



Georgia Emergency Medicine
Leadership & Advocacy Conference
Thursday, December 3 – Friday, December 4, 2026
THE RITZ-CARLTON REYNOLDS | GREENSBORO, GA

AGENDA

Wednesday, Dec 2nd

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

Thursday, Dec 3rd

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

8:00 – 8:05 PM Welcome & Introductions
Doug Chesson, MD, FACEP & George Leach, MD
GEMLAC Directors of Education

8:05 – 9:00 AM Who Can Fix This? Choosing the Right Level of Advocacy
Shamie Das, MD, MBA, MPH, FACEP
GCEP President

9:00 – 9:15 AM Break & Exhibit Visitation

9:15 – 10:00 AM The Physician Leader's Financial Playbook: Turning Data into Operational Change
Shehzad Muhamed, MD, MBA

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

10:30 – 11:15 AM Gross Negligence in the Age of AI: Emergency Medicine's Next Liability Frontier
Samantha Johnson, Esq., MBA, MHA
Lekshmi Kumar, MD, MPH

11:15 – 11:30 AM Break & Exhibit Visitation

11:30 – 12:15 PM From the Poison Center to the Capitol: Toxicology Issues Impacting Emergency Medicine
Emily Kiernan, DO

12:15 – 1:15 PM Lunch & Learn (non-CME): Optimizing Aerosol Drug Delivery Across Acute and Chronic Care: Devices, Performance, and Clinical Application
Chitra Kanyadan, MD
Aerogen Global Clinical Education



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1:15 – 1:30 PM	Break & Exhibit Visitation
1:45 – 2:15 PM	Anatomy of a Lawsuit James Wilde, MD
2:15 – 2:45 PM	Legislative Updates Brent Walker, JD Medical Association of Georgia General Council
2:45 – 3:00 PM	GCEP 2026 Leadership Awards
3:00 – 3:15 PM	Break & Exhibit Visitation
3:15 – 5:15 PM	Legislative Roundtable Discussions (30 min each)

GA Legislative Discussion 1:

Moderator: Brett Cannon, MD, FACEP

Legislators:

- Representative Lee Hawkins
- Senator Frank Ginn
- Representative Butch Parrish
- Senator Matt Brass
- Senator Kay Kirkpatrick

GA Legislative Discussion 2:

Moderator: Shamie Das, MD, MBA, MPH, FACEP

Legislators:

- Representative Devan Seabaugh
- Representative Michelle Au
- Representative Matt Hatchett
- Representative Beth Camp
- Representative Scott Hilton

GA Legislative Discussion 3:

Moderator: Doug Chesson, MD

Legislators:

- Representative Katie Dempsey
- Senator Chuck Hufstetler
- Representative Stan Gunter
- Representative Rob Leverett
- Representative John LaHood

GA Legislative Discussion 4:

Moderator: George Leach, MD

Legislators:

- Senator Rick Williams
- Representative Sharon Cooper
- Senator Sally Harrell
- Senator Nan Orrock
- Representative Spencer Frye
- Representative Mark Newton

Total CME hours Thursday: 6 hours



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5:15 – 6:15 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 4th

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

8:00 – 8:05 AM Welcome & Announcements

Doug Chesson, MD, FACEP & George Leach, MD
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**8:05 – 8:50 AM From Triage to Ownership: RME FLOW, A Novel Approach To ED
Throughput**

Nicki Braxley, MD, MPH, FACEP

8:50 – 9:20 AM Distance Is Not Destiny: Digital Health as a Rural Hospital Lifeline

Ricaurte Solis, DO

9:20 – 9:50 AM Break & Exhibit Visitation

9:50 – 10:30 AM Sustainable Performance in Emergency Medicine

Ryan Hodgeman, MD

10:30 – 11:10 AM Literature Review

Daniel McCollum, MD

11:10 – 11:40 AM Care Delivery at Home

Usama Khalid, MD

11:40 – 11:45 AM Wrap up and Closing Remarks

Total CME hours Friday: 3 hours

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