



Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section
August 21, 2023, Meeting Minutes
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Participants: Maura Kennedy, MD, MPH, FACEP; Phil Magidson, MD; Danya Khoujah, MBBS, MEHP, FACEP; Rachel Skains, MD, MSPH; Shan Liu, MD, FACEP; Nicole Tidwell; Amber Hartman

Topic Discussion: Medication reconciliation: who does it and how could we do it better?

- Phil Magidson, MD, stated at John Hopkins the nursing staff and medication review technicians completes the medication reconciliation on admitted patients to help take the workload off hospitalists. Concerned that the focus should be on discharged patients.
- Danya Khoujah MBBS, MEHP, FACEP, states she has the same experience as Dr. Magidson and would love to hear thoughts on how to change the thought that inpatients need medication reconciliation over discharged patients.
- Rachel Skains, MD, MSPH, stated at UAB, a level 1 GED, has pharmacists and pharmacy techs complete the medication reconciliation. Guidelines for the med safety group- pico question- geriatric paper – used to build algorithm. Dr. Skains can share algorithm once it is published.
 - 1.A. pharmacist; Pharm tech route
 - 2.A. Consults with geriatricians
 - 3.A. Decision tools to make med req go a bit faster
- Dr. Skains to share publications to GEMS EngagED platform.
- Birmingham VA ED Pharmacists have a template for high-risk medication consultation note. Submits findings to inpatient team or patient's PCP and then the ED Pharmacists follow up to see if the recommendations were followed. This helped justify the costs of ED Pharmacists and was used as Birmingham VA's care process for their GED application.
- Mooijaart - <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34755308/>
The mean age of patients was 78 (IQR 73-83), using an average of 6 medications. Out of 240 admissions, 77 (30%) were classified as a DRA. Independent risk factors for DRAs were polypharmacy (OR 2.42; 95% CI 1.23-4.74) and the ADL dependency (OR 1.23; 95%CI 1.05-1.44). ISAR (OR 3.27; 95%CI 1.60-6.69) and ISAR-HP (OR 1.83; 95% CI 1.02-3.27) associated with increased risk of DRAs, whereas the APOP screener did not (OR 1.56; 95% CI 0.82-2.97). The predictive performance of all geriatric screeners for predicting DRAs was poor (AUC for all screeners < 0.60).
- Dr. Khoujah to post/ask “do you have specialized processes for medication reconciliation?” on the GEMS EngagED platform for feedback.

GEMS Planning:

- ACEP2023 planning
 - Finalizing GEMS meeting agenda
 - Add to GEMS meeting agenda: delphi quality measure ACEP63 (ACEP reviewing manuscripts), collaborate with AGS (updating a Beers list).
 - Maura Kennedy, MD, MPH, to confirm if Saxena Saket will be attending ACEP23 for discussion regarding AGS collaboration.
 - Membership engagement
 - Topic to address
 - Grants – Nicole confirmed that there are no section grants at this time. The ACEP Board is considering whether or not to bring them back. Details will be shared in December.
 - Quality measure for high-risk medications
 - Boarding?
 - JGEM and/or GED guidelines
 - Responsibilities and timeline for 2024 board
 - CMS update
 - Silver Birch Award – Please send in nominations for award.
 - Award criteria: Developed to honor someone whose work and advocacy has furthered the field of Geriatric Emergency Medicine, especially those who are unfunded/volunteers. Not restricted to physicians, this award can be given to anyone who the ACEP board feels has significantly contributed to furthering geriatric emergency departments.
 - ACEP sections and states for support of resolution
 - Boxing Match – need to finalize the boxing match participants. Currently we have not had any responses for participation.
 - Jane Hayes at MGH (CT)
 - Julian Sit, MD
 - Thomas Hagerman, MD
 - Michelle Suh, MD
 - Lily Berrin MD
 - Boxing Match topics selected: 1. Is ketamine the best medication for procedural sedation in a 72-year-old man with a joint dislocation? 2. Should you place a cervical collar on an older adult with a fall who has chronic neck pain and no new neurologic injuries? 3. You have an 81-year-old patient with acute delirium and no obvious cause on initial physical exam and laboratory evaluation. Should you get a head CT?
- Resident/fellow role
 - Nominees



- Jane Hayes, MD, MPH
- Julian Sit, MD
- Thomas Hagerman, MD
- Michelle Suh, MD
- Lily Berrin MD
- Engaging and mentoring GEMS resident/fellows
 - EMRA Liaison – presentation at national meeting, bragging rights
 - Discussed benefits – webinars, pair with a faculty member/colleague, social media/communications/outreach, helping with the boxing match, share key interests.
 - Issue with residents/fellows not being able to attend meetings due to their schedules and lack of control of their schedules. Ms. Tidwell proposed looking at the cadence of the GEMS meetings as we are not required to meet monthly. Concerns that there may be too much material to not meet monthly.
- Need to finalize the GEMS social activity. Narrowed social activity down to three options. Will finalize by email poll. Possible sponsorship money to cover.
 - Thirsty Dice, <https://www.thirstydice.com/>
 - Ping Pong, https://wearespin.com/location/philadelphia/social-party-packages/?utm_content=modal
 - Escape Room, https://escapetheroom.com/philadelphia/?utm_source=GMBlisting&utm_medium=organic
- Social Media
 - What accounts are essential – Instagram, Tick Tock, LinkedIn, and Twitter
 - Discussed utilizing what current social media platforms we currently have and will look into new platforms in November.
 - YouTube could be a good avenue to post evergreen videos.
 - How to ensure content is posted
 - Could use <https://www.hootsuite.com/> to help with managing content.
- Open Discussion – Shan Liu, MD, FACEP just confirmed that Charlotte Yeh, CMO of AARP, is happy to speak to us possibly in November. Topic will be EM to Advocacy.



Month/Date	Meeting Focus	Events/Notes
September 18	Resident Fellow candidate voting Potential boarding webinar? at noon EST	Geriatric ACEP23 CME Req due Sept. 8, 2023 ENA Conf. Sept 21-24
October 11	Geriatric ROI conference (Oct 9), in -person GEMS mtg (Oct 11)	ACEP23 Oct 9-12 Philly
November 20	Charlotte Yeh "EM to Advocacy" webinar 11:30	