



**Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section Meeting Minutes  
July 17, 2023**

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**1) GEMS council resolution updates**

- a. Resolution submitted, co-sponsored by observation medicine and dual training sections.
- b. Phil to work on talking points with pros and cons, draft of important deadlines/dates, and how to access the asynchronous testimonies.
- c. Continue to seek endorsement and reach out to your state chapters.
- d. Reach out to Management and Health Policy section (<https://www.acep.org/pms>) for co-sponsorship and circle back with the Palliative Care section.
- e. Leah to reach out to DC for co-sponsors.
- f. Angel and Phil to research how the process will work.

**2) Resident/Fellow Elections**

- a. 2- year seats; current seats expire @ ACEP23
- b. Call for nominations begins 7/20
- c. Will post in engagED.

**3) ACEP23 social activity ideas**

- a. None yet identified.
- b. Feedback please
- c. Luna to research Philly Cheese School, <https://www.phillycheeseschool.com/>

**4) Silver Birch award**

- a. Discuss criteria.
- b. Lauren to send criteria created in 2022 by email.
- c. Developed to honor someone whose work and advocacy has furthered the field of Geriatric Emergency Medicine, especially those who are unfunded/volunteers.

**5) Open Discussion**

- a. Discussed having external speakers join the GEMS meetings to speak for 15 minutes, then allow for 5-minute Q&A
- b. Shan to reach out to Charlotte Yeh and ask to speak at the September 2023 meeting.
- c. Phil to ask Jennifer Wolf to speak in January or February 2024
- d. Section confirmed Match 1: Obtaining a head CT in a patient with delirium on new obvious cause on initial workup and Match 2: Should you place a cervical collar on an older adult with a fall who has chronic neck pain and no new neurologic injuries? Lauren posted to GEMS engagED page for ideas on Match 3



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Month	Meeting Focus	Notes
June 12	Webinar Planning TBD ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From EM to Advocacy.</li> <li>• AMDA work; behavioral problems with dementia.</li> <li>• Nursing faculty to ED regarding falls.</li> <li>• Geriatric Advocacy Webinar</li> </ul>	ICEM June 11-16
July 17	ACEP23 Section Meeting Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda (similar to ACEP22?)</li> <li>• Boxing match topics? CT in delirium - three recent meta-analysis published on delirium and head CTs with very different 'bottom lines' – over ordering of CT's, 15% yield.</li> <li>• Head CT. A family with a dementia patient who wants antipsychotic medication. Dosing. 90-year-old with chest pains, do you give a stress test? An older adult needing weight loss. Admissions for Adult Protective Services concerns. Geriatric neglect, admission depending on APS evaluation.</li> <li>• Admission for syncope if initial Ekg and labs are reassuring, but they live alone?</li> <li>• Weight loss in the older adult without other localizing signs. Pan scan for cancer, or no?</li> <li>• TIA on a Saturday- admit for echo and MRI or arrange outpatient?</li> </ul>	AHA July 16-18 Seattle
August 21	Planning in - person GEMS mtg	
September 18	Potential boarding webinar at noon EST - Luna	Geriatric ACEP23 CME Req due Sept. 8, 2023 ENA Sept 21-24
October 11	<a href="#">Geriatric ROI conference</a> (Oct 9), in -person GEMS mtg (Oct 11)	ACEP23 Oct 9-12 Philly
November 20		
December 18	Medication Reconciliation Webinar – Rachel	