

# Evolving the standard of care

## The role of Geriatric Emergency Departments



Geriatric Emergency Departments (GEDs) are well-suited to cater to the needs, dispositions and presentations that older adults have. GEDs provide standardized, integrated care that can reduce system costs and drive better, healthier outcomes, often via the integration of best practices for older adults into an existing ED.

### Why GEDs?



#### Lower return visits

Recent data affirms that readmissions, as well as returns to the emergency department for high-risk populations are lower in communities with GEDs.



#### Greater market share

GEDs enable health systems to demonstrate their commitment to excellent care to the community, while also allowing emergency departments to better manage existing patients to create space for patients needing a high level of care.



#### Improved patient experience

According to emerging research, older adult patients who receive comprehensive geriatric assessment and enhanced transition of care services report higher patient satisfaction.



#### Better census management

Studies demonstrate that hospitals with GEDs have up to 16% fewer hospital admissions and a decreased inpatient length-of-stay for admitted older patients.



#### Higher staff morale

GEDs help staff know that they are doing an excellent job caring for their patients.

## Become part of the GED movement.

Becoming a GED is a signal that your health system is committed to providing the best care possible to your community's older adults.



currently, there are:

**400** GEDA accredited sites

**44** states represented

**11** prestigious health systems are GEDC members and accredited as a Geriatric ED

### Current members include:

- Advocate Aurora Health
- Cleveland Clinic
- Dartmouth-Hitchcock
- Kaiser Permanente
- Mayo Clinic
- Northwell Health
- The Queen's Medical Center
- UHN
- University of California Health
- VA Healthcare
- Yale New Haven Health

## Improve your geriatric emergency care with GEDA and GEDC.



### GEDA provides:

**1** Education

**2** Policy, Protocol & Care Processes

**3** Quality Improvement

**4** Better Outcome Measures

### Join GEDA with the help of GEDC!

✓ Access to online learning modules to educate & train interdisciplinary staff to deliver highest level GED care

✓ On-demand webinars with top leading healthcare professionals

✓ Access to all-new geriatric research library

✓ Consulting engagements and bootcamps

✚ More high-level consulting for your ED operations

**GEDC** is a nationwide collaborative dedicated to improving the quality of care for older adults in Emergency Departments. GEDC can equip your health system with the education, expertise and resources needed to become a GED.

### Learn more online:

[acep.org/GEDA](http://acep.org/GEDA)

[gedcollaborative.com](http://gedcollaborative.com)

The **Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation (GEDA)** program is an ACEP-governed national accreditation program that strives to improve the care of older adults presenting to the emergency department.