



**Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2023**

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1. GEMS Council Resolution

- Submission due July 10
- Section suggestions – Palliative Medicine, Observation Medicine, Dual Training Section, and ED Directors. Request email targeted outreach to section chairs and section-specific outreach.
- There is hesitation/caution for general email outreach and CMS feedback measures are not feasible. Will focus on specific section chairs now. After submission of resolution, will revisit general outreach of endorsement.

2. General Discussion: Automatic Waiver for the Three-Day Waiver

- Discussion of how this is impacting EDs currently.
- More intense PT is needed for placement so the patient can be released. Increased outpatient visits allowed have caused adverse effects on numbers.
- Medicare covers 80% and patients cover 20% of their individual bills. Lauren stated at her hospital there are 7 consulting services driving care.
- Observation ROI data is not geriatric ED specific.

3. Webinar Topics

- EM to Advocacy – Maura
- Hospitals that board patients with shorter than average timeframes to reach out to are UC Davis/UC San Diego/UNC
- Medication reconciliation/Medication safety – Rachel
- Observations and how you set up observations for geriatric patients.

4. ACEP23 Philly, PA <https://www.acep.org/sa>

- GEMS Section meeting planning
- Social activity ideas?
 1. Pickleball, cheesesteak eating contest, axe throwing, corn hole, dinner.
 2. Will ask local section members on EngagED for ideas.
 3. Send any offsite ideas to Maura.

5. Review Year Planning

6. Open Discussion:

- Opportunity for GEMS section members to discuss challenges they are facing, ask questions of others, or share new information relevant to care of older adults in the ED setting!



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- Next meeting discussion geriatric psychiatric boarding.
- Topics for upcoming meetings: quick capacity assessment and geriatric psych

Month	Meeting Focus	Notes
June 12	Webinar Planning TBD ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From EM to Advocacy. • AMDA work; behavioral problems with dementia. • Nursing faculty to ED regarding falls. • Geriatric Advocacy Webinar 	ICEM June 11-16
July 17	ACEP23 Section Meeting Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda (similar to ACEP22?) • Boxing match topics? CT in delirium - three recent meta-analysis published on delirium and head CTs with very different 'bottom lines' – over ordering of CT's, 15% yield. • Head CT. A family with a dementia patient who wants antipsychotic medication. Dosing. 90-year-old with chest pains, do you give a stress test? An older adult needing weight loss. Admissions for Adult Protective Services concerns. Geriatric neglect, admission depending on APS evaluation. • Admission for syncope if initial Ekg and labs are reassuring, but they live alone? • Weight loss in the older adult without other localizing signs. Pan scan for cancer or no? • TIA on a Saturday- admit for echo and MRI or arrange outpatient? 	AHA July 16-18 Seattle
August 21	Planning in - person GEMS mtg	
September 18	Potential boarding webinar at noon EST - Luna	Geriatric ACEP23 CME Req due Sept. 8, 2023 ENA Sept 21-24
October 11	Geriatric ROI conference (Oct 9), in -person GEMS mtg (Oct 11)	ACEP23 Oct 9-12 Philly
November 20		



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December 18	Medication Reconciliation Webinar – Rachel	
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