Participants

Members participating for all or part of the call included: Ula Hwang, MD, FACEP, Chair; Marianna Karounos, DO, Immediate Past Chair; Christopher R. Carpenter, MD, FACEP, Alternate Councillor; Carrie Cregar, MD, FACEP, Secretary/Newsletter Editor; and Tess Hogan, MD, FACEP, Councillor.

Others participating in all or part of the meeting included: Julie Rispoli, Project Manager; and Julie Wassom, ACEP Staff.

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions
Ideas for New Projects
Reminder for Next Calls

Major Points Discussed

Dr. Hwang welcomed everyone to the call and asked everyone to introduce themselves. She mentioned that she wanted to try to increase involvement in the section so starting in December, the monthly calls are open to the entire Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section membership.

The group discussed ideas for new projects. The following workgroups were established:

Social Media – The group discussed how often people are on Facebook so it was decided that a great way to connect with people would be on Facebook. Ms. Rispoli will ask about creating an official ACEP GEMS Facebook page. Dr. Karounos will lead this and volunteers will be sought.

Didactic – Members discussed an interest in increasing visibility of the GEMS section by submitting two lectures for a future Scientific Assembly. Course Proposals for ACEP18 must be submitted by November 1, 2017. The requirements and Course Proposal form is here: https://www.acep.org/meetings-events/CourseProposal/. Dr. Cregar and Hwang will lead this and volunteers will be sought.

Microsite – Members discussed the need for a repository of educational materials on geriatrics. A group will be created to review the GEMS Microsite and the general information on geriatrics contained on the main ACEP site that can include links from other programs and organizations. Items to be added will be links to podcasts, FOAMed, and anything identified as a need based on the Section needs assessment survey (see below). Dr. Carpenter and Hogan will lead content review, with website administrative support from ACEP. Additional volunteers will be sought.

GEMS Needs Assessment Survey – GEMS leaders will develop a short needs assessment survey to see what section members would like to see. It is hoped that this survey can go out in December. Dr. Hwang will begin initial draft and send to GEMS leadership for edits. Finalized survey will be sent to GEMS members and their emails via ACEP receptionist who has capability of tracking survey completion and sending members reminders, and later downloading the responses as an Excel file.
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**Council** – Dr. Hwang mentioned that she would like to see the section develop a Council Resolution or two on geriatrics for *ACEP17*. Dr. Carpenter mentioned a previous Geriatric Council Resolution CR 38(14) Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation. (attached) was unsuccessfully submitted to ACEP 2014 Council. This resolution called for ACEP to develop a Geriatric Accreditation process. There was strong testimony during reference committee opposing creation of an accrediting process.

[Historical info subsequent to call provided by ACEP: CR 38(14) was adopted as amended by Council although the amendment took away the intent which was for ACEP to begin accreditation of Geriatric EDs. The Board of Directors referred the resolution to the Emergency Medicine Practice Committee to provide a recommendation to the ACEP Board regarding further action. In April 2015, the Board approved the EMPC recommendation to collaborate with regulatory agencies if they pursue development of accreditation requirements for Geriatric EDs. The EMPC was then asked to develop a policy statement on geriatric quality initiatives. In April 2016, the ACEP Board approved the policy statement, “Quality Improvement Initiatives for the Care of Geriatric Patients in the Emergency Department.”]

**Guidance** on writing Council Resolutions is on the ACEP Website and the deadline for *ACEP17* will be in mid July 2017. Our Councillor, Dr. Hogan and Dr. Hwang will lead this effort but we are seeking volunteers.

**Quality Metrics** – Dr. Hwang reported that she and other members of GEMS section were asked by members of ACEPs Quality and Patient Safety Committee to help with a geriatrics quality measure on falls. She reported that the QPSC is working with CEDR to process a geriatric falls related metric. For future requests for geriatric metrics, she thought it would be good to vet these with a larger group when the opportunities come about.

The **Section newsletter** was discussed. Dr. Cregar is seeking ideas to get more people involved and interested in submitting articles for the GEMS newsletter. She will initially pursue interest from EM residents at Ohio programs. It was suggested that the leaders of the six workgroups will be asked to give brief updates that would be included in the newsletter. Dr. Cregar hopes to publish 2-3 newsletters this section year.

Everyone was reminded that the 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:
December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14
2:00 Eastern; 1:00 Central; 12:00 Mountain; 11:00 Pacific
866.951.1151
Conf Rm # 238 255 663

The call was adjourned.
Sample Resolution

RESOLUTION: 38 (14)

SUBMITTED BY: Mark Rosenberg, DO, FACEP
Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section

SUBJECT: Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation

WHEREAS, A multi-organizational task force led by ACEP evaluated evidence-based studies and consensus to develop the ACEP policy statement, “Geriatric Emergency Department Guidelines”; and

WHEREAS, The guidelines were jointly approved by the ACEP Board of Directors, the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), the American Geriatrics Society (AGS), and the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM); and

WHEREAS, The guidelines were published in not less than four peer-reviewed journals; and

WHEREAS, The ACEP “Geriatric Emergency Department Guidelines” are now recognized as the premier guidelines for geriatric emergency departments; and

WHEREAS, No other organization is better suited to study and evaluate hospital emergency departments and assess guideline compliance; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That ACEP study the feasibility of developing an accreditation process for geriatric emergency departments, including the potential of partnering with other deeming agencies.