



American College of Emergency Physicians

**Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section Conference Call Minutes
May 20, 2019**

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Overarching: The GEM section needs to identify mission. In addition, a calendar of topical issues would be beneficial.

ACEP19: October 27-30, 2019; Denver CO.

1. ACEP19 Events

- a. GEDA/GEDC Pre-conference "The Evolution of Geriatric Care in the ED"
 - i. Saturday, October 26, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - ii. Agenda will be shared once finalized in the next week or so.

- b. GEM Section Meeting
 - i. Sunday, October 27, 2:00 – 4:00 Hyatt Regency, Centennial Ballroom H
 - ii. Nicole, Kevin and Lauren to share draft ACEP19 GEMS agenda on June 17 GEMS call; need to finalize agenda by August.
 - iii. Sponsor is TBD. ACEPs corp dev. is look into doll therapy-
<https://www.alzstore.com/perfect-petzzz-cavalier-king-charles-p/0606.htm>

https://www.mindcares.com/Joy-For-All-Pets-Companion-Alzheimer-doll-therapy-p/mc-0604.htm?gclid=Cj0KCQjwoInnBRDDARIsANBVyARO-sgNBtcMJPk7jPxEXuGxdJtdUqRqZWtjSqKxhJ9IrvjxEbYSy-QaAk35EALw_wcB

<https://best-alzheimers-products.com/alternative-therapy-for-alzheimers/doll-therapy-for-alzheimers-disease-baby-doll-therapy>
 - i. Goals of section meeting include:
 1. Mission statement identified
 2. Annual calendar
 3. Attendees- reason for attending; audience participation (ability to live vote to questions with clickers?)

2. GEMS Opportunities at ACEP19

- a. Geriatric courses identified and promoted- ACEP19 website is live.
- b. 2020 pre-conference/didactic geriatric education proposal
 - i. Education proposal lead by Maura Kennedy and will discuss during July 15 GEMS call
 - ii. 2020 educational course submissions due November 1, 2019.
<https://acep.org/education/meetings/>

3. ACEP Award Recipients

- a. Lowell Gerson, PhD (Honorary Membership Award)

4. Upcoming Newsletters – need to produce two more this calendar year

- a. Next newsletter content will be due to Phil Magidson by July 15th so that it may be compiled, sent to Nicole for final editing and publication in late-July early August.
 - i. Content considerations for this newsletter include:

1. Highlight of upcoming talks at ACEP 19 that are geriatric specific
2. Information on geriatric emergency department accreditation
3. Brief stories or quotes from EDs who have been accredited
4. Highlighting geriatric EM fellowships
5. Maura Kennedy mentioned adding in targeted education module on geriatric agitation; as an unmet need, the TADA approach/non-pharm approaches, therapeutic activity kits, medications.

5. GEDA update

- a. Total accredited sites: 60