



American College of Emergency Physicians

**Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section Conference Call Minutes  
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**1. ACEP 19**

- a. The deadline for research abstract submission is May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- b. Maura Kennedy has encouraged the section to reach out to ACEP 19 planners to ensure some highlight/search option for geriatric lectures and material. Nicole Tidwell will look into this.

**2. JPS, in Fort Worth, TX is looking for a geriatric expert/speaker to talk about geriatric care in the ED**

- a. Timeframe is July/August
- b. Dan Keyes had expressed interest in doing this talk
- c. Please refer to email sent to group by Nicole for specific details

**3. Geriatric Twitter Pearls Project**

- a. Dr. Southerland plans to set up a follow up meeting for those interested

**4. ACEP Award Nominees Submitted**

- a. Manish Shah (Award for Outstanding Contribution in EMS)
- b. Don Melady (Award for Outstanding Contribution in Education)
- c. Mark Rosenberg (John G. Wiegenstein Leadership Award)
- d. Lowell Gerson (Honorary Membership Award)
  - i. Winners to be notified the first week of May.
- e. Chris Carpenter proposed an awards subcommittee to help with nominations of GEMS members for ACEP awards in coming years
  - i. Dr. Carpenter reviewed the nominations process in detail
  - ii. Look for an email about awards subcommittee members

**5. Blog Author Requests**

<https://www.emergencycareforyou.org> Doc Blog (500 words) that touches on geriatric care. This blog could include a personal story about your experience caring for seniors.

- a. Lauren Southerland: Patient Friendly Health Safety Tips for Seniors; January
- b. Nicole Fiallos: Delirium; February
- c. Looking for volunteers for monthly or possibly quarterly?
  - i. Phil Magidson will plan to put something together for April, possibly on UTI
  - ii. Nicole Tidwell to clarify the specific audience for this blog although it seems to be primarily focused toward patients and families

**6. GEMS Grants**

- A) Podcast grant, fulfilled <https://soundcloud.com/acep-frontline/acep-frontline-geda-3-final>
  - *How does your institution become a GED?* (new just released on Feb 4)
  - *Why Geriatrics and Emergency Medicine?*
  - *Why GEDA? Why ACEP, and why is a geriatric ED important?*
- B) iScreenSeniors update by Nicole Fiallos
  - Fine tuning the details of her app

## **7. Upcoming Newsletters**

- a. The winter GEMS newsletter delivered February 13, 2019. Dr. Evan Chong was the fellow feature piece and Dr. Melady submitted the International Minimum Standards for Care of Older People Statement from IFEM.
- b. The section will need to produce two more newsletters this calendar year.
- c. Next newsletter content will be due to Phil Magidson by May 15<sup>th</sup> so that it may be compiled, sent to Nicole for final editing and publication in early, mid June.
  - i. Content considerations for this newsletter include:
    1. Highlight of upcoming talks at ACEP 19 that are geriatric specific
    2. Information on geriatric emergency department accreditation
    3. Possibly brief stories or quotes from EDs who have been accredited
    4. Highlighting geriatric EM fellowships
      - a. Nicole Tidwell to reach out to the first round of applicants
    5. Information on ROI of geriatric emergency departments
      - a. Nicole Tidwell to touch base with Simon Edginton about ROI that is being done/has been done by USACS
- d. Those with newsletter ideas, please reach out to Phil Magidson at pmagidson@jhmi.edu.

## **8. VA Accreditation**

- a. Kevin Biese reviewed that the VA system group continues to express interest in GED accreditation.
- b. Continued work between West Health, ACEP, and the GEDC to host bootcamps and support accreditation for the VAs across the nation is ongoing

## **9. SAEM and AAEM**

- a. Discussion about continued collaboration with other professional society interest groups
  - i. Good membership overlap between most groups
  - ii. There was encouragement to continue to share information between groups, recognizing that each group (ACEP, SAEM and AAEM) has their own, specific area of focus

## **10. GEDA update**

- a. Total accredited sites: 43
  - i. Nicole mentioned that there will likely up to 50 by the end of March
  - ii. There is continued interest from many hospitals and health care systems