



## **GEMS Minutes**

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### **ACEP20**

- **Geriatric Abstract Awards-** The group agreed that abstract awards for ACEP was something we wanted to pursue. Three different awards were discussed including:
  - Best Geriatric Research Award
  - Best Innovation in Geriatrics (including research about processes, quality improvement, etc)
  - Best Research by a trainee (to include medical students, residents or fellow)The selection process for the awards was not finalized although a committee made up of GEMS members identifying the top 5 abstracts with GEMS board members voting on the winners was floated as an idea.
- **ACEP20 Education Submission-**No immediate updates on the state of our sections three proposals aimed at enhancing geriatric education. Nicole did state that the ACEP meeting committee has drafted or will send out letters to sections shortly with updates. As a reminder, the three proposals were:
  - Development of a geriatric emergency medicine (GEM) track;
  - Increased core GEM didactic content during ACEP 2020 and beyond;
  - A pre-conference proposal for advanced topics in GEM for ACEP 2020.

### **Geri-Palli-EMS Section Grant**

- Our section submitted a Section Grant with the Palliative Care and EMS sections. The grant would support development of online training modules for paramedics to teach them how to approach the patient on hospice. To hear back from ACEP's grant team soon.

### **GEMS Mission Support**

- The group discussed plans to implement requests from members about ways the Section might help its members
  - *Preparing an open letter to hospital administrators describing current benefits for GeriEDs (like metrics and ROI).*
    - Nicole created a letter in 2018, this letter coupled with the West Health ROI fact sheet and other "c-suite" material can be shared with those hoping to start a geriatric ED. These files have been circulated in the past, we can reshare with the GEMS section

- *Training manual creation to help in the design of a hospital/ ED looking to achieve accreditation*
  - The GEDA website has great resources including policy requirements and examples of what is expected of departments looking to achieve accreditation.
  - Dr. Southerland is the author of an accepted manuscript to be published shortly that reviews important billing considerations for geriatric ED based services. When in press, she will share with the Section.
  - For the Section's April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, the group discussed holding an open call-in session for individuals who have more questions about GEDA. Nicole mentioned she gets many inquiries from hospitals looking to apply for accreditation and such an open call-in session may be beneficial