

Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section Meeting

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Washington, DC

Participants

Section members participating for all or part of the meeting included: Ula Hwang, MD, FACEP, Chair; Kevin Biese, MD, FACEP, Chair-Elect; Teresita M. Hogan, MD, FACEP, Councillor; Christopher R. Carpenter, MD, FACEP, Alternate Councillor; Carrie Cregar, MD, FACEP, Secretary/Newsletter Editor; Mariana Karounos, DO, FACEP, Past-Chair; Amer Aldeen, MD, FACEP; Hugh Hill, MD, JD, FACEP; Kathleen D. Keeffe, MD, FACEP; Phillip D Magidson, MD; Kei Ouchi, MD; Tony Rosen, MD; Lauren T. Southerland, MD, FACEP; and Jiraporn Sri-on, MD (Thailand).

Others participating in all or part of the meeting included: Kim Marie Macygin, RN (Hospicorp); Igal Ladabaum (Hospicorp); Zia Agha (WestHealth); Jane Carmody (J. A. Hartford Foundation); Darrell L. Carter, MD, FACEP; Neal Cohen, MD; Marcus Escobedo (J. A. Hartford Foundation); David A. Harriman, MD, FACEP; Chad Kessler, MD, MHPE, FACEP; Allyson A. Kreshak, MD, FACEP; Adriane Lesser (WestHealth); Michael Malone, MD; Tasuku Matsuyama (EP, Japan); Melissa McMillian, CNP (SAEM); Lee Morissette, PA; Adam Perry, MD; Earl J. Reisdorff, MD, FACEP (ABEM Executive Director); Amy Stuck, PhD, RN (WestHealth); Vaishal M. Tolia, MD, FACEP; Cees van Nieuwkoop (Internist – Netherlands); Liane Wardlow (WestHealth); Jon Zifferblatt (WestHealth); Mark S. Rosenberg, DO, MBA, FACEP, Board Liaison; Sandra M. Schneider, MD, FACEP, ACEP Staff Liaison; and Julie Rispoli, Project Manager.

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Board Liaison Update
- Volunteer for Workgroups
- Update on the Geriatric ED Accreditation (GEDA) Program
- Presentation: Think Beyond the Needle: An Introduction to the Rectal Route for Rapid Medication and Fluid Administration

Major Points Discussed

Dr. Hwang welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that everyone introduce themselves. Several activities and successes with this past year's GEM Section. These included monthly calls by the GEM section leadership that are open to GEMS members to participate. The GEM Section applied to an ACEP Section grant this year for the first time and successfully received funding for its project. The 2 year project is creating 3 podcasts about the importance of Geriatric Emergency Medical care and is being led by Kevin Biese. Of note, there were attendees from Japan, Thailand and the Netherlands at the section meeting.

Nebulized ketamine for older adults was discussed.

The Impact on Geriatric Emergency Care award was given to Phillip D. Magidson, MD for being lead author on Research Forum Abstract #241- Responding to Older Adults in the Emergency Department: A National Survey of Geriatric Emergency Departments. He was presented with a certificate.

Dr. Hogan gave a Council report on the CR on Prescription Drug Pricing that the Section co-sponsored with EMRA and the Connecticut Chapter. The CR called for ACEP to create policy: recognizing that unaffordable prescriptions are a threat; supporting negotiation of drug prices under Medicare Part D; supporting importation of prescription drugs, encouraging value-based pricing; and to work with the AMA on regulatory and legislative efforts to address these issues. The resolution was referred to the Board of Directors.

It was announced that the Geriatric ED Collaborative Reception is in the room, Judiciary Square today from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

The sections broke up into four workgroups:

Podcasts: Dr. Carpenter, Dr. Ouchi

Section Grants: Dr. Hwang

Newsletter: Dr. Cregar

Microsite: Dr. Marianna Karounos

Dr. Rosenberg gave an update on the Geriatric ED Accreditation (GEDA) Program and thanked everyone for their work.

Kevin Biese gave a presentation on the GEDA program. He described that 60% of older adults admitted to the hospital come through the ED. He went on to describe the concept of a geriatric ED, which brings additional resources to older patients in the ED. These include care coordination, medication reconciliation and screening. It also involves education of the staff, patient and family members, and connecting patients back into the community after discharge. He described the concept of a Geriatric ED Boot Camp and the formation of the Geriatric ED Collaborative. ACEP has announced the creation of a Geriatric ED Accreditation program which will launch in January 2018. The program will have 3 levels so that all EDs can attain this status.

- Level 3 – at least 1 MD and 1 RN with evidence of geriatric -focused education; at least 1 geriatric EM initiative, mobility aids/food and drink available in the ED
- Level 2 -Physician champion with focus in geriatric EM; Geriatric focused nurse case manager 56 h/w; geriatric assessment team (2 of the following PT, OT, SW, Pharmacy); hospital support; geriatric EM education for MDs and RNs; Demonstrable 75% adherence to at least 10 (of 26) policies and protocols Tracking at least 3 of 12 outcome measures; equipment/supplies/physical environment enhancements.
- Level 1- Physician champion with focus in geriatric EM; Patient advisor; Geriatric focused nurse case manager 56 h/w; geriatric assessment team (2 of the following PT, OT, SW, Pharmacy); hospital support; geriatric EM education for MDs and RNs; Demonstrable 75% adherence to at least 20 (of 26) policies and protocols Tracking at least 6 of 12 outcome measures; equipment/supplies/physical environment enhancements.

There was general discussion of the concept and of marketing.

Hospi Corporation was thanked for their generous sponsorship of the Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section meeting. Igal Ladabaum, Co-founder and CEO of Hospi Corporation gave a presentation on the [Macy catheter](#). This catheter delivers fluid and medication through a small tube in the rectum. Hospi Corporation is looking for sites to study the catheter in a real-life setting.

Meeting was adjourned.