

**Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section
Conference Call
MINUTES**

June 14, 2017

Participants

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

Others participating in all or part of the meeting included: Julie Rispoli, Project Manager

Agenda

Attendance
Council Resolution
GEMS Microsite
GEMS needs assessment survey
Newsletter
Section Grant
Geriatric ED Accreditation Program
Plan the 1.5 hour section meeting for *ACEP17*
Open forum

Major Points Discussed

Dr. Hwang welcomed everyone to the call. In addition to section officers, we had one GEMS member join the call, Kathleen Walsh, DO of the University of Wisconsin.

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

Council Resolution – It was reported that the section was approached about co-sponsoring a resolution with EMRA regarding drug pricing. Dr. Hwang will send the draft and a message to the section noting that the section intends to cosponsor and ask if anyone has any concerns. Ms. Rispoli reported that Council Resolutions are due by COB, July 30. If GEMS does support the CR, Dr. Hwang will have to submit a letter of endorsement.

Microsite –It was reported that Dr. Rick Bukata sold EM Abstracts to EMRAP effective October 2017 so we will no longer be able to post EM Abstracts to the section microsite at that time. The May EM Abstract was posted today. Ideas were discussed about other things to feature on the microsite to get more people to log on (since end of March about 11 visits to the site). Dr. Carpenter suggested featuring one of our members on a rotating basis. Other ideas for microsite include creating subcommittees for microsite, social media (twitter, facebook).

GEMS Needs Assessment Survey – 36 of 136 section members (26%) took the survey. A brief summary of the results will be sent to the section and included in the newsletter. Ms. Rispoli will share a list of the GEMS members with Dr. Hwang who will divide them up among the section leaders for each of them to reach out to members to find out what they would like to see from the section. The hope is personal emails and solicitations of feedback about GEMS activities and engagement may be more effective with section outreach.

Section Newsletter – Dr. Cregar will draft an outline and submit to Dr. Hwang. Thom Ringer submitted an article to Dr. Hwang for inclusion. Plan to report on: Needs Assessment Survey; GEDAP, Microsite changes; Section Grant. Goal for GEMS newsletter to come out this summer.

Section Grant – The section was asked to submit a full proposal 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? Notification of the award will happen on June 30 after the June ACEP Board meeting.

Geriatric ED Accreditation (GEDA) Program – It was discussed that the GEDAP would have a closed Board meeting at *ACEP17*. Dr. Hwang reported that they are currently planning levels of EDs and will try to launch by January 2018. Ms. Rispoli mentioned that there are tentative plans to have an accreditation booth in the ACEP member resource center where a staff person will be present to answer questions about the GEDAP and the Clinical Ultrasound Accreditation Program. Perhaps members of these Boards of Governors would be present to answer questions.

GEMS Meeting at ACEP17 – It was reported that the section meeting will be Sunday, October 29 from 2-3:30 pm. The agenda for the meeting was discussed and is as follows:

- Introductions / networking (15 min)
- Volunteer for workgroups: ie, Microsite, Social Media, etc. (15 min)
- Update on the GEDAP (30 min)
- Macy Catheter presentation (requested a geriatric specific presentation) 10-15 min

This call is the last scheduled monthly call so Dr. Hwang will reach out to the other officers to confirm their availability to continue calls on the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm ET/1:00 pm CT.

The next calls are: Wednesdays, July 12, August 9, and September 13:

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

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The call was adjourned.