



Education Requirement

A physician champion / medical director is required for all levels of Geriatric ED. This physician champion / medical director must demonstrate focused training in geriatric emergency medicine that provides added expertise in the emergency care of older adults and added ability to teach other physicians and advanced practice providers how to improve this care.

This training requirement must be demonstrated through coursework:

- 1) focused on geriatric specific syndromes and concepts (e.g., atypical presentation of disease, changes with age, transitions of care) relevant to emergency medicine,
- 2) focused on clinical issues nearly exclusive to geriatric ED patients (e.g., end of life care, dementia, delirium, systems of care for older adults), or
- 3) discussing issues common to all ED patients but focused on the unique factors found in older adults (e.g., trauma in older adults, cardiac arrest care for the geriatric patient).

Training in common emergency medicine conditions (e.g., stroke) that happen to affect older adults does not qualify for this requirement. Qualifying training courses may be in person, web-based (e.g., [Geri-EM](#)) or equivalent provided through or led by an authoritative resource. *Reading a book or credit for a topic search in Up to Date (or similar) do not qualify for this training requirement unless CME is earned for this activity.*

- For physician champion / medical directors applying to lead Level 3 Geriatric EDs, 4 hours of education are required for the initial certification and for each renewal.
- For physician champion / medical directors applying to lead Level 2 Geriatric EDs, 6 hours of education are required for the initial certification and for each renewal.
- For physician champions/ medical directors applying to lead Level 1, 8 hours of education are required for the initial certification and for each renewal.

These educational requirements may be demonstrated through appropriate geriatric-focused CME with completion certificates (please be ready to share these certificates and which of the above mentioned geriatric content this includes.) Alternatively, applicants may submit other coursework that they believe should fulfill this requirement for review by the GEDA Board of Governors. The Board of Governors are under no obligation to accept this other coursework.