



ACEP19 GEMS Minutes

Sunday, October 27, 2019 2:00-4:00
Hyatt Regency | Centennial Ballroom H

Attendees:

- A. Introductions – Dr. Biese opened with a welcome to the members as well as a highlighted review of many of the accomplishments of the section over the past year.
 - a. All attendees introduced themselves. We had an outstanding turnout with a diverse group of physicians, nurses, clinicians, researchers, EM providers, geriatricians from all over the country including a number of international attendees

- B. Detailed updates- Drs. Southerland spoke in more detail about some of the annual accomplishments of the section which include: completion of two grand projects, blog posts, newsletter highlights and reminded the group of the monthly phone meeting.
 - a. A call to the 144 section members: please share with the group your interests, personal and health system accomplishments and goals so as to continue to expand upon our networking group
 - b. Dr. Kennedy reviewed plans for the section to submit requests to the educational committee for ACEP20 for expanded geriatric didactics and additional CME options at next year’s Scientific Assembly in Dallas

- C. Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation (GEDA) updates- Dr. Biese reviewed efforts from the GEDA program. As of the meeting, 105 EDs have received accreditation.
 - a. For more information on how your Department can become GED accredited, please visit: <https://www.acep.org/geda/>

- D. Panel-Moderated by Dr. Kennedy with panel speakers Dr. Argention (Yale Bridgeport), Dr. Shenvi (University of North Carolina), Dr. Southerland (The Ohio State University), Dr. Huded (Cleveland Veterans Affairs Medical Center) and Dr. Patel (Sturdy Memorial Hospital)
 - a. The panel discussed in detail how they provide specific and focused care to older adults in their emergency departments. There was special emphasis on the process of becoming an accredited GED with insight into the preparation, application process, engagement of physician, nursing and support staff as well as specific comments on results and outcomes to date.

- E. Strategic planning session-Dr. Southerland asked a number of questions of the group with respect to what the goals and focus of the GEMS section should be in the upcoming year. Questions and their results below were:
- i. *How would you define your work?*
 1. Most GEMS members identified as primarily being a clinician (36%) while many (28%) said they generally focus on research. This will be considered as the GEMS leadership considers activities for the next ACEP as well as agenda of monthly meetings.
 - ii. *We have monthly GEMS board calls that are open to all, but typically discuss administrative topics of being an ACEP section. Should we split these monthly administrative call and a quarterly education/conference session?*
 1. Overwhelmingly, the answer to this was yes (81%).
 - iii. *Improving educational opportunities in GeriEM is a focus for the next two years, including a specific track at ACEP and pre-conference workshop for advanced topics in GeriED folks. What is the best way to get the word out?*
 1. Most members who answered this question (40%) supported open access publication of operational Geri ED manuscripts so that all interested parties (including those not in academics) can get the latest information. A third of those who responded asked for more interesting case studies and teaching points for the section newsletter. About 20% thought that hospitals or GeriED teams with specific clinical innovations should receive recognition with special awards by the section.
 - a. Other comments from the group during discussion include the integration of EMRA with the section to help identify educational resources for students as well as the maintenance for a speakers list with specific topics and experts in the field so that member hospitals can identify potential presenters at grand rounds/retreats/workshops.
 - iv. *What would be your preferred way for GEMS to help the Geriatric ED Accreditation mission?*
 1. The availability of a training manual and example protocols to help in the design of a hospital ED looking to achieve accreditation was popular (41%) with members as was preparing an open letter (26%) to hospital administrators describing current benefits for GeriEDs (like metrics and ROI). The development of a rapid consulting team that could come to one's hospital and offer recommendations on GeriED models of care (22%) was also popular.
 - a. Dr. Patel expressed an interest in helping to create such a training manual

v. *Would you be interested in joining any GEMS subcommittees or running for any of the following positions?*

1. There was fairly equal interest in joining or starting the interdisciplinary outreach, education/didactic as well as the awards and nominations committee among members

F. We ended with a brief networking session among attendees.

Next call is Monday November 18 @ 11 CST.

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