



EUSEM 2018 - Section of Geriatric Emergency Medicine - Minutes 11th September 2018

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1. Opening - introductions

Christian Nickel welcomes everybody to the GEM section meeting and a round of introductions follows.

2. Minutes of section meeting EUSEM 2017 - Athens

The minutes of the section meeting during EUSEM 2017 were sent to the members of the GEM section. There are no questions or additions to them.

3. Mission statement

The section of Geriatric Emergency Medicine of EUSEM and the focus group on Geriatric Emergency Medicine together form the 'Taskforce on Geriatric Emergency Medicine'. They have written a mission statement. This mission statement has been approved by the boards of both organizations and will hopefully be published soon.

4. Working group education - Curriculum GEM

The Emergency Medicine curriculum is currently being revised. Rosa McNamara summarizes the feedback that was provided by our section (special thanks go to Rosa McNamara and Sarah Turpin), mainly inconsistencies, omission of geriatric target areas, and language.

5. Working group education – precourse EUSEM 2018 update

During EUSEM 2018 a half-day precourse was provided by the working group on Education. 16 participants registered, which means the course was completely booked. Next year the precourse will be given again.

6. Working group research - Research questions project update

During the last couple months, a questionnaire was sent to members of EUSEM and EUGMS to provide research questions in the field of Geriatric Emergency Medicine. Over 200 questions were submitted, which have now been categorized into eight categories. Members of the taskforce are invited to join in helping with making the research questions into PICO's. Patient organizations are also requested to add in questions. After this step, a group of taskforce members will make final selection of 10 questions which will then be made in to a top 10 of research questions for which we will try to find European funding.

Category	Member
1A: organization of care -structural	Rosa McNamara, Aine Mitchell
1B: organization of care - process	James van Oppen, Ana Ramovs, Pieter Heeren
2: screening	Thordis Thorrsteindottir
3: triage	Zerrin Defne Dundar
4A: atypical presentation	Bas de Groot
4B: age related changes - medication	Nikolay Hubanov
5: diagnoses	Zerrin Defne Dundar
6A: delirium	Jacinta Lucke
6D: sepsis	Bas de Groot
7: disposition	Christian Nickel
8: ethics	Ana Ramovs

Proposal for additional research question: Why do you choose certain delirium screeners.

7. Working group quality – update

In Germany, a top 5 of quality indicators has been derived after a long research procedure in the university of Nürnberg. The following quality indicators were deemed most important in the field of Geriatric Emergency Medicine

1. Screening for delirium
2. Proper medical history taking
3. Knowledge of medical staff
4. Recognize extra needs of geriatric patients
5. Falls

8. Goals for coming year

There is a need for a place where people who are interested in Geriatric Emergency Medicine can find each other and exchange 'best practices'. In the UK this is called the 'Acute Frailty Network', but this might work on a European level too. This could be one of the goals of the taskforce.

A lot of material exists in different countries, such as the national delirium document in Ireland, however these materials can be difficult to find, and are not in one place.

An online platform could be developed which covers the following topics:

- A. Network to exchange best Practices/Trouble shoot forum
- B. Tool box with screeners/tests that can be used in different counties/care systems
- C. Educational material that can be used to educate staff about GEM
- D. Geriatric Emergency Medicine guidelines

Topic D: Geriatric Emergency Medicine guidelines: these should be developed. As a guideline we could look at the silver book and American guidelines. It is proposed to hold a similar working-weekend as with the GEM curriculum in which people join in small groups and make the layout for the GEM friendly ED guidelines. Marc Sabbe explains we can ask for budget at EUSEM.

Begum Oktem, Jacinta Lucke, Thomas Dreher, Christian Nickel, Pieter Heeren, Marc Sabbe, Ana Ramovs, Bas de Groot, Renan Spode and Rosa McNamara want to join for this weekend. The EUGMS section should also be invited.

9. Any other business

Members who wish to join the different working groups:

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