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To Whom It May Concern:

The American College of Emergency Physicians supports the development of standardized medical emoji that can improve health communication, education, and representation across digital platforms.

Emergency physicians care for patients in time-sensitive settings where communication must be clear, accessible, and adaptable across languages, literacy levels, ages, and disabilities. Standardized medical emoji can provide simple visual anchors for common clinical concepts, including organ systems, infection, cardiac monitoring, transfusion, medication use, and weight-based care. These symbols would not replace clinical language or professional interpretation. They would add a familiar, globally available communication layer for patient education, discharge instructions, public health messaging, medical education, and informal patient-provider communication.

ACEP recognizes that Unicode evaluates emoji proposals through a formal standards process and that each proposed emoji must satisfy Unicode's criteria for distinctiveness, expected use, image licensing, and broad applicability. ACEP's support is clinical and professional: the concepts identified by the Medical Emoji Project are relevant to emergency care and could help clinicians and patients communicate more effectively in modern digital environments.

ACEP therefore supports the continued development and submission of medical emoji proposals, including concepts such as anatomical liver, kidney, stomach, intestine/bowel, white blood cell, ECG/EKG waveform, spine, blood product/red blood cell unit, pill pack/blister pack, and weight scale. ACEP encourages Unicode reviewers and platform vendors to consider the clinical, educational, accessibility, and public-health value of these symbols.

Sincerely,



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