GEMS Minutes
Monday, August 17, 2020

Call participants: Kevin Biese, MD, FACEP; Danya Khoujah, MBBS; Nicole Tidwell, Phil Magidson, MD; Lauren Southerland, MD, FACEP; Chris Carpenter MD, FACEP; Shan Liu MD, FACEP, Luna Ragsdale, MD, FACEP

ACEP20 Events:

Virtual Geriatric Pre-Conference: “Excellence in Geriatric Emergency Care: Core Competencies and Administrative Know-How”

- October 25th @ 11:30 EST (4-hour session)
  - This is the only pre-conference activity during this time slot but does require ACEP20 registration
- Pre-conference to focus on GED accreditation with both clinical and administrative breakout sessions/tracks

GEMS Section Meeting:

- October 27 @12:30 CST/ 1:30 EST.
- There were significant conversations about the structure of the agenda including:
  - Introduction and ice breaker ideas.
    - Part of this could depend on the size of the meeting and how many people join
    - Will consider doing breakout sessions to small groups vs. zoom polls
    - Ideas about zoom polls included a mixture of practice settings, locations, as well as some whimsical polls as well.
    - If you have ideas for Zoom Poll questions, please send to Lauren Southerland or Nicole Tidwell
  - Plan for a panel discussion, perhaps a number of panelists from different practice settings (will look to our accredited level 2 and 3 GEDs) on specific COVID-19 topics including:
    - Clinical presentation of COVID
    - Administrative policies such as victor policies
    - Improved coordination with SNFs
    - Goals of care conversations in the ED
    - If you have other topic suggestions, please email Lauren or Nicole
  - Discussion or review of other projects in the works through GEMS or GEMS members
    - Including fellowship journal club
    - ACEP21 education submission ideas
    - Involvement with development of training modules for section grant
    - Update of GED guidelines
o GEMS elections
  • As a reminder, nominations for three positions are open including: chair-elect, alternative councillor and secretary
  • Election announcements to take place at ACEP20
  • Phil Magidson will review our section proposal for a resident/fellow board member as amendments to our by-laws needs to be voted on by the Section membership and the approved by the ACEP board

Announcements:
  • Shan Liu and Maura Kennedy are organizing a geriatric EM fellow’s journal club to be quarterly. ANYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN. Please keep a watch out for more information on this.
  • We have a section grant and are working collaborative with the palliative care section on developing topics relevant to pre-hospital providers for specific education modules. If interested in helping to develop this, please reach out to Lauren Southerland.