



Step Up and Take Your Place

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Make UCAOA a stronger and more valuable resource by sharing your knowledge! This fall brings a host of new ways for you to step up and take your place in the future of UCAOA and the urgent care industry. UCAOA depends on the involvement of volunteer subject matter experts. It is our collective multidisciplinary wisdom—across lines of specialty, position, urgent care models, interest areas, and geography—that lead us to successful outcomes. Choose an area that represents the best fit for you. Details about the charge and immediate goals for each committee can be found at www.ucaoa.org/volunteers.

- Accreditation/Certification
- Communications/Public Relations
 - Web site and UConnect Editorial Oversight
- Document Oversight (DOC)/Scientific Policies and Standards
- Education
 - Fall Conference
 - Spring Convention
 - Webinars and Online Learning
- Health & Public Policy (Legislative Affairs)
- Membership Development
 - State Chapters
- Strategic Development & Partnerships
- UConnect Groups Host/Monitor

Help UCAOA develop tools and resources to meet the ever-changing needs of its membership. Take a few minutes to provide the information requested on the Call for Volunteers form (found at www.ucaoa.org/volunteers) so your name can be added to our volunteer database. The database is used to identify individuals for committees and task forces as well as those willing to be part of a peer support network and to assist with special projects.



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There's a Place for You

Ask yourself what you seek in return and what you are willing to contribute. Is it primarily access to policies and procedures, educational offerings, and conference opportunities? Can't make conference calls during working hours? There are even opportunities that you can fulfill on your own time, such as serving as a host of a UConnect group (online community special interest group). Think about the new connections you can make, what you'll learn from each other, and how YOU can make a difference.

For more information on how you can bring your energy to the mix, please e-mail me at jray@ucaoa.org. Indicate "Ready to Step Up" in the subject line or go to www.ucaoa.org and click on the Volunteer Opportunities link. A brief profile application and submission of a bio will be required to help match you to the committee or opportunity that most closely fits your needs. Sign up today and help us shape the future of our Association and of the urgent care industry. ■