorado Medical Society experience
 - Member since 2013, prior membership 2005-2009
 - CMS Board of Directors 2006-2007, 2020-present
 - Executive Committee 2022-present
 - COMPAC Board of Directors 2021-present
 - Chair 2026
 - Vice Chair 2023-2024
 - Student member 2006-2009
 - Council on Legislation 2020-present
 - CMS Annual Meeting Planning Committee 2017
 - CMS Virtual Policy Workgroup
 - CMS Annual Meeting Re-engineering Workgroup 2016
 - Medical Student Chapter (University of Colorado) Co-President 2006-2007
 - Component Society experience
 - Denver Medical society 2013-2019
 - Aurora Adams Medical Society 2019-present
 - President 2021-present
 - Delegate, CMS Annual Meeting 2014-2016
 - Alternate Delegate, CMS Annual Meeting 2013
 - Specialty Society experience
 - American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) 2005-present
 - Colorado ACEP
 - Board of Directors 2021-2023

- EMRA (Emergency Medicine Resident's Association) LSUHCS Program Representative 2010-2012
- EMRA Health Policy Committee 2010-2011
- Medical Student Mentor 2011-2013
- American Medical Association experience
 - Member since 2005 and CMS Delegation member since 2018
 - PacWest (Western states group)
 - District Councilor – District 4 2025-present
 - Rules committee 2025-present
 - Resolution Committee co-chair AMA Annual meeting 2024
 - Reference Committee chair for Science and Public Health (Reference Committee D and K) 2022-2024
 - Councilor, AMA Counsel on Medical Service 2007-2009
 - Young Physician Section Delegate (YPS) 2014-2017
 - YPS Innovations Committee 2013-present
 - AMA Physician Innovation Network member 2017
 - Resident and Fellow Section (RFS):
 - Governing Council
 - RFS Member-at-Large 2012-2013
 - RFS Delegate to the House of Delegates 2010-2011
 - Committee on Long Range Planning 2011-2012
 - Membership Committee 2011-2012
 - Delegate to the RFS for Louisiana State Medical Society 2010-2013
 - Sectional Delegate Medical Student Section
 - Alternate 2006
 - Delegate 2007
- American Medical Association Foundation
 - Board Member 2022-present
 - Executive Committee 2025 – present
 - Secretary 2025-present
- Louisiana State Medical Society
 - Member 2009-2013
 - Council on Legislation 2011-2012
 - Resident and Fellow Section Vice Chair 2011
 - Resident and Fellow Section Delegate 2011-2013
- **Curriculum Vitae:** (Attached)
- **Personal statement:** (Attached)



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TRAINING

RESIDENCY

Emergency Medicine
LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, Louisiana
Chief Resident 2012-13, July 2009- June 2013

EDUCATION

MEDICAL

University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine,
Denver, Colorado, MD 2009.

POST BACCALAUREATE

Columbia University, New York, New York, Premedical
Program, 1999-2001.

UNDERGRADUATE

Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, Bachelor of Arts,
Drama: Design/Tech, 1995.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Emergency Medicine Physician

CarePoint, PC, Denver CO. **July 2013-Present**

HCA Health One Aurora, Centennial, Rose, Sky Ridge and Swedish (formerly
Medical Center of Aurora, Centennial Hospital, Rose Medical Center, Sky Ridge
Medical Center, Swedish Hospital)

- Family Medicine Residency Rotation, Education Director, 2018-present
- Medical Student Emergency Medicine Rotation director 2018-present
- CarePoint Emergency Medicine Practice Committee, 2018-2022
- CarePoint Healthcare APP Academy, Co-Director 2016-2018
- HCA HealthOne Aurora ACS Committee
- Emergency Department liaison to Cardiology division HCA HealthOne Aurora
- Lecturer/Didactics CarePoint PA Academy 2014-2018
- Ultrasound QA and education for Advanced Practice Providers 2015-2017
- EDIS work group

Emergency Medicine Physician

San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center, Alamosa, CO

Aug 2014-June 2015

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

Ochsner Emergency Department, New Orleans, LA **October 2010-June 2013**



Research Assistant

Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory, University of Colorado School of Medicine/
Denver Veterans Administration Medical Center, Denver, Colorado, 2002-2005.

Grants Coordinator

Grants and Contracts Office, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, New York,
2000-2002.

Deck Carpenter

The Juilliard School, New York, New York, 1998-1999.

LISCENSURES/CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified in Emergency Medicine, ABEM
Colorado Medical Board, #52503

AWARDS, GRANTS & SCHOLORSHIPS

The Medical Center of Aurora

Physician of the Month – May 2021

The Regional Institute for Health and Environmental Leadership

Advanced Leadership Training Program – Completed May 2020

2020 Emergency Medicine Week

ED superlative: “Favorite Doc to Work With”

The LSU Emergency Medicine Department 2012-2014

Albert J. Lauro, M.D. Award

Ochsner Clinic Foundation -Department of Emergency Medicine

2013 Outstanding Resident

Orleans Parish Medical Society and Louisiana State Medical Society 2012

Service Award

Gold Humanism Honors Society Member, Inducted May 2009

Society that recognizes physicians and students who demonstrate excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service.

Philip B. & Genevieve Short Scholarship, 2008-2009

Merit scholarship given to University of Colorado students who demonstrate accomplishment in community service, volunteer work, academic excellence, service to school or class, and personal accomplishment.

2007 AMA Foundation Scholars Fund, January 2008

Scholarship given by University of Colorado Deans.



Dennis W. Jahnigen Memorial Education Fund, Grant for research in Clinical Geriatrics. May 2007.

Awards to promote interest and knowledge in the discipline of Geriatrics among students, residents and fellows at the University of Colorado Denver.

AMA Foundation Leadership Award. February 2007

Given to medical students, resident physicians and fellows, and young physicians who have demonstrated strong non-clinical leadership skills in medicine or community affairs. Up to fifteen medical students receive this award annually.

DISASTER EXPERIENCE

Hurricane Isaac Recovery Team August-September 2012

PRESENTATIONS

“Accelerating Change in Medical Education”, American Medical Association Interim Meeting, November 2012. Invited Panelist.

Klammer R, Moreno-Walton L, Murphy-Lavoie H, DeBlieux PMC. “Recognizing the Causes of Medical Errors in a Case of Hypertensive Emergency”. Western Regional Research Forum, Las Vegas, March 2012. (Best Case Presentation Award)

Klammer, R., Murphy-Lavoie, H. (2012, February). “52-year-old male sent from Nephrology Clinic”. The Best of Morbidity and Mortality. 18th Annual AAEM Scientific Assembly. San Diego California.

Klammer, R., Gozansky, W. (2006, December). “Effects of exercise-induced negative energy balance on HPA axis activity in post-menopausal women”. Presented UCLA Medical Center, Geriatrics Division, August 2006. Funded by NIA/Lillian R Gleitsman Summer Training Institute.

“Right Track/Wrong Track”, Colorado Medical Society, Annual Meeting, September 2006.

PUBLICATIONS

Klammer, R. and Haydel, M. “Visits and Interviews.” AAEM’s Rules of the Road for Medical Students, 2nd Edition. Milwaukee: American Academy of Emergency Medicine, 2013

Klammer, R. Honigman, L. The Final Word: Medical Students Call for Expanded Higher Education Funding. Colorado Medicine 2007; 104 (1): 29.

ABSTRACTS AND POSTERS

Klammer R, Moreno-Walton L, Murphy-Lavoie H, DeBlieux PMC. “Recognizing the Causes of Medical Error in a Case of Hypertensive Emergency”, Medicine Research Day, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, February 2012.



Klammer, R., Day, D., Kohrt, W., Gozansky, W. (2007, May) "Fat Mass, Opioid Restraint, and Hypothalamic-Pituitary-Adrenal (HPA) Axis Activity in Postmenopausal Women".

Presented:

- American Geriatrics Society Research Session, Seattle, WA.
- Internal Medicine Research Fair, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, CO.

LECTURES

CarePoint PA Academy Lectures:

2015

Multiple Trauma, Burn Care and Resuscitation, Spine Injury, Chest Injuries, Abdominal Injuries

2014

Procedures and Skills Didactic

Analgesia, Local and Regional Anesthesia, Wound Management and Closure Techniques, Lumbar Puncture, Arthrocentesis, Fracture and Dislocation Reduction, Epistaxis Nasal Packing, Central Venous Access, Chest Tube Placement and Catheter Thoracentesis for Tension Pneumothorax, Splinting, Urinary Catheterization, Intraosseous Infusion

Common Infections of Childhood: Management of Pediatric Fever. Student Lecture Conference, September 2012

Follow-up Rounds: A case of abdominal compartment syndrome. LSUHSC Emergency Medicine Conference, March 2012.

Professionalism Workshop: Delivering Difficult Diagnosis. LSUHSC Emergency Medicine Conference, March 2012.

Professionalism Workshop: Dealing with the Difficult Consultant. LSUHSC Emergency Medicine Conference, November 2011.

Introduction to Toxicology. Student Lecture Conference, October 2011.

Mushroom Poisoning. LSUHSC Emergency Medicine Conference, October 2011.

Morbidity and Mortality Conference: Fifty-two-year-old male with elevated blood pressure. LSUHSC Emergency Medicine Conference, March 2011.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Colorado Medical Society (CMS)

- Colorado Medical Society Board of Directors – Executive Committee 2022-present
- Board Member representing Aurora Adams Medical Society 2021- present
- Colorado Medical Society Political Action Committee (COMPAC) Board member 2021-present



- Delegate to AMA House of Delegates for Colorado Medical Society 2024-present
- Alternate Delegate to AMA House of Delegates for Colorado Medical Society 2018-2023
- Council on Legislation, Member 2019-Present
- CMS bylaws Committee 2020
- Delegate to American Medical Association YPS 2014-2022
- Denver Medical Society, CMS annual meeting: Delegate 2014 & 2015, Alternate 2013
- CMS Annual Meeting Re-engineering Work Group, 2016
- CMS Board, 2010-2011

PacWest

- District Councilor/Governing Council – District 4 2025-present
- Resolution committee co-chair AMA annual meeting
- PacWest Resolution Review Committee Co-Chair June 2024
- PacWest Reference Committee D Chair 2022-2025
- PacWest Reference Committee K Chair 2022-2024

Aurora-Adams County Medical Society

- Board Member 2020 – present
- President 2021 - present

American College of Emergency Physicians– Colorado

- Board Member 2021-2023
- Councilor – ACEP Council 2022-2024
- Membership Committee 2021
- Legislative Committee 2021- Present
- CME Planning Committee 2023-Present

LSUHSC New Orleans, Emergency Medicine Residency

- Chief Resident 2012-2013
- Emergency Department Best Practices Committee
- Professionalism Committee – Working to develop interactive and dynamic curriculum within the residency.
- Wellness Committee – Focused on improving the community in which residents, their families and faculty practice. Key focus is developing a community outside of the Emergency Department.

American Medical Association:

- Alternate Delegate to AMA House of Delegates for Colorado Medical society 2018-present
- Young Physicians Section Delegate 2013-Present
 - Vice-Chair, Physicians Innovation committee 2015-2020
 - YPS Reference Committee, 2018-2019
- Resident and Fellow Section, Governing Council, Member-At-Large 2012-2013, Delegate 2010-2011



- RFS Committee on Long Range Planning 2011-2012, 2009-2010 (Vice Chair)
- RFS Membership Committee 2011-2012
- Councilor, AMA's Council on Medical Service 2007-2008, 2008-2009

American Medical Association Foundation

- Executive Committee 2025-Present
 - Secretary 2025-2026
 - Executive Director Search Committee 2025-2026
- Board member 2022-Present
- Planning Committee Chair 2024-2025
- Development Committee Member 2020 – Present
- Finance committee 2025-Present

Louisiana State Medical Society

- Council on Legislation 2011, 2012
- Resident and Fellows Section Vice Chair 2011

Emergency Medicine Residents' Association

- LSUHSC EM Program Representative 2010, 2011, 2012
- Health Policy Committee 2010, 2011
- Medical Student Mentor 2011-2012

MEMBERSHIP

American College of Emergency Physicians
American Medical Association
Colorado Medical Society

REFERENCES

Available on request