




ACEP Statement on CDC Leadership Departures

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WASHINGTON, DC – Dr. Debra Houry has been a true champion for public health and emergency care, and as a valued member of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) family, her leadership at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has set a remarkable standard. Her dedication, vision, and deep understanding of the challenges facing our health care system have made a lasting impact on our nation's health and safety.

Dr. Houry's departure comes at a critical time for the CDC, as our nation continues to face complex public health threats, many of which ultimately present in the emergency department. Her steady hand and collaborative spirit were instrumental in building bridges between emergency medicine and federal public health efforts.

As we thank her for her years of public service and unwavering partnership, ACEP is concerned about what the recent leadership transitions could mean for the future of the CDC. Strong, consistent leadership is essential to maintaining the CDC's credibility, responsiveness, and ability to protect the public. We urge the administration to prioritize continuity and carry on the CDC's history of a strong commitment to public health and science in its next steps. The stakes are too high to risk uncertainty in one of our most vital health institutions.

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