

American College of Emergency Physicians

**Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section
Conference Call
MINUTES**

February 8, 2017

Participants

Members participating for all or part of the call included: Ula Hwang, MD, FACEP, Chair; Christopher R. Carpenter, MD, FACEP, Alternate Councillor; Carrie Cregar, MD, FACEP, Secretary/Newsletter Editor.

Others participating in all or part of the meeting included: Maramé Gattan, MD; Julie Rispoli, Project Manager; and Sandy Schneider, MD, FACEP, ACEP Staff Liaison.

Agenda

Attendance
GEMS membership needs assessment survey
ACEP Geriatric ED Accreditation
ACEP Section Grant proposal
Social Media/Microsite
Summa Health Statement from GEMS

Major Points Discussed

Dr. Hwang welcomed everyone to the call. In addition to section officers, we had one GEMS member join the call, Maramé Gattan, MD who practices in the Durham VA Hospital.

The group discussed progress on the projects identified during the last conference call.

GEMS Needs Assessment Survey – The group discussed the demo survey that was sent. All agreed that it was ready to send out. It will be sent to the GEMS members today and the link will be active for 4-6 weeks. At two weeks and four weeks, a reminder will be sent to non-responders. Preliminary results will be pulled for the March 8 conference call and final results will be pulled at six weeks.

Geriatric ED Accreditation (GEDA) Program - The group is in the process of drafting an announcement piece for *ACEP Now*. It was discussed about including a timeline in the article and Dr. Schneider suggested saying that the program would be ready in a year to 18 months. Dr. Schneider outlined the next steps for the GEDA. A Board of Governors (BOG) with roughly ten members needs to be appointed. This list will have to be ratified by the ACEP President, Dr. Rebecca Parker and the rest of the ACEP Board. This group will have to then review the sample operational guidelines and governance document that is circulating with GEMS leadership. This reviewed version would then be presented to the ACEP Board at their next meeting (occurs quarterly, so the timeline is March 15 for the April Board meeting and May 15 for the June Board meeting). After this, an application packet (paper or online?) would need to be created. The online option may not be an option since the ACEP website is being revamped. After this is done, site reviewers will need to be selected and a subgroup of members of the BOG would need to be identified to work on marketing materials for the GEDA program. Dr. Schneider also suggested adding an ad hoc or ex officio member to the BOG from the ACEP Clinical Ultrasound Accreditation Program (CUAP) for the first two years. Dr. Schneider will send an email on behalf of the GEMS leadership to those involved on the GEDA workgroup asking about their interest and commitment to serve on the BOG, with an emphasis that over the next year, it will require a significant commitment (e.g., bi-weekly calls). There will be opportunities for GEMS members to participate as site reviewers.

Section Grant Letter of Intent – A Letter of Intent was submitted for “Educational webinars on the ACEP Geriatric ED Accreditation (GEDA) program.” All the GEMS leadership were enthusiastic and supportive of the project proposal. There was concern about effort and experience by faculty and as such, no project coordinator was identified as everyone was cautious about how much they could contribute - time by faculty on these projects cannot be covered by the section grant (section grant rules). The outcome of the grant, live webinar (people call in to watch a presentation and can ask questions) vs. video vs. podcast was discussed. Dr. Cregar and Carpenter wondered if there would be a market for this and who would initially sign up or pay to watch such a webinar /video. It may be a limited audience only of those who are interested in accreditation, or only if not too expensive. The proposal currently does not have a project coordinator as a 4 part video series and then one as the section grant might not provide enough grant money to complete the project. Dr. Hwang asked if a section grant project could be co-funded by another organization, company, or project in existence at ACEP focused on geriatric emergency care, like the Geriatric ED Collaborative. Dr. Schneider will ask Maude, the Section Affairs Manager, if it is possible to have a joint section/company grant.

Microsite –GEMS Facebook page - Dr. Carpenter updated that we have approval from Dr. Rick Bukata to post Emergency Medical Abstracts to the GEMS Microsite. Dr. Schneider reported that we are waiting on the ACEP legal department to give the go-ahead. The plan is to post a new clip every 1-2 months. The issue of the Microsite being closed to non-members was discussed. Dr. Schneider reminded the group that the reason it’s closed is to provide an additional value to being a section member, although other sections do open up their microsites. The group is considering opening up the microsite for 6 months so that links back and forth to Facebook, where EM Abstracts can be posted) can be established. Dr. Hwang asked if the Microsite could be used to make announcements about other Geriatric EM conferences. This is not allowed by ACEP. Resources provided by ACEP cannot promote meetings, advertisements, or publications from other organization that compete with ACEP. In the past our newsletters have provided a list of other meetings. This would be the case if things offered by other conferences were different enough.

Section Newsletter – There is a goal to send out a newsletter in April. Ms. Rispoli suggested the following content:

- Link to the ACEPNow article announcing the Geriatric ED Accreditation Program
- List of Geriatric related meetings (not in competition with ACEP CME offerings)
- An update from each group leader on their projects
- The status of the section grant LOI
- Announcing the Facebook page
- Preliminary ACEP17 GEMS meeting date/time
- Ask medical students if they might be interested in writing or submitting something (Dr. Hwang will ask medical students)
- Interesting case – perhaps have a follow up answer in the next issue or even posted on the Facebook page

Drs. Hwang and Cregar will send a call for articles to the Section list.

Summa Health –The Section drafted a letter in January and it was presented to ACEP President, Dr. Rebecca Parker for review. She indicated that there would be no more official ACEP letters on this issue. Dr. Schneider reported that the ACGME went to Summa Health to review the residency program and that we are awaiting their report. During the call, Dr. Carpenter sent links to recent articles on the Summa issue. One from *ACEPNow*: <http://www.acepnow.com/article/summa-transition-directly-principals/> and one from *Emergency Physicians’ Monthly*: <http://epmonthly.com/article/deal-breakers-summa-story/> This issue will be tabled until the next call on March 8.

Tentatively, the Geriatric EM Section meeting will be Sunday, October 29 from 2-3:30 pm.

Everyone was reminded that the monthly GEMS calls will recur on the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm ET/1:00 pm CT.

The call information is below:

March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14

2:00 Eastern; 1:00 Central; 12:00 Mountain; 11:00 Pacific

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The call was adjourned.