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Featured Clinician: Michael Barnum, MD, FACEP

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Hollywood's Las Vegas is all about gambling, cocktails, showgirls and a "devil may care" attitude. But for Michael Barnum, MD, FACEP, the bright lights and 24/7 energy of the city is an apt backdrop for his true passion: changing the way medical care is delivered in Vegas – and beyond.

Dr. Barnum wears many hats: he's the Medical Director of Las Vegas operations for **Evolution Healthcare**, EmCare's sister company specializing in the care and management of patients with complex cases in the home and alternate settings. He's the Assistant Medical Director of **AMR's** Las Vegas operations, and is the Assistant Medical Director of the Emergency Department of **Valley Hospital Medical Center**, also in Vegas. He, too, is "on" nearly 24/7!



Using his relationships within the local medical community, he's working to advance Envision Healthcare's goal of developing a provider network to coordinate care no matter where or when a patient's needs occur.

"While many have talked about a true continuum that would serve patients with exactly the right care at the right time at the right place, it's a daunting task that has never really been done before," a peer explains. "The Las Vegas market is our first truly integrated opportunity, and thanks to the vision and leadership of Mike Barnum, patients are cared for through every phase of their unplanned medical care."

Dr. Barnum's understanding of each component of the continuum of care and his willingness to try new delivery models is allowing unprecedented teamwork throughout the Las Vegas Valley. It's his "pioneering spirit" that has enabled this diverse team to come together to produce outstanding results, according to his peers.

Despite his many management responsibilities within multiple organizations, Dr. Barnum still takes his job as physician seriously, going above and beyond every day for his patients. In fact, when a patient was discharged after joint replacement surgery and couldn't fill her prescription for pain medication, Dr. Barnum drove to six pharmacies to find the proper medication.

Board-certified in both emergency medicine and emergency medical services,

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Dr. Barnum shares his love for the art and science of EMS on his popular **“VegasEMSDoctor” podcast series**, helping train the next generation of pre-hospital clinicians. His enthusiasm and excitement are contagious.

His peers say that he’s just as comfortable on the streets of Las Vegas at 2 a.m. as he is in a hospital board room discussing practice innovations. He is an effective strategic and operational leader who is collaborative and creative – a passionate combination that isn’t just staying in Vegas.

Dr. Barnum received a bachelor’s degree from University of California, San Diego, and attended University of Pennsylvania’s post-baccalaureate pre-medical program in Philadelphia before earning his medical degree from Temple University’s School of Medicine, also in Philadelphia. He completed his residency in emergency medicine at University of California Davis Medical Center, Sacramento. He is a past-president of the Nevada chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. He has a background in firefighting and was a fire department training officer. He worked as an EMT in both field and emergency department positions and holds certificates in Swift Water Rescue and Vertical Rescue. Dr. Barnum also is a pilot and an Eagle Scout.

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