Department Today

Why should my institution seek **GED** accreditation?

20 million seniors visit our nation's EDs.

With the number of older adults growing rapidly, there is a critical need for more geriatric-focused care.

Preparing for accreditation allows the hospital and ED to focus on the needs of this complex and growing population and to ensure that the resources available to the ED meet the needs of the patients they serve.

Early data from existing models of geriatric emergency care – models that promote best clinical practices and create a more positive and sensitive physical environment - show they have the potential to improve health outcomes, coordinate care more effectively, and reduce costs.

"Accreditation is just one step in the process of providing geriatric attuned healthcare in the Emergency Department. We continue to try out new clinical pathways or equipment to make our care better."

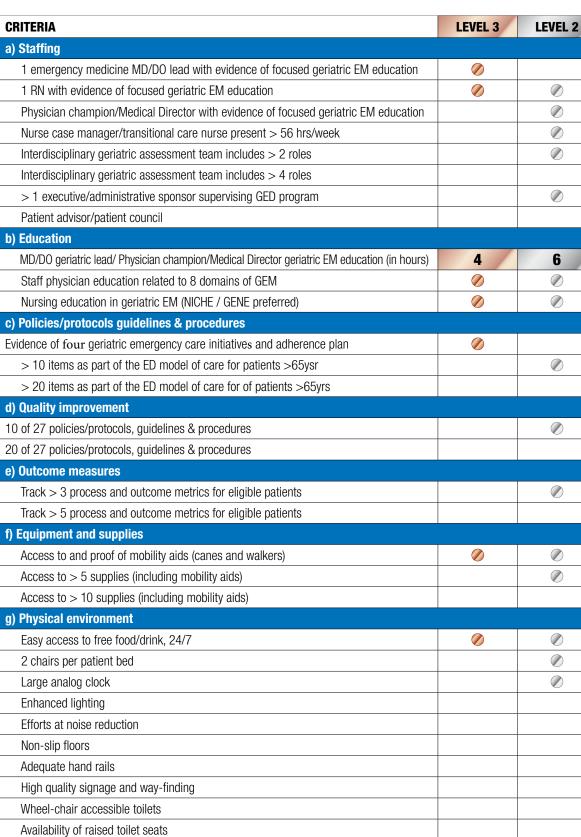
- Lauren T. Southerland, MD, FACEP The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, OH

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Criteria by accreditation level:







Developed by leaders in emergency medicine to ensure that our older patients receive well-coordinated, quality care at the appropriate level of every emergency department encounter.



Improve the Care Provided to Older Patients

by Becoming an Accredited Geriatric Emergency Department

American College of Emergency Physicians® ADVANCING EMERGENCY CARE

One size ED care does not fit all **ACEP.org/GEDA**

Become an Accredited Geriatric Emergency Department Today



3-year

The following criteria outline the minimum standards for accreditation of a geriatric ED in three levels. Levels 1 and 2 are designed to reflect an increasing commitment to senior-specific care in the ED. Each level has an accreditation term of three years.



Level 1



Level 2

Geriatric EDs promote best clinical practices for older adults and have the potential to improve health outcomes, coordinate care more effectively, and reduce cost of care.

Apply for ACEP's geriatric ED accreditation program and validate your hospital's commitment to:

- Providing a more positive and sensitive physical environment
- Adopting standardized approaches to geriatric care
- Ensuring optimal transitions of care from the ED to other settings such as inpatient, home, community-based care, rehabilitation or long-term care
- Supporting geriatric-focused guality improvement



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Level 3

An ED with one or more specific initiatives that are expected to elevate the level of senior care. Personnel to implement these efforts are identified and trained Metrics for the initiatives are followed

Developed with support from:







An ED with policies, guidelines, procedures, and staff (both within the ED and throughout the institution)

providing a coherent system of care targeting and measuring specific outcomes that form an overall elevation in ED operations and transitions of care both to and from the ED, all coordinated for the improved care of older adults.

An ED that has integrated and sustained senior care initiatives into daily operations and demonstrates

interdisciplinary cooperation for delivery of senior services. This level has an established supervisor coordinating the staff tasked with the daily performance of senior services.

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ACEP EMERGENCY MEDICINE PODCAST **ACEP** Frontline

with Ryan Stanton, MD, FACEP

○ Why Geriatrics and Emergency Medicine? Kevin Biese, MD, MAT, FACEP

Covers the broader needs of seniors in the ED and what is being done today.

○ Why GEDA?

Mark Rosenberg, DO, MBA, FACEP, FAAHPM | Sandy Schneider, MD, FACEP Describes the GEDA program, the journey, the patient benefit and stakeholder value, and the levels of participation.

○ How does your institution become a GED?

Michael L. Malone, MD | Kevin Biese, MD, MAT, FACEP | Ula Hwang, MD, FACEP Presents available resources on how your ED can become more geriatric-focused, and available resources for providers and EDs.

"Becoming an accredited Geriatric ED provided a focus for our ED and hospital to expand on, and improve the care we provide our elderly patients. It led to our hospital increasing needed resources like physical therapy and pharmacy into the ED specifically to improve safety and reduce harm for this special patient population."

- Brian B. Patel, MD, FACEP Sturdy Memorial Hospital, MA



Accreditation Fee:

\$15,000

Accreditation Fee:

\$7.500