

# **ROBERT R. TURELLI, MD, MA, FACEP**

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### **QUALIFICATIONS & CERTIFICATIONS**

- Board-Certified, American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM)
  - 13+ years independent EM attending practice at major academic Level 1 trauma centers
  - 17+ total years in Emergency Medicine (residency + fellowship + practice)
  - Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine (Northwestern University)
  - Fellowship-Trained in Administrative Emergency Medicine
  - Fellow, American College of Emergency Physicians (FACEP)
  - Extensive experience supervising residents and teaching advanced clinical decision-making
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### **EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE**

- 50+ depositions, including complex, high-visibility, and multi-system cases
  - Expertise in standard-of-care determination, causation analysis, and chart interpretation
  - Strong written opinions: affidavits, standard-of-care reviews, documentation evaluation
  - Significant experience with resident-involved cases and supervision questions
  - 13 years leading Northwestern Memorial Hospital Emergency Medicine Morbidity & Mortality Conferences, the institution's primary venue for analyzing:
    - medical errors
    - deviations from standard of care
    - diagnostic reasoning failures
    - documentation issues
    - systems breakdowns
  - Known for concise, structured, attorney-friendly explanations during testimony
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### **AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

- Gold Humanism Honor Society Faculty Inductee (2025)
  - Feinberg Anchor Grant Awardee (2025) – Community Equity & Partnership Initiative
  - Multiple commendations for clinical excellence, mentorship, and patient advocacy
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### **LEADERSHIP & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

- Founder & Clinical Lead, HANDS at the Bedside Community Initiative (2024–Present)
- Co-Director, EM Morbidity & Mortality Conferences (13 years)

- Chair, Quality Improvement & Patient Safety Section, American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)
    - National leadership of quality, safety, communication, and systems improvement initiatives
    - Development of guidance on ED standards, communication failures, systems design, documentation improvement, and high-risk operational issues
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## **CLINICAL & ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

- Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, Northwestern University
  - Attending Physician, Northwestern Memorial Hospital (13.5 years)
    - Academic Level 1 trauma center
    - High-acuity setting, tertiary referral center
    - Resident education, supervision, and curriculum work
  - Emergency Physician, Illinois Masonic Medical Center (13.5 years)
    - Level 1 trauma center
    - High-volume urban ED
  - Leadership in ED documentation, chest pain pathways, STEMI systems, and interdepartmental communication
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## **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

- Emergency Medicine standard of care (adult)
  - Medical error analysis: Morbidity & Mortality case reconstruction, systems failure
  - Documentation quality: chart review, missed diagnosis evaluation
  - STEMI systems: chest pain evaluation, ED–Cardiology workflow
  - Sepsis, trauma, resuscitation, critical illness
  - ED operations: throughput, staffing models, triage
  - Resident supervision and training program oversight
  - Adverse outcomes: communication failures, care transitions
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## **LICENSURE, MEMBERSHIP & AFFILIATIONS**

- **Illinois Physician and Surgeon License – Active, Unrestricted, In Good Standing**
  - American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)
  - Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM)
  - Fellow, American College of Emergency Physicians (FACEP)
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## **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

- **Master of Business Administration (MBA)**, Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management – In Progress (Expected Spring 2026)
- **Administrative Emergency Medicine Fellowship** – Northwestern University
- **Emergency Medicine Residency** – Yale University
- **Doctor of Medicine (MD)** – Tulane University School of Medicine
- **Master of Arts (MA)** – Boston University
- **Bachelor of Arts (BA)** – University of Michigan, Ann Arbor