

## James P. Gillen, MD, FACEP, Recognized By America's Best In Medicine As A Respected Emergency Medicine Physician Leader

Celebrating Four Decades of Excellence in Emergency Medicine Education and Patient Care



Tampa, Florida Feb 13, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](http://Issuewire.com)) - Tampa, Florida — James P. Gillen, MD, FACEP, is a nationally respected emergency medicine physician, educator, and academic leader with more than

four decades of clinical and academic teaching experience. Board-certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine, Dr. Gillen is widely recognized for his lifelong commitment to excellence in patient care, emergency medicine resident education, and academic scholarship.

Dr. Gillen currently serves as an Associate Professor at the University of South Florida (USF) Morsani College of Medicine and as Director of Education for the USF Emergency Medicine Residency Program at Tampa General Hospital.

## **Education and Training**

Dr. Gillen earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from West Virginia University School of Medicine after completing undergraduate studies in biology at the State University of New York at Buffalo, with additional education at SUNY Stony Brook. He completed his internal medicine internship and emergency medicine residency at Geisinger Medical Center, where he later served as Chief Resident. He went on to distinguish himself as a leader in medical education, serving as Emergency Medicine Residency Program Director at Geisinger Medical Center for 12 years.

## **Academic and Clinical Leadership**

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Gillen has held numerous academic and hospital appointments across the United States, including positions at Geisinger Medical Center, Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital, and Tampa General Hospital.

At **USF Morsani College of Medicine**, his leadership roles have included:

- Director of Emergency Medicine Medical Student Clerkship
- Director of Emergency Medicine Education
- Chair, Clinical Competency Committee
- Chair, USF Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds Committee

Over the course of his career, Dr. Gillen has participated in the education and training of more than 250 board-certified emergency medicine physicians.

## **Teaching and Educational Contributions**

A passionate educator, Dr. Gillen has delivered educational presentations nationwide to medical students, residents, nurses, paramedics, and practicing physicians. His teaching expertise includes:

- Airway management
- Trauma care
- Emergency procedures
- Medical education
- Written and oral board review programming

## **Scholarship and Research**

Dr. Gillen's peer-reviewed scholarship spans airway management, emergency procedures, toxicology, trauma, and patient safety. His academic work includes journal articles, textbook chapters, original clinical research, and national poster and oral presentations. He is also the developer of the Gillen-Hackstadt Maneuver. Collectively, his scholarship continues to influence emergency medicine

education, procedural safety, and clinical practice both nationally and internationally.

## Service and Philanthropy

Dr. Gillen has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to volunteering and philanthropy through medical education and community service. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Phoenix–Tampa, an organization dedicated to supporting individuals in early recovery throughout the greater Tampa Bay area.

He is also a committed advocate for organ and tissue donation awareness, promoting lifesaving initiatives through emergency department–based programs and professional presentations. His humanitarian focus extends broadly to patient safety and improvements in care delivery across diverse clinical settings.

## Personal Life

Dr. Gillen and his wife, Marlene Gillen, APRN, a cardiology nurse practitioner, have a combined 45 years of service at Tampa General Hospital. They are both devoted dog lovers and share their home with their pups, Jack and Rosie.

Dr. Gillen has four children:

- Jake Gillen, an acute care surgeon, and his wife, Natalie, a urogynecologist, both practice at Carilion Clinic in Roanoke, Virginia, where they live with their children, Isla and Harrison.
- Lindsey Kovach, the eldest daughter, is a realtor in Greenville, South Carolina, where she lives with her husband Kyle, a teacher, and their children Gwen, Livi, and Cam.
- Whitney O’Brian, the youngest daughter, is a board-certified optometrist practicing in Greenville, South Carolina, where she lives with her husband, Brandon, an instrument-rated pilot.
- Kirk Gillen is an interventional radiologist at the VA Medical Center in Charleston, South Carolina. His wife, Megan, is a registered nurse at MUSC Medical Center. They reside on James Island.

Known for his integrity, clinical excellence, and devotion to teaching, Dr. James P. Gillen remains steadfast in his mission to advance emergency medicine, support the next generation of physicians, and improve patient care through education, scholarship, and leadership.

## Learn more about Dr. James P. Gillen:

Through his America’s Best in Medicine profile, <https://americasbestinmedicine.com/connect/James-Gillen> or through his profile on USF Health, <https://health.usf.edu/medicine/emergency/faculty/jgillen2>

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guidance for patients and peers alike.

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