

*“Our goal, not to lose one.” - Thomas J. Nasca, MD MACP*

The Council of Residency Directors in Emergency Medicine (CORD) is pleased to announce an emergency medicine collaborative effort with AAEM, AAEM/RSA, ACEP, ACOEP, ACOEP-RSO, EMRA, and SAEM in the initiation of the first **National Physician Suicide Awareness Day on September 17, 2018.**



## **National Physician Suicide Awareness Day**

### **Vision Zero**

Physician suicide is a tremendous issue in healthcare today. While estimates of the actual number of physician suicides vary, literature has shown that the relative risk for suicide being 2.27 times greater among women and 1.41 times higher among men versus the general population. Each physician suicide is a devastating loss affecting everyone - family, friends, colleagues and up to 1 million patients per year. It is both a very personal loss and a public health crisis. Vision Zero calls on individuals, residency programs, health care organizations and national groups to make a commitment to break down stigma, increase awareness, open the conversation, decrease the fear of consequences, reach out to colleagues, recognize warning signs and learn to approach our colleagues who may be at risk. Let us challenge each other as individuals, communities, institutions and organizations to make changes to reach zero physician suicides.

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**Shed light on this issue and change the culture of medicine to save our own lives.**

