

Phillip L. Coule, MD, MBA, FACEP
Professor, Emergency Medicine



Appointment Date: 2000

Dr. Phillip Coule serves as the Associate Chief Medical Officer and Chief Patient Safety Officer for the Augusta University Medical Center. Dr. Coule was formerly the Vice-Chairman for Clinical and Business Operations in the Department of Emergency Medicine and Hospitalist Services at Georgia Regents University, leaving that position to assume the Associate Chief Medical Officer and Chief Patient Safety Officer for the Augusta University Medical Center. Dr. Coule also formerly served as the Director of the Center of Operational Medicine. Dr. Coule is a Professor of Emergency Medicine and is Board Certified in Emergency Medicine and the EMS subspecialty board. Dr. Coule obtained his Bachelor of Science in Biology from Augusta State University in 1992 and his M.D. from the Medical College of Georgia in 1996. He completed a transitional internship in Internal Medicine and then a residency in Emergency Medicine and joined the faculty in 2000. Dr. Coule completed his Physician Executive MBA at the University of Tennessee in 2012 with a focus on LEAN and Six-Sigma Healthcare Improvement.

Dr. Coule serves in various positions within the health system including Chair of the Quality Safety Operations Committee, Medical Director of the Emergency Communications Center, Medical Director of both the AirLife Georgia 10 EMS Helicopter service and the Augusta Fire Department. Dr. Coule has served on various committees and task forces particularly making use of his expertise in emergency care and disaster preparedness.

Dr. Coule is recognized internationally as a leading expert on the topic of disaster preparedness and mass casualty triage. He serves on the Board of Directors of the National Disaster Life Support Foundation, a non-profit organization devoted to training emergency responders to better respond to disasters. Dr. Coule and colleagues created the National Disaster Life Support training programs that have become the gold standard for healthcare disaster preparedness training. He has authored numerous publications in the area of pre-hospital emergency care. Dr. Coule also has an interest in health information technology and previously served as the physician champion for health information integration at Georgia Regents Medical Center. He is currently the Chairman of the Board of the Georgia Regional Academic Community Health Information Exchange (GRACHIE).

Dr. Coule's broad depth of experiences, education, training, understanding of business and medicine, and demonstrated talent as an innovative problem solver makes him a unique asset.

Specialty Focus: EMS, Disaster Medicine