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

AGENDA

Thursday, December 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
12:30 – 1:15 PM	**Lunch & Learn (non-CME): Breathing Easy with Acute Asthma Exacerbation** Christopher Amato, MD, FACEP, FAAP Prof., Dept. of Emergency Med & Pediatrics, Sidney Kimmel Medical College Director, Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship Pediatric Medical Director, Atlantic Ambulance Morristown Medical Center/Goryeb Children's Hospital

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 – Location: Salon 3

Patient Safety, Physician Liability, & Legal Protections

Moderator: Brett Cannon, MD, FACEP

Legislators:
- Representative Michelle Au
- Representative Rob Leverett
- Representative John LaHood
- Representative Katie Dempsey
- Senator Matt Brass

GA Legislative Discussion 2 - Location: Salon 1

Reimbursement, Insurance, & Affordability

Moderator: Shamie Das, MD, FACEP

Legislators:
- Senator Kay Kirkpatrick
- Representative Devan Seabaugh
- Senator Chuck Hufstetler
- Senator Nan Orrock
- Representative Butch Parrish

GA Legislative Discussion 3 - Location: Salon 1

Access: Medicaid Coverage, Screenings, & Public Health

Moderator: Doug Chesson, MD

Legislators:
- Representative Matt Hatchett
- Representative Mark Newton
- Representative Beth Camp
- Representative Lee Hawkins
- Senator Sally Harrell

GA Legislative Discussion 4: - Location: Osprey

What can I answer for you?

Moderator: George Leach, MD

Legislators:
- Representative Sharon Cooper
- Representative Scott Hilton
- Representative Stan Gunter
- Representative Spencer Frye
- Senator Rick Williams
- Senator Frank Ginn

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 GEMLAC Directors of Education
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 Thursday: 6 hours
Total CME hours Friday: 3 hours

Total CME hours Thursday & Friday: 9 hours

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