American College of Emergency Physicians

Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section Meeting

MINUTES

October 16, 2016
Las Vegas, NV

Participants

Members participating for all or part of the meeting included: Marianna Karounos, DO, Chair and Councillor; Ula Hwang, MD, FACEP, Chair Elect; Christopher R. Carpenter, MD, FACEP, Immediate Past Chair/Alternate Councillor; Carrie Cregar, MD, FACEP, Co-Secretary/Newsletter Editor; Joseph H. Kahn, MD, FACEP, Co-Secretary/Newsletter Editor; Jeff Caterino, MD, FACEP; Luis Eljaiek, Jr, MD, FACEP; Hugh Hill, MD, JD, FACEP; Dave Larson, MD, FACEP; Shan Liu, MD, FACEP; Phil Magidson, MD; Helmut Meisl, MD, FACEP; and Justine Nagurney, MD.

Others participating in all or part of the meeting included: Amy Novak, Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals; Lynn Bichjian, MD, Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals; Alexis M. LaPietra, DO; Gallane Abraham, MD; Zia Agha, MD; Misti Benson; Maria Charissa Capati, MD; Dave John, MD, FACEP; Kelly Ko, MD; Tony Rosen, MD; Mark S. Rosenberg, DO, MBA, FACEP, Board Liaison; Sandra M. Schneider, MD, FACEP, ACEP Staff Liaison; and Julie Rispoli, Project Manager.

Agenda

Welcome and Updates
Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals Presentation – Dosing and Administration Overview
Multimodal Analgesia
Elections
Updates, Councilor Report, Board Liaison report
Geriatric Accreditation
Transition to New Chair

Major Points Discussed

A sign in sheet was passed around and everyone introduced themselves. Dr. Karounos announced a call for nominations for Chair-elect, Secretary/Newsletter Editor, Councilor, and Alternate Councilor. She asked that everyone be thinking about these nominations for the election to be held later in the meeting.

Lynn Bichjian, MD, of Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals gave a presentation, Dosing and Administration Overview OFIRMEV® (acetaminophen) Injection 1000 mg/100 mL (10 mg/mL). It was noted that use of IV acetaminophen may reduce the use of opioids. There was discussion of fall risk in the elderly which may in some cases be aggravated by opioid use. The speaker promoted using multimodal analgesia to reduce or eliminate the need for opioids. She suggested starting with a non-opioid base and then layer on opioids as needed for analgesia. There has been much discussion about the price of IV acetaminophen.

Dr. Bichjian showed data that suggested that use of IV acetaminophen decreased the cost of hospitalization. This was followed by a brief Q&A session.

Alexis M. LaPietra, DO, Chair of the newly formed ACEP Pain Management Section gave a presentation on Multimodal Analgesia. She also endorsed the use of multimodal analgesia and gave some specific examples from her ED. For example the initially treat renal colic with ketorolac, acetaminophen and IV lidocaine. For migraine, their protocol is ketorolac, metoclopramide and sumatriptan. Dexamethasone is often added. Some patients receive morphine and or haloperidol well. Their program uses haloperidol for
cyclic vomiting. They use ultrasound guided nerve blocks for joint fractures. She also discussed the Pain Management Fellowship at Weill Cornell and the initiative, ALTO – Alternative to Opioids.

The snacks for the sponsored break arrived and Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals was thanked for their support.

Dr. Karounos announced plans to create a Geriatric EM Section page on Facebook.

Dr. Rosenberg gave an update from the Council meeting and announced that ACEP is launching an Open Access Journal. He also announced that the ACEP Board has approved pursuit of development of a Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation Program.

Dr. Hwang discussed the development of geriatric specific quality measures for CEDR.

Elections were held. The following were elected by acclamation:

Chair Elect: Kevin Biese, MD, FACEP
Secretary/Newsletter Editor: Carrie Cregar, MD, FACEP
Councilor: Teresita M. Hogan, MD, FACEP
Alternate Councillor: Christopher R. Carpenter, MD, FACEP

Dr. Karounos was thanked and presented with a certificate for her time as Chair of the Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section.

Dr. Ula Hwang took over as Chair. She encouraged everyone to submit Council Resolutions of interest to the Geriatric Section. Her goal will be to engage the membership.

The meeting was adjourned.