



Georgia Emergency Medicine
Leadership & Advocacy Conference
Thursday, December 4 – Friday, December 5, 2025
THE RITZ-CARLTON REYNOLDS | GREENSBORO, GA

AGENDA

Wednesday, Dec 3rd

5:00 – 7:00 PM GCEP Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, Dec 4th

7:45 – 8:15 AM Registration / Breakfast / Exhibit Visitation

8:15 – 8:20 PM Welcome & Introductions
Doug Chesson, MD, FACEP & George Leach, MD
GEMLAC Directors of Education

8:20 – 8:30 AM GCEP Update
Shamie Das, MD, MBA, MPH, FACEP
GCEP President

8:30 – 9:15 AM Demystifying the Legislative Branch - Lessons Learned During a Year on the Hill
Shamie Das, MD, MBA, MPH, FACEP

9:15 – 10:00 AM Breaking the Wall: Reducing Ambulance Patient Offload Times (APOT)
Lekshmi Kumar, MD, Samantha Johnson

10:00 – 10:30 AM Break & Exhibit Visitation

10:30 – 11:15 AM Laud, Fraud, or Drawing Board
Anwar Osborne, MD, MPM, FACEP

11:15 – 12:00 PM Legislative Updates, Patient Management, & Novel Trends in Substance Use
Tori Ehrhardt, MD, Joseph Ebersole, MD, Emily Kiernan, DO

12:10 – 12:55 PM Lunch & Learn: “Host Immune Response”... Monocyte Distribution Width (MDW) and MeMed Bacterial vs Viral Test. Two Novel Biomarkers to Aid Physicians in Promptly Identifying and Treating Patients with Infections. (non-CME) - Denise Culver, BSN RN CEN TCRN SCR N CNRN NVRN-BC

12:55 – 1:30 PM Pediatric Ingestions: One Pill, One Nip, One Sip Can Kill
Kelsey Lena Craver, MD

1:30 – 2:05 PM Working Isn't Working: The Failure of Medicaid Work Requirements
Sar Medoff, MD, MPP, FACEP



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- 2:05 – 2:25 PM** **Legislative Updates**
Brent Walker, JD
Medical Association of Georgia General Council
- 2:25 – 2:50 PM** **GCEP 2025 Leadership Awards**
- 2:50 – 3:20 PM** **Break & Exhibit Visitation**
- 3:20 – 5:30 PM** **Legislative Roundtable Discussions (30 min each)**
Start at any section with an open seat, and you will rotate every 30 minutes.

**GA Legislative Discussion 1:
Tort Reform**

Moderator: Brett Cannon, MD

Legislators:

- Rep. Rob Leverett
- Rep. Michelle Au, MD
- Rep. Mark Newton, MD
- Rep. Deborah Silcox

**GA Legislative Discussion 2:
Insurance**

Moderator: Doug Chesson, MD

Legislators:

- Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick, MD
- Sen. Nan Orrock
- Rep. Scott Hilton
- Rep. Chuck Efstration

**GA Legislative Discussion 3:
Rural Hospitals &
Challenges**

Moderator: George Leach, MD

Legislators:

- Sen. Matt Brass
- Rep. Butch Parrish
- Rep. Darlene Taylor
- Sen. Frank Ginn
- Rep. Rick Jasperse

**GA Legislative Discussion 4:
Forward-Looking Healthcare
Policy**

Moderator: Shamie Das, MD

Legislators:

- Rep. Katie Dempsey
- Sen. Rick Williams
- Rep. Devan Seabaugh
- Rep. John LaHood
- Rep. Sharon Cooper



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5:30 – 6:30 PM Cocktail Reception in Exhibit Hall

6:30 PM Dinner On Your Own or GEMPAC Legislative Dinner*

*Minimum PAC contribution at the Patron Level (\$250) and pre-registration required to attend.

Friday, December 5th

7:30 – 8:00 AM Registration / Breakfast / Exhibit Visitation

8:00 – 8:05 AM Welcome & Announcements

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8:05 – 8:50 AM Why Did I Get Downcoded? Maybe it was Your Diagnosis

Jeffrey Linzer Sr., MD

8:50 – 9:35 AM Development and deployment of a “Front End Medicine” program as an effective, resilient, and superior operational alternative to WR medicine: Feasibility and Findings from 3 years of experience

Andrew Pendley, MD, MBA

9:35 – 10:15 AM Literature Review 2025

Daniel McCollum, MD

10:15 – 10:45 AM Break & Exhibit Visitation

10:45 – 11:40 AM ED-Based HIV and Hepatitis C Screening: A Public Health Imperative for Georgia: Panel Discussion

Emma Sizemore, MD, MPH, Mark Griffiths, MD, Meredith Lora, MD, Lesley Miller, MD, Nnamdi Ilouga, MBBS

11:40 – 12:10 PM Christmas Miracle – A Case of Septic Tank Submersion in a 2-year-Old

Harry W Severance, MD, FACEP

12:10 – 12:15 PM Wrap up and Closing Remarks

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