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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Dear UC Emergency Medicine Community,

As we come to the end of another remarkable year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we have accomplished together and share my heartfelt gratitude.

This year has been one of progress and promise. From the new ED, Flex ICU and Emergency Preparedness and Response Center, 2025 has been a year to remember. Like clockwork, we have started the recruitment of the EM class of 2030 which will be the graduating class when we celebrate our 60th Anniversary. I had the pleasure of speaking with many of you at the 55th Anniversary and everyone remarked how important this program was in their formation into a physician capable of managing any emergency, in any environment.

I also heard a ton of comments about wanting to stay connected to the program and city that helped shape their path. This is the first message that will start delivering on our commitment to keep you better informed about what is going on here in Cincinnati. Whether through email, social media, our website, please let us know how we can do better. First order of business is to make sure that we have your contact information. Please see our email and phone number below to stay connected.

Thank you for being part of this extraordinary journey. Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a new year filled with health, happiness, and continued success.

With gratitude,
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55th Anniversary Recap
Celebrating 55 Years of Excellence

It is with great pride, enthusiasm, and heartfelt gratitude that we mark a truly historic milestone… 55 years of Emergency Medicine at the University of Cincinnati.

Fifty-five years ago, UC launched the nation's first Emergency Medicine Residency Training Program. Since then, we have grown into a world-renowned program that has shaped the specialty across the United States and beyond. Our alumni are trailblazers, they are educators, clinicians, researchers, and leaders who have carried this legacy forward.

Over the decades, UC Emergency Medicine has trained more than 500 outstanding emergency physicians, who have gone on to deliver exceptional care, educate future clinicians, lead groundbreaking research, and demonstrate visionary leadership in healthcare systems worldwide. Our 55th UC EM Residency Celebration was not only about honoring the past, but it was also a call to action for the future.

Together, we will deepen alumni connections, build a strong and enduring network, and ensure UC Emergency Medicine remains a leader for generations to come. We're excited to carry this momentum forward as we strengthen our alumni community and shape the future of emergency medicine.

Thank you for being part of this extraordinary journey. Your legacy is our foundation and your support will shape the next 55 years.







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"I first met Steve Carleton when he joined our department after an internship at The Christ Hospital, and I was immediately struck by his Viking-like presence and incredible knowledge. Over the years, he became a trusted colleague and friend. Clinically brilliant, deeply caring, and always going the extra mile for patients. From pioneering ultrasound training to becoming an internationally recognized airway expert, Steve's impact on Emergency Medicine has been profound."

- Dr. Edward Otten

Dr. Steven Carleton Retires After an Exceptional Career

Steven Carleton, MD, PhD, will retire on January 1, 2026, after an extraordinary career in Emergency Medicine. A graduate of Kenyon College, Dr. Carleton completed a PhD in neuroanatomy, was a long time Medical Director for Air Care from 1993 to 2006 and served as the M3 Clerkship Director from 1995 to 2009. Beyond his clinical and academic contributions, he is admired for his commitment to patient care and mentorship.

We thank Dr. Carleton for his years of service, innovation, and dedication. His impact on our department and the field of Emergency Medicine will be felt for years to come.

Help Us Continue Our Tradition of Excellence



Your support shapes the future of emergency medicine. Contributing to the Emergency Medicine Residency Training Endowment Fund (EMREEF) helps support resident education, wellness initiatives, and program innovation. At the 55th anniversary event, we highlighted the urgent need for investment in the next generation of emergency medicine physicians. Make your gift today by clicking the link here. *Your support will ensure UC Emergency Medicine continues to lead for decades to come.*

Plans for 2026

Stay tuned for quarterly newsletters. We want to keep our alumni engaged with our program and department.

We'd love to hear from you!
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