

Department Today

Why should my institution seek GEDA accreditation?

20 million seniors visit our nation's EDs.

With the number of older adults growing rapidly, there is a critical need for more geriatric-focused care.

Preparing for accreditation allows the hospital and ED to focus on the needs of this complex and growing population and to ensure that the resources available to the ED meet the needs of the patients they serve.

Early data from existing models of geriatric emergency care – models that promote best clinical practices and create a more positive and sensitive physical environment – show they have the potential to improve health outcomes, coordinate care more effectively, and reduce costs.



Criteria by accreditation level:



CRITERIA	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 1
a) Staffing			
1 MD or DO with evidence of focused education for geriatric EM	🔴	🟡	🟢
1 RN with evidence of focused education for geriatric EM	🔴	🟡	🟢
Physician champion/Medical director		🟡	🟢
Nurse case manager/transitional care nurse present > 56 hrs/week		🟡	🟢
Interdisciplinary geriatric assessment team includes > 2 roles		🟡	🟢
Interdisciplinary geriatric assessment team includes > 4 roles			🟢
> 1 executive/administrative sponsor supervising GED program		🟡	🟢
Patient advisor/patient council			🟢
b) Education			
Staff physician education related to 8 domains of GEM		🟡	🟢
Nursing education in geriatric emergency care		🟡	🟢
c) Policies/protocols guidelines & procedures			
Evidence of a geriatric emergency care initiative	🔴	🟡	🟢
> 10 items as part of the ED model of care for patients >65yrs		🟡	🟢
> 20 items as part of the ED model of care for of patients >65yrs			🟢
d) Quality improvement			
Adherence to 10 of 27 policies/protocols, guidelines & procedures		🟡	
Adherence to 20 of 27 policies/protocols, guidelines & procedures			🟢
e) Outcome measures			
Track > 3 process and outcome metrics for eligible patients		🟡	
Track > 5 process and outcome metrics for eligible patients			🟢
f) Equipment and supplies			
Access to mobility aids (canes, walkers)	🔴	🟡	🟢
Access to > 5 supplies (including mobility aids)		🟡	
Access to > 10 supplies (including mobility aids)			🟢
g) Physical environment			
Easy access to food/drink	🔴	🟡	🟢
2 chairs per patient bed		🟡	🟢
Large analog clock		🟡	🟢
Enhanced lighting			🟢
Efforts at noise reduction			🟢
Non-slip floors			🟢
Adequate hand rails			🟢
High quality signage and way-finding			🟢
Wheel-chair accessible toilets			🟢
Availability of raised toilet seats			🟢

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Improve the Care Provided to Older Patients

by Becoming an Accredited Geriatric Emergency Department



Developed by leaders in emergency medicine to ensure that our older patients receive well-coordinated, quality care at the appropriate level at every emergency department encounter.

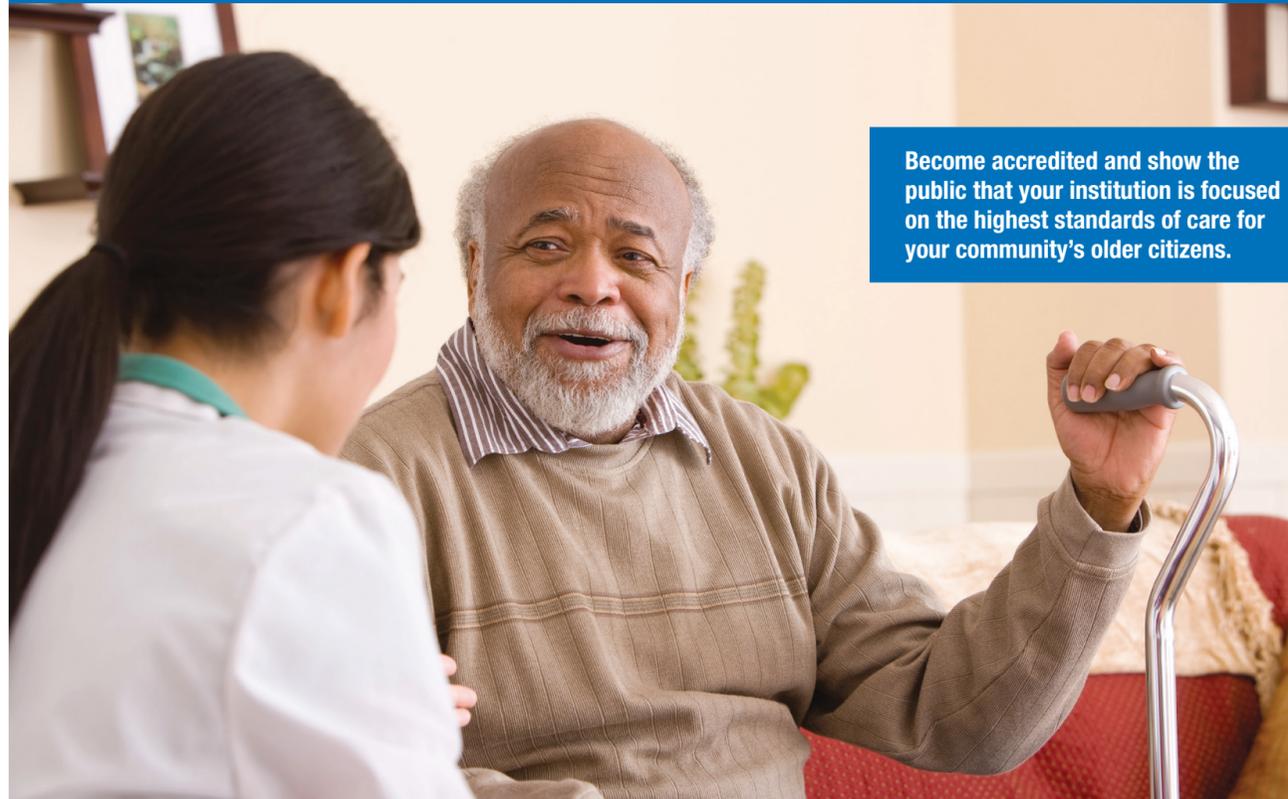


One size ED care does not fit all.

[ACEP.org/GEDA](https://www.acep.org/GEDA)

Become an Accredited Geriatric Emergency Department Today

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Become accredited and show the public that your institution is focused on the highest standards of care for your community's older citizens.



The following criteria outline the minimum standards for accreditation of a geriatric ED in three levels. Levels 1 and 2 are designed to reflect an increasing commitment to senior-specific care in the ED. Each level has an accreditation term of three years.



Level 1

Accreditation Fee: **\$10,000**

An ED with policies, guidelines, procedures, and staff (both within the ED and throughout the institution) providing a coherent system of care targeting and measuring specific outcomes that form an overall elevation in ED operations and transitions of care both to and from the ED, all coordinated for the improved care of older adults.



Level 2

Accreditation Fee: **\$5,000**

An ED that has integrated and sustained elder care initiatives into daily operations and demonstrates interdisciplinary cooperation for delivery of elder services. This level has an established supervisor coordinating the staff tasked with the daily performance of elder services.



Level 3

Accreditation Fee: **\$1,000**

Represented by an ED with one or more specific initiatives that are reasonably expected to elevate the level of elder care. Personnel to implement these efforts are identified and trained. Metrics for the initiatives are followed.

Geriatric EDs promote best clinical practices for older adults and have the potential to improve health outcomes, coordinate care more effectively, and reduce cost of care.

Apply for ACEP's geriatric ED accreditation program and validate your hospital's commitment to:

- Providing a more positive and sensitive physical environment
- Adopting standardized approaches to geriatric care
- Ensuring optimal transitions of care from the ED to other settings such as inpatient, home, community-based care, rehabilitation or long-term care
- Supporting geriatric-focused quality improvement



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Presents available resources on how your ED can become more geriatric focused, and available resources for individual providers and EDs.

