



## Mission Statement

### The Association of Ringside Physicians

**S**afety has been the goal of the ARP (formerly known as the AAPRP) since its inception in 1997. The ARP is an international non-profit organization comprised of the most experienced ringside physicians and associates, all devoted to the common goal of ensuring and promoting health and safety in combative sports. Our motto is “Protecting Fighters Around the World”.

**A**ccountability and risk avoidance are the overwhelming priorities upon which all decisions must be based. Requisite duties include excellence in medical care, and accuracy and promptness in injury reporting.

**F**ellowship is a result of our integrity, professionalism and service. The bond between athlete, coach, physician and official cements the relationships critical to assure correct medical decision making, care and guidance.

**E**ducation is a definitive responsibility of all associated with the combat arts – to share known information and continually educate through evolving science, technology, medical protocols and guidelines.