



## Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section February 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes

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**Guest Speaker:** Jennifer Wolff, PhD

### Quick recap

Guest speaker Jennifer Wolff, PhD, Johns Hopkins University, presented on "Engaging care givers for older adults". Dr. Wolff's talk emphasized the challenges and opportunities related to family caregiving, the importance of shared access to patient portal accounts, the need for systemic and cultural changes in the healthcare sector, and the crucial role of caregivers in providing continuity of care in emergency situations. Phil Magidson shared a challenging experience he had with an older adult caregiver and looked forward to Jennifer Wolff's insights. The section also discussed several other topics including the age-friendly hospital measure, changes to the roles of resident and fellow, and potential collaborations.

### Upcoming webinars

Maura Kennedy noted a talk with the telehealth section scheduled for February 13, 2024 featuring Dr. Colleen McGowan presenting on the SCOUTS (Supporting Community Outpatient, Urgent care & Telehealth Services) program in the VA, Maura Kennedy mentioned an upcoming webinar on March 18<sup>th</sup> to be presented by Dr. Rachel Skains on medication safety.

### Boarding, Age-Friendly Hospital Measure

Maura Kennedy also discussed a measure proposed by Yale for consideration on quality of care related to [ED boarding](#). Boarding is one of the great challenges facing EM and our patients; there is a new proposed quality measure that begins to address this problem. While far from perfect, this is a first step. Below is a link to the measure. It is open for comment. ACEP will be providing an official comment from the College, but it is open for individuals and groups to comment as well

[https://mmshub.cms.gov/sites/default/files/Yale-CORE-](https://mmshub.cms.gov/sites/default/files/Yale-CORE-ECCQMeasureSpecifications.pdf?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email)

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care for older adults is important to your organization or stakeholders. We have put together some background information on the measure and some talking points for consideration. Use the following link to submit comments to the final MUC Recommendations: PRMR Final MUC Recommendation | Partnership for Quality Measurement (p4qm.org) [To Submit Comments on the Final MUC Recommendation: Visit https://p4qm.org/prmr-final-muc-reco.](https://p4qm.org/prmr-final-muc-reco)

Lauren and Maura discussed a link related to the age-friendly hospital measure that was submitted in 2023. They also talked about the American College of Surgeons' request for strong support to overcome the fact that the measure did not reach 75%. Maura decided to reach out to the American College of Surgeons for clarification. Maura mentioned a potential collaboration with the American Geriatric Society to improve emergency geriatric care.

### **GEMS leadership Priorities and Roles**

GEMS leadership discussed the upcoming meeting of the Geriatric Awards Development Subcommittee, and the submission of a state-of-the-art (SOTA) project. The SOTA committee is expected to reach decisions by March. The team also discussed changes to the roles of the Resident and Fellow leaders and sought feedback on the document. Maura mentioned she is working on the ACEP24 pre-conference agenda focused on dementia.

### **Meeting Updates, Podcast Draft, and Engage Platform and Publication Idea**

GEMS leadership also discussed the meeting schedule for the rest of the fiscal year, including potential webinars in April and June. Lauren shared that she and Anita had a didactic acceptance for delirium. The team discussed posting meeting updates on the EngagED platform and the difference between general and leadership meetings. The idea of summarizing talks or abstracts from the general GEMS meeting to share knowledge was suggested, with a plan to implement in May. Tom Hagerman shared his thoughts on his podcast draft with Geri- Pal and sought input on potential topics. The team showed interest in supporting, with Maura suggesting potential topics. A recent paper by Dr. Kennedy was also discussed. Lastly, there was a brief discussion about the EngagED platform, specifically regarding folders. Maura Kennedy MD/MGH clarified the limitations of the EngagED system's editing capabilities. Nicole committed to investigating the issue further and creating more folders. Additionally, Maura suggested the possibility of pitching a publication about the dissemination of patient-centered care across VA hospitals, but no final decision was made.

### **Next steps**

- Maura will send a reminder about the upcoming webinar featuring Dr. Colleen McGowan's presentation on the SCOUTS program in the VA.



- Maura will also send out information about the proposed hospital falls measure and encourage public comment. Maura will email the American College of Surgeons to ask about the value of individual responses to the age-friendly hospital measure.
- Tom will reach out to the podcast team about potential topics and guests.
- Nicole will investigate the lack of folders in the GEM section on EngagED.

GEMS Monthly Business Calendar																		
Month	Focus	Notes																
<b>18-Mar</b>	Webinar: Dr. Rachel Skains "Medication Safety" <a href="https://acep.zoom.us/j/87194171996?pwd=ZmgzaUVpbTRmdTlkMzY2bVJ3SGMwQT09">https://acep.zoom.us/j/87194171996?pwd=ZmgzaUVpbTRmdTlkMzY2bVJ3SGMwQT09</a> Expected SOTA response for "What Matters Most: Choosing outcomes to evaluate care quality for older adults"																	
<b>15-Apr</b>	ACEP24 planning: Pre-con, GEMS leadership election info, GEMS agenda and presenters.																	
<b>20-May</b>	Open-Webinar considerations; abstract presentations, knowledge from SAEM.																	
<b>17-June</b>	Award details																	
<b>15-July</b>	Finalize ACEP24 GEMS meeting plans: agenda, Silver Birch Award, Boxing Match, GEMS election schedule shared																	
<b>19-Aug</b>	GEMS election reminder: <table border="1" data-bbox="349 1066 1019 1415"> <thead> <tr> <th>Action Item</th> <th>ACEP23</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Section Meeting Date</td> <td>9/30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Officer Voting Closes</td> <td>9/19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ballots Sent</td> <td>9/9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Notice #1 about upcoming ballot</td> <td>9/6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nominations Deadline</td> <td>8/21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Call for Nominations Reminder</td> <td>8/14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Call for Nominations</td> <td>8/2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Action Item	ACEP23	Section Meeting Date	9/30	Officer Voting Closes	9/19	Ballots Sent	9/9	Notice #1 about upcoming ballot	9/6	Nominations Deadline	8/21	Call for Nominations Reminder	8/14	Call for Nominations	8/2	
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Potential calendar / webinar /activity additions:

1. Dan Morhaim, MD- Influencing State Legislators  
[www.thebetterend.com](http://www.thebetterend.com)
2. Hannah Gordon, MD- Advanced Directives; include advanced directives as part of Medicare enrollment?
3. Thomas Hagerman, MD- ACEP GEMS should join up with Geri-Pal for a GEM focused podcast.  
<https://geripal.org/geripal-podcast/>  
[Paper discussion?](#)

