



American College of Emergency Physicians

**Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section Conference Call Minutes  
February 18, 2019**

Participants: Kevin Biese, MD, MAT, FACEP; Simon Edginton, MD, FACEP; Mark Squillante, DO, FACEP; Kristen Sandel, MD, FACEP; Nicole Tidwell, Chris Carpenter, MD, FACEP; Shan Liu, MD, FACEP; Luna Ragsdale, MD, FACEP; Maura Kennedy, MD

**1. ACEP Award Nominees Re-Submitted for 2019 awards**

- a. Manish Shah (Award for Outstanding Contribution in EMS)
- b. Don Melady (Award for Outstanding Contribution in Education)
- c. Mark Rosenberg (John G. Wiegenstein Leadership Award)
  - i. Still working on Lowell Gerson's nomination (Honorary Membership Award)

**2. Blog Author Requests for March and April Content**

Please let Nicole know if you are interested in writing in March or April on this consumer-focused Doc blog. <https://www.emergencycareforyou.org> We are asking for 500 words or less that touches on geriatric care and can include a personal story about your experience caring for seniors. Current content:

- Lauren Southerland: Patient Friendly Health Safety Tips for Seniors; January
- Nicole Fiallos: Delirium; February

**3. GEMS Grants**

- Three podcast series grant, fulfilled
  - 1). *How does your institution become a GED?* (new, just released on Feb 4) Ryan Stanton, MD, FACEP and his guests, Ula Hwang, MD, MPH, FACEP; Michael Malone, MD, and Kevin Biese, MD, MAT, FACEP, talk about how an ED can become more geriatric-focused, offer expert advice and pearls, and available resources for providers and their EDs to get started. <https://soundcloud.com/acep-frontline/acep-frontline-geda-3-final>
  - 2). *Why Geriatrics and Emergency Medicine?*
  - 3). *Why GEDA? Why ACEP, and why is a geriatric ED important?*
- iScreenSeniors grant update by Nicole Fiallos
  - Nicole Fiallos is currently designing a smartphone/iPad app to facilitate geriatric assessments (screening for fall risks, dementia assessment and elder abuse in the ED.) Currently, its set up as a power point; Dr. Fiallos is working with a designer to a launch as a functional electronic application that patients will complete and return to the nurse to evaluate and communicate findings to their provider. Nicole is fine tuning the app and her institution has offered to buy a few tablets for testing purposes. Expected launch is December 2019.
  - Chris Carpenter gave a brief overview of the app and connected the GEM section to the three app developers that he knows.
    - i. Simon Mooijaart is a Geriatrician in the Netherlands who leads the Acutely Presenting Older Patient (APOP) team

(<http://screener.apop.eu/>). They are in the midst of validating and refining their APOP instrument (one example: [pmid.us/29935293](http://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29935293/)).

- ii. Andrew Costa is an Epidemiologist devoted to geriatrics at McMaster University who led and wrote the interRAI Emergency Medicine screener (<http://www.interrai.org/andrew-costa.html>).
- iii. Marcel Émond leads the Canadian Emergency Team Initiative (CETI) on Mobility in Aging (see [http://pubmed.us/25989564](http://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25989564/) and <http://www.crchudequebec.ulaval.ca/en/research/researchers/marcel-emon/>).

#### 4. GEMS 2019 Newsletter

- a. The winter GEMS newsletter delivered February 13, 2019. Dr. Evan Chong was the fellow feature piece and Dr. Melady submitted the International Minimum Standards for Care of Older People Statement from IFEM.
- b. The section will need to produce two more newsletters this calendar year. More to come.

#### 5. VA Accreditation Update

- a. Kevin updated the section on the VA system group interest in GED accreditation and the work between West Health, ACEP, and the GEDC to host bootcamps and support accreditation for the VAs across the nation. Luna Ragsdale was excited to hear that Cleveland Clinic is moving forward with accreditation.
- b. In December, a Veterans Affairs “EMChat” webinar highlighting GEDA, GEDC, and the Gary and Mary West Senior Emergency Care Unit at UC San Diego Health in La Jolla, CA. was recorded and shared with the VA system.  
<https://www.westhealth.org/news/emchat-treating-geriatric-patients-in-the-emergency-department/>

#### 6. GEDA Update

- a. Total accredited sites: 39. Level 1= eight, Level 2= five, Level 3=26. By end of March, we expect to have 50 accredited sites.

7. **Question:** Simon Edginton asked if the group (ACEP) had thought of a system-wide geriatric accreditation designation, for those that have a majority of EDs accredited (but not all) in a health system. Kevin mentioned our business model was built on accrediting EDs as separate entities. There are a handful of healthcare systems that are applying for accreditation for each of their EDs. All are applying separately, as the business model requires. Simon also mentioned that they are attempting to define the financial feasibility of GEDA Level 2 programs in community hospital settings. They will use the information as a tool to promote expansion of GEM programs amongst the community health system sites.

#### 8. GEDA Guideline Endorsements

- a. Chris Carpenter mentioned that AAEM and CAEP both have endorsed the GEDA Guidelines and that we need to think about updating these Guidelines in the next couple of years. ACEP does not require an update for 6 more years.

#### 9. Grant for CMS

- a. Chris Carpenter mentioned that CMS did not fund the geriatric EM measures submitted.

#### 10. Data Collection

- a. Shan Liu asked if there is impact data from accredited sites. Nicole mentioned that sites are excited to share their marketing post accreditation, but no sites have updated the GEDA team on impact/change since being awarded accreditation. Nicole and Kevin agree that this is the time to start thinking about the impact that accreditation has made on these geriatric EDs, and perhaps a survey is in order. This project may need to involve the GEDC and would need to determine what timeframe in post- accreditation makes the most sense to deliver an impact survey. Nicole to add this item to the next BoG agenda.

**11. Geriatric Twitter Pearls Project**

- a. Will have an update from Lauren Southerland on March call