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## Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section



### ACEP23 Annual Meeting Minutes October 11, 2023

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ACEP23 Recap lots of successes, learning, and laughing!

- Our section resolution entitled "[Support for Reimbursement of Geriatric ED Care Processes](#)" was adopted and sent to the ACEP board- Thank you to Dr. Phil Magidson and Dr. Angel Li for attending Council, and developing, submitting, and advocating for this important measure!
  - RESOLVED, That ACEP advocate for and support the development of policies that will allow for appropriate reimbursement for high value geriatric emergency department care processes that have been shown to improve both health system focused and patient centered outcomes.
  
- The section put on a 1.5 hour didactic entitled "[ROI in Geriatric Emergency Departments: It's More than Just Money.](#)" The talk was a combination of presentations and panel discussions and addressed:
  - ROI Hospital
  - ROI System
  - ROI Patient
  - Measuring Impact
    - There were also 7 live talks related to geriatric care, and one virtual course.
      - Sending Grandpa Home: Safe Discharge for Older Adults
      - Optimizing the Management of Agitation in Persons With Dementia
      - Brittle and Broken: Geriatric Trauma Pearls and Pitfalls
      - Elder Abuse in the ED
      - Practical Tips in Geriatric Pharmacology
      - What's New About Being Old: Latest Literature in Geriatric Emergency Medicine
      - Geriatric ED Accreditation: Is it for You?
      - Is delirium making you crazy? Caring for the delirious older patient (*virtual offering*)

- We carried on the boxing match tradition at the GEMS section. The Geriatric “Boxing Match” has three clinical topics presented and a “pro” and “con” presenter. The section votes on the winner via Mentimeter. This year’s content:

Clinical question	Pro presenter	Con presenter
1. Is ketamine the best medication for procedural sedation in a 72 year old man with a joint dislocation?	Pro ketamine Dr. Berrin	Anti ketamine Dr. Sit
2. Should you place a cervical collar on an older adult with a fall who has chronic neck pain and no new neurologic injuries?	Pro cervical collars Drs O’Neil and Lee	Anti cervical collars Dr. Suh
3. You have an 81 year old patient with acute delirium and no obvious cause on initial physical exam and laboratory evaluation. Should you get a head CT?	Pro head CT Dr. Hagerman	Anti head CT Dr. Hayes

- Dr. Rachel Skains presented on the work to develop our first geriatric quality measure with CEDR on minimizing prescribing of risky medications. <https://www.acep.org/cedr/measures/>
  - Quality Measure Lifecycle Management Subcommittee (Workgroup 1) of the ACEP Quality and Patient Safety Committee oversees the development of all ACEP CEDR quality measures.
  - Drs. Arjun Venkatesh and Michelle Lin are Co-Chairs.
  - All clinicians who receive Medicare payments are required by law to participate in MIPS or an APM.
  - CEDR is a paid service that EM groups participate in for the purposes of MIPS reporting.
  - Many academic groups report either as a multi-specialty group (another specialty ex primary care reports primary care measures which give credit to all other specialties in the group) or as an APM.
  - Thus, CEDR participants are predominantly independent EM groups from non-academic settings

- We welcomed our new [GEMS](#) fellow representative Dr. Michelle Suh (U. Chicago) and our new GEMS resident representative Dr. Thomas Hagerman (Henry Ford).
  
- Selected this year' [Sliver Birch Award winner](#) – Nicole Tidwell, Sr. Program Manager, ACEP.
  - Award criteria: Developed to honor someone whose work and advocacy has furthered the field of Geriatric Emergency Medicine, especially those who are unfunded/volunteers. Not restricted to physicians, this award can be given to anyone who the ACEP Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section board feels has significantly contributed to furthering geriatric emergency departments and the care of older adults. The Geriatric EM Section (GEMS) board accepts nominations from GEMS members and completes an internal vote on the winner. The Accolade and Certificate are given during the GEMS meeting at each ACEP Scientific Assembly Annual Meeting.
  
- We had updates from [GEDA](#) and the GED guidelines groups and discussed opportunities to collaboration.
  - GEDA- 467 sites accredited across 46 states with 10 international sites, 104 renewals (90% renewal rate,) 26 upgrades and 28 health systems.
  - GED guidelines: 6 Main groups
    - Delirium
    - Dementia
    - Frailty
    - Medication Safety
    - Falls
    - Palliative Care
  
- We discussed GEMS Activities over the past year and what's coming next year
  - Goal: increased presence and engagement
    - Monthly meetings
    - Webinars
    - Newsletters
    - Scientific Assembly
  - ACEP Didactics
    - Scientific Assembly
      - GEM representation on didactic committee
      - Didactic submissions for annual meeting
        - 2024 submission deadline 10/20/23
  
- Had an interactive discussion with our GEMS Sponsor- Ferdinando L. Mirarchi, DO, FACEP, FAEEM on [Mideo](#).

