

www.Geri-EM.com FAQs

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What is Geri-EM.com?

Geri-EM stands for GERIatric Emergency Medicine. Geri-EM.com is a continuing medical education website developed in Toronto, Ontario, Canada and launched in fall 2013. The website can be used by anyone anywhere in the world. There is no cost to participate. Visit Geri-EM at www.geri-EM.com.

Who can use Geri-EM?

This e-learning website was designed primarily for physicians working in emergency departments who want to provide optimal care to their older patients.

It will benefit all health-care providers who see older patients as part of their practice – in primary care, in hospital, in long-term care, or in the community, such as family physicians, geriatricians, internists, general and orthopaedic surgeons, nurses, pharmacists.

Members of the public with an interest in geriatric care are welcome to explore the content on this website. We encourage you to register and participate in group discussions and interactive content.

Can I use this as education for students, trainees or colleagues?

Yes! We encourage this use. Our aim is to share Geri-EM widely.

What CME credits can I apply for?

Earn 6 hours of advanced CME credits from both The College of Family Physicians of Canada, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and the American Medical Association.

- College of Family Physicians of Canada: Mainpro-C
- Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada: Self-Assessment Program – Section 3
- American Medical Association: Convert Royal College MOC credits to AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

Is there a cost to use Geri-EM?

The website and the CME credits are free. The goal is to make this material as widely available as possible.

What topics are covered?

There are six modules on the Geri-EM website designed to provide in-depth knowledge on the following common issues in geriatric emergency medicine.

1. Medication management
2. Trauma and falls

3. Atypical presentations
4. Cognitive impairment
5. Functional assessment
6. End-of-life care

You can do one, a few, or all of the modules. Each one requires approximately 45 minutes.

Can I personalize my learning?

Yes, you can personalize your learning experience using the assessment tool on the website. Based on your answers, the modules most relevant to you will be flagged

What's included in the course? What are some of the features?

Each of the six modules in this website is designed to provide in-depth knowledge about issues in geriatric emergency medicine and includes:

- Videos of simulated patient encounters
- Recommended readings
- Pre- and post- tests with immediate feedback
- In-page question and answers with immediate feedback
- Chat and blog features
- Resources for use in the ED

Are there any other geriatric emergency medicine e-learning websites?

To our knowledge, Geri-EM is the:

- First CME resource accredited by the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians for Section 3 Self-Assessment
- First online CME resource accredited by the College of Family Physicians of Canada for MainPro-C credits
- First accredited CME activity relating specifically to Geriatric Emergency Medicine in Canada and possibly the world

Who developed this website?

The educational content of this website was developed by Don Melady, MD CCFP(EM), Schwartz-Reisman Emergency Centre, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Canada.

Dr. Melady is an emergency physician who has worked in both community and academic emergency departments for 25 years. His particular interest is the care of older people in the ED – and in educating health-care workers about the excellent care of this important and vulnerable population. Prior to creating Geri-EM.com, he developed a curriculum to educate Emergency Medicine residents about older people and created training modules for nurses and doctors working in Toronto emergency departments.

He has long had an interest in older people, coming from a family where at one point he had 32 aunts and uncles over the age of 75, and he has been personally involved in many areas of care of older people.

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