

**Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**MBCC, Level 3, Jasmine G,**  
**Sunday September 29, 2024**  
**4:00-5:30PM PT**

- Welcome (5 minutes)
  - *Maura Kennedy, MD, MPH, FACEP*
- Meet your current GEMS Leadership!
  - *Maura Kennedy, MD, MPH, FACEP*
    - Immediate Past Chair: Lauren Southerland, MD
    - Chair: Maura Kennedy, MD, MPH, FACEP
    - Chair-Elect: Luna Ragsdale, MD, MPH, FACEP
    - Secretary/Newsletter Editor: Danya Khoujah, MBBS
    - Councilor: Angel Li, MD
    - Fellow: Michelle Suh, MD
    - Resident: Thomas Hagerman, MD
    - ACEP Staff Liaison: Amber Hartman, EMT-P
    - ACEP Staff: JoAnna Putman, MBA, MPH
    - ACEP Staff: Kokeb Okbamichael, MBA, MPH
- Section Updates
  - From the year - *Maura Kennedy, MD, MPH, FACEP*
    - Webinars
      - Dr. Rachel Skains "Medication Safety"
      - Charlotte Yeh - "EM to Advocacy"
      - Jennifer Wolff "Engaging care givers for older adults"
      - Colleen McQuown: SCOUTS program (co-sponsor with ACEP Telehealth section)
      - Panel: "What Matters Most: Choosing outcomes to evaluate care quality for older adults"
    - Collaborations
      - ACEP Palliative Care Section – didactic submissions
      - ACEP Telehealth section – webinar
      - AGEM GER-ED SIG
      - EU-SEM
    - GEM Community
      - GED Guidelines, *Shan Liu, MD, FACEP*

- Seven Main groups: Delirium, Dementia, Frailty, Medication safety, Falls, Palliative Care, Elder Abuse
- JGEM
  - Ninety-four papers published (74 via BePress)
  - 31,653 full text downloads
  - 20,980 abstract views
  - 983 different institutions
  - 136 different countries
  - 306 peer reviewers
  - Call for Papers – Why Submit to JGEM
    - Contributing to the evidence base of our developing field.
    - Contributing to preparing our professional workforce.
    - Opening collaboration opportunities to build our academic community.
  - JGEM Quick Links
    - **Manuscript Platform BePress:**  
<https://institutionalrepository.aah.org/jgem/>.
    - **Submit a Paper:**  
<https://institutionalrepository.aah.org/cgi/submit.cgi?context=jgem>
    - **GEDC JGEM:** <https://gedcollaborative.com/journal-of-geriatric-emergency-medicine/>
    - **Twitter/X:** [@JGEM\\_AAH](#)
- ACEP24 Geriatric events
  - ACEP Updates – *Jeff Goodloe, MD, FACEP, ACEP Board Liaison*
    - Congratulations on the amazing work the Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section is doing!
    - ACEP24 registration updates: more than 6,000 four-day registrations.
    - In the process of hiring a new ACEP Executive Director. The timeline is summer of 2025.
    - Stroke updates
    - Change in advertising scope at ACEP24. Digital and print advertising.
    - There will be an upcoming survey from ACEP to gauge what matters to members and the effect of new changes.
  - CMS Measure and GEDA Updates (*Kevin Biese, MD, FACEP, MAT*)
    - Current accredited GEDA sites: 522
    - Reviewed incentives for GEDA.
    - CME Age-friendly measure: goal and the five domains
    - The Geriatric Emergency Department Collaborative,  
<https://gedcollaborative.com/article/cms-hospital-measure-resources-for-eds/>

- ACEP25 CME Course Proposals (*Maura Kennedy, MD, MPH, FACEP, Danya Khouja, MBBS, FACEP*)

- Deadline for course proposals: October 25<sup>th</sup>  
<https://www.acep.org/education/meetings/course-proposals>
- Example of CME Course Proposal

#### An Example of a CME Course Proposal

**Course Title:** Uncharted Waters: Navigating Post-Roe Practice  
**Course Description:** Discuss the recent developments in the post-Roe ED and examine EP risk  
**Objective 1:** Discuss updates in the legal landscape  
**Objective 2:** Explore legal vulnerability for EPs  
**Objective 3:** Discuss risk mitigation steps  
**Length:** 1 Hour  
**Format:** Lecture  
**# of Faculty:** 2

- Proposals: need to be relevant to community physicians, novel, relevant to EM model
- Send proposals to Dr. Khoujah, Dr. Kennedy, or Dr. Southerland for feedback if desired.

- Council Update & Resolution



- *Phil Magidson, MD, MPH, FACEP and Angel Li, MD*
- Seventy resolutions: boarding/transfer, staffing, firearms safety, pregnancy-related care, emergency resolution regarding EMRA
  - 20 Commendations/Memorials
  - 1 Late Resolution
  - 1 Emergency Resolution
- Eligible councilors: 422
  - Total credentialed 329 on start of day one
  - Total credentialed 407 on start of day two
  - Total credentialed 421 for elections
- Geri-specific resolutions:
  - 24(24) Prioritize advocacy to remove the 3-midnight rule of skilled nursing placement, adopted by unanimous consent.
- ACEP Election results
  - Board of Directors
    - Jennifer J. Casaletto
    - C. Ryan Keay
    - Hiedi C. Knowles
    - Diana Nordlund
  - President Elect: L. Anthony Cirillo

- Sponsor Presentation: Abbott POC (15 minutes)

- Geriatric “Boxing” Match: Case 1: **Should EDs routinely screen for frailty at triage?**
  - *Sarah Perelman, MD and Sharon Pang, MD*
- Geriatric “Boxing” Match: Case 2: **The BIG Question: Should EDs use the modified Brain Injury Guidelines to determine which older adults are admitted, transferred, or discharged?**
  - *Amanda Fawcett, MD, and Danya Khouja, MBBS, FACEP*
- Newly Elected Leadership
  - *Luna Ragsdale, MD, FACEP & Maura Kennedy, MD, MPH, FACEP*
    - Incoming Chair-Elect: Phil Magidson, MD, MPH
    - Secretary/Newsletter Editor: Ari Friedman, MD, PhD
    - Alternate Councilor: Lynne McCullough, MD
- Presentation of GEM Section Awards
  - *Luna Ragsdale, MD, FACEP*
    - Silver Birch Award Recipient: Dr. Michael Malone
      - Served as Medical Director of Senior Services and Director of Home Care for Advocate Health-Midwest where he primarily served older adults living in inner-city Milwaukee.
      - Resident geriatrician of the Geriatric Emergency Department Collaborative Core Faculty member educating and advocating for the acute care of older adults in the ED.
      - With Tess Hogan, he started the Journal of Geriatric Emergency Medicine.
    - GEMS Warrior Award Recipient: Anthony E. Rosen, MD, MPH
      - Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine
      - Associate Director of Research
      - Program Director of the Vulnerable Elder Protection Team
      - Led the design of the elder abuse training modules, protocols, and resources.
    - Golden Heart Award Recipient: SCOUTS (Supporting Community Outpatient, Urgent care & Telehealth Services) Chris Ritter; Dra Copeland; Travis Brown; Mike Long; Alain Calimlim; Lakeesha Puryear; Program Director, Carmen Waite
      - SCOUTS is a clinical group who has gone above and beyond by demonstrating a specific, extraordinary, act of kindness towards emergency department older patients.
    - Distinguished Trainee Award Recipient: Michelle Suh, MD
      - Med Education Fellow at Univ of Chicago
      - Fellow representative of GEMs section

- Dedicated in researching health disparities in geriatric emergency medicine.
- Advancing Health Equity Achievement Award Recipient: Anita Chary, MD, PhD
  - Baylor College of Medicine
  - Her research has advanced our understanding of how system inequities and social determinants of health impact older adults in the ED.
  - Advocate for implementation of inclusive policies and practices in the ED
- Engaging Membership; Feedback from Section
  - *Luna Ragsdale, MD, FACEP*
  - *Dr. Jonathan Fisher:* Closing remarks regarding trauma in the ED.

**Join us for the ACEP24 Section Hall Crawl immediately after the section meeting:  
6:00 – 8:00PM, MBCC, Level 2, Mandalay Bay Foyer**

	GEMS Monthly Business Calendar
Month	Focus
Sept 29	GEM Section meeting Sunday, September 29 @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30PM
Sept 29	<b>ACEP24 Section Hall Crawl! 6:00 – 8:00PM, MBCC, Level 2, Mandalay Bay Foyer</b>
Oct 20	Deadline CME Course Proposal for ACEP25.
Oct 21	ACEP24 debrief
Nov 18 	EUSEM Webinar: Boarding / Harms of ED Crowding
Dec 16	TBD
Jan 27	TBD
Feb 24 	EUSEM Webinar: GEDA Criteria