



American College of Emergency Physicians

**Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section Conference Call Minutes
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- I. Call to order-Dr. Kevin Biese
- II. Introductions-All participants
 - a. New GEMS chairs elected last month at ACEP annual meeting
 - i. Kevin Biese, current chair
 - ii. Lauren Southerland, chair elect
 - iii. Phil Magidson, secretary
 - iv. Maura Kennedy, councilor
 - v. Shan Liu, alternate councilor
- III. General call to action from Dr. Biese- There is increasing awareness in EM and the ACEP community regarding GEM, part of the section's mission is to further highlight this and keep the momentum going in the coming year(s). Continue brainstorming!
- IV. Congratulations to Dr. Justine Nagurney on winning the GEM section abstract award
- V. Latest newsletter was sent last week. Please check it out on the website. Thanks to Drs. Liu and Carpenter as well as Nicole Tidwell for contributing!
 - a. The next due date, January 31st, 2019. Dr. Magidson will repost/resend the call for submissions for this newsletter.
 - b. As a reminder, communications to the GEMS group should be sent to acep_geriatricemergencymedicinesection@ConnectedCommunity.org. This will not only send emails to the group but will post on the engagED portal.
- VI. 2018 GEMS section grant, Dr. Fiallos. Currently designing an app to screen for fall risk and elder abuse in the ED. Given our time constraints in the ED, screening in older adults in the ED can be challenging. Currently set up as a power point but Dr. Fiallos is working with a designer to a fully functional electronic application. The patients themselves will actually be completing this and returning to the nurse to evaluate and communicate findings to their provider.

- i. Dr. Fiallos will send out the PowerPoint presentation out to the listserv for everyone to review
 - ii. Dr. Fiallos will continue to investigate to see if the development of a similar app exists. Dr. Carpenter has provided some resources to review other similar projects.

- VII. 2017 GEMS section grant: Two of the three podcasts, “The Time is Now” are completed with one still pending. This will be recorded with Dr. Mike Malone and Dr. Ula Hwang in the early part of 2019 to complete the third and final podcast of this series as outlined in the grant application.

- VIII. Policy Statement Review: The GED guidelines policy statement has come up for review. No major changes have been recommended at this time although we will likely need to update “soon” however, no specific timeline has been established.
 - i. Dr. Carpenter reviewed, for the group, how ACEP Clinical Policies, in general, are made and updated.
 - ii. Further discussion and updates to these guidelines should perhaps be discussed more in the annual meeting setting

- IX. Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation (GEDA) Updates
 - a. There will be a total of 23 applications the Board of Governors will be voting on at their meeting
 - i. Level 1: 5 in total; Level 2: 2 in total; Level 3: 16 in total
 - b. Reaccreditation every 3 years is required for accredited Departments to allow for the standards of accreditation to evolve as the science of geriatric emergency medicine changes.

- X. Next meeting: December 17th, 12 EST.