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The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) believes:

- Emergency physicians, emergency medicine groups, and health institutions may publicize themselves through any commercial media or other form of public communication, provided that the information is true and accurate and in no way deceptive or misleading. Claims in regard to experience, competence, quality, or unique qualifications or resources may be made only if they are factually supportable.
- Patients may be confused by unfamiliar terms and by illustrations that are difficult to understand or are

misleading. Advertising and publicity should be designed in a manner that is readily comprehensible.

- Physicians, other health care providers, and health care facilities should emphasize in advertising their own positive attributes and should not denigrate the capabilities of other providers or facilities.

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