American College of Emergency Physicians

Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section
Conference Call
MINUTES

May 10, 2017

Participants
Members participating for all or part of the call included: Ula Hwang, MD, FACEP, Chair; Kevin Biese, MD, FACEP, Chair Elect; Christopher Carpenter MD FACEP, Alternate Councillor; Marianna Karounos DO, MS, FACEP, Immediate Past Chair; Maura Kennedy, MD; and Gerald Maloney, DO, FACEP.

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

Agenda

Attendance
GEMS Microsite and social media
  - membership access to EM Abstracts geriatric content
GEMS needs assessment survey
GEM Section Grant - full application preparation
Newsletter
Geriatric ED Accreditation Program
  - formally approved by ACEP BOD
  - Next steps for Board of Governors
Open forum

Major Points Discussed

Dr. Hwang welcomed everyone to the call. In addition to section officers, we had 2 GEMS members join the call, Maura Kennedy of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Gerald Maloney of the Cleveland VA.

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

Microsite – The GEMS Facebook page was created: https://www.facebook.com/ACEPGeriatricSection/ Ms. Rispoli will contact Communications to see how many people have accessed the Emergency Medical Abstracts pages of the GEMS Microsite. We will ask Communications to promote again via EM Today and the ACEP Facebook site.

GEMS Needs Assessment Survey – 36 of 136 section members (26%) took the survey. Staff will resend the results to GEMS Leaders.

Section Grant Letter of Intent – A Letter of Intent was submitted for “Educational webinars on the ACEP Geriatric ED Accreditation (GEDA) program.” The Grant will feature 3 podcasts regarding Geriatric EM: The Time is Now; 1) What is done today? 2) Overview of the Geriatric Accreditation Program; 3) How can my ED become more geriatric focused?

The grant was selected for submission of a full application. Dr. Schneider needs the full application ASAP in order to turn it in to Section staff by the May 17 deadline. If the grant is funded, the leaders will be notified on June 30, 2017. Grant term would be 6/30/17 to 12/31/18.
Dr. Schneider mentioned the possible sponsor for the GEMS meeting at ACEP17. Hospi Corporation markets a rectal catheter called the Macy Catheter, which can be used for administering fluids or medications. In exchange for their support, the section would agree to give them 10-15 minutes of time on the agenda. The group felt that the sponsor talk should relate to geriatrics. The group wondered if we could pay a speaker out of the money received from a sponsor. Staff will find out. Dr. Schneider asked that if anyone has any contacts with a suitable sponsor, to please forward that to her. Dr. Schneider will suggest to Peggy Brock that Hospi Corporation sponsor the Palliative Section meeting.

Section Newsletter – Dr. Hwang noted that she would be checking with Dr. Cregar about getting a newsletter out. Proposed support to Newsletter editor that each of the GEMS leaders write a brief paragraph (<100 words) about a geriatric EM related topic. Dr. Carpenter offered to write brief summary of the EM abstract that is posted. The Section newsletter was added to the agenda for the next GEMS Leaders call in June. Dr. Maloney offered to write an article regarding the US Department of Veterans Affairs interest in creating geriatric EDs.

Geriatric ED Accreditation (GEDA) Program – Dr. Schneider reported that the ACEP Board approved the governance charter and the initial Board of Governors. The GEDA will meet at ACEP17.

The following was added to the agenda for the June call:
1. Solidify content for newsletter
2. Discuss the results of the Needs Assessment Survey
3. Plan the 1.5 hour meeting at ACEP17

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 next call is: Wednesday, June 14:
2:00 Eastern; 1:00 Central; 12:00 Mountain; 11:00 Pacific
866.951.1151
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The call was adjourned.

Post call updates

Regarding how many people have accessed the Emergency Medical Abstracts on the GEMS microsite, Communications reports that that between Mar 24 and May 10, 11 people accessed the page.

Regarding the Palliative Section, they have a sponsor – Vitas Healthcare.

Regarding Section sponsorship money, it can be used for:
- Travel for a speaker
- Reception during annual meeting
- Lunch for meeting attendees
- Honorarium for a speaker