



00:31:48 Conor Sullivan: Dear Colleagues from Cohorts #1 and #2,
Thank you for participating in the VHA National Geriatric ED Core Team and GEDC webinar
on July 27th, "Mobility Risk Recognition, Intervention & Prevention"

On the GEDC VA landing page, we will be adding a link to the webinar recording, chat
resources and slides that will be available for download later this week:
<https://gedcollaborative.com/veterans-affairs/>

Check out essential GED Resources on the GEDC website
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Many thanks,
GEDC team

00:34:50 Conor Sullivan: The GEDC is generously supported by the John A. Hartford Foundation and
the Gary and Mary West Foundation. Thank you!

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Please Select "All panelists and attendees" when using the chat function, so your questions
and comments can be seen by everyone.

00:35:37 Conor Sullivan: Thank You!
Erica Gruber
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Indianapolis, IN VA ED
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00:35:45 Luna Ragsdale: Durham VAHCS Luna Ragsdale

00:35:54 Eric Farabaugh: Eric Farabaugh, Philadelphia

00:35:59 Susan Harrison: Susan Harrison VAPAHCS

00:36:00 Heather Salzwedel: I'm Heather Salzwedel Dallas Occupational Therapist

00:36:00 Jessica Babbitt: Indianapolis VA, Jessica Babbitt

00:36:08 Meredith Smith: Meredith Smith, KCVA

00:36:14 Teresa Lilly: Teresa Lilly Des Moines, CIH

00:36:20 Sarah Bushlow: Hello! Sarah Bushlow-Rochmond, Va

00:36:20 Aaron Malsch: Aaron Malsch- GEDC & Advocate Aurora Health in Wisconsin and
Illinois

00:36:22 Hareg Eshete: Hareg Eshete, KCVA

00:36:28 john ensley: John Ensley, Seattle VA Puget sound

00:36:52 Laura Stabler: Laura Stabler - GEDC Program Director

00:37:18 Ethan Jetter:

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- 00:38:02 Conor Sullivan: TMS
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- 00:38:28 Conor Sullivan: The Gravity of Mobility Risk and Falls for Older Adults
Pamela Martin
MSN, FNP-C, APRN GS-C
GEDC Faculty
- 00:38:40 Ethan Jetter: <https://www.cdc.gov/homeandrecreationalafety/falls/adultfalls.html>
- 00:42:07 Erica Gruber: please enter your name and what VA you are from if you are just entering :)
- 00:42:24 Toni Jones: Toni Jones, Richmond VAMC
- 00:42:36 Ethan Jetter: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7002268/>
- 00:43:03 Erica Gruber: Hello Everyone!!
- 00:43:20 Terence Whiteman: Thx Erica
- 00:43:38 Heather Salzwedel: my audio is very choppy, I'm not sure if I'm the only one but it keeps breaking up.
- 00:43:45 Conor Sullivan: Why Falls? Top Takeaways:
1. Older adults are falling and high rates and the consequences are significant.
 2. The 1-year mortality rate after a fall is high.
 3. Consider geriatric syndromes as contributors to falls.
- CDC:
<https://www.cdc.gov/homeandrecreationalafety/falls/adultfalls.html>
- 00:44:05 Conor Sullivan: Kevin Corcoran
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- 00:44:18 Conor Sullivan: Older Veteran ED Case Study and VA Choice of Mobility Screens
- 00:50:04 Erica Gruber: can you hear now?
- 00:54:00 PAMELA Martin: PLEASE ENTER ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS INTO CHAT
- 00:55:27 PAMELA Martin: These screens can be done in conjunction with medical/trauma workup
- 00:57:34 Conor Sullivan: Screening & History Top Takeaways:
1. Geriatric falls are trauma work-ups-- look for traumatic injuries
 2. Unwitnessed falls in older adults are syncope until proven otherwise
 3. Liberal use of imaging studies is encouraged
- Thank you Lauren and Kevin



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00:57:53 Conor Sullivan: Mishelle Evans
MSW, LSW
Indianapolis VA Geriatric ED Social Work Lead
Indianapolis, IN VA ED

00:58:05 Conor Sullivan: Geriatric ED Social Work Screens & Interdisciplinary Collaboration in the
Moment of Care – Have a Plan for Positive Screens!

00:58:09 Kirby Haskins: Mishelle Rocks!!!

00:58:20 Erica Gruber: Fo sho haha

01:00:18 Conor Sullivan: Social Worker Top Takeaways:
1. Interdisciplinary Collaboration is necessary for appropriate discharge planning and care
coordination
2. Know what resources are available in both the VA network and community
Thanks Mishelle!

01:00:30 Conor Sullivan: What if We Do Not Have the Physical Therapy or Occupational Therapy
Option? – Skill Building

Jessica Babbitt
DPT, CEEAA
(Certification Exercise Expert for Aging Adults)

Rhonda Erickson
BsC OT
Acute Care Supervisory of Rehabilitation Services at Aurora Health Care

01:04:45 Erica Gruber: We have all seen this in the halls!!! ahhhhh

01:05:12 Erica Gruber: noooooo furniture cruising in the VA! (esp now w COVID!)

01:07:30 Erica Gruber: why thank you for asking haha Ethan please feel free to drop the post webinar
survey link

01:07:42 Erica Gruber: we are using the post survey in an effort to get this in TMS

01:08:18 Erica Gruber: We want in TMS so that sites can use for training, competency and then work w
prosthetics to obtain a stock of walkers and canes

01:09:32 Erica Gruber: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=lx6a-r7kWCbberJRqzv2bmSNueGE9JjL3fMHknK_dUNINDWUIFTVg3WlhMOVRFN1IEOTRaMFFGMC4u

01:13:27 Erica Gruber: We will have this available on the Geri EM SharePoint no matter what :)

01:13:41 Conor Sullivan:
PT/OT Top Takeaways:
1. These patients are fearful of falling, so error on the side of caution with mobility.
2. When evaluating mobility/gait, the patient needs to be able to sit before they can stand
before they can walk.
3. Trial the patient with the assistive device ensure they are using it correctly before
issuing an assistive device.
Thanks Rhonda and Jessica!

01:14:03 Conor Sullivan: Safe Transitions of Care Considering “What Matters?”
Mishelle Evans MSW, LSW
Geriatric ED SW Lead
Indianapolis, IN VA ED

01:14:58 Erica Gruber: DME= durable medical equipment

01:17:49 Erica Gruber: AKA We love and NEEEDDD medical SW in all our EDs :)

01:19:58 PAMELA Martin: These are GREAT. I love that it shows why you would be consulting
each



- 01:19:59 Conor Sullivan: Links:
The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Caregiver Support Program (CSP) provides support and services for family caregivers of Veterans
<https://www.caregiver.va.gov>
Each VA facility has Caregiver Support Coordinators who provide direct assistance to caregivers
https://www.caregiver.va.gov/support/New_CSC_Page.asp
- VA's National Caregiver Support Line (CSL) serves as a primary resource/referral center to assist caregivers, Veterans and others seeking caregiver information
https://www.caregiver.va.gov/help_landing.asp
- *** Eldercare Locator: <https://eldercare.acl.gov/Public/Index.aspx>
– Enter your local zip code or city, state (chose the correct tab)
– Displays all geriatric services in your area!!
- 01:20:02 Erica Gruber: in the chat, please list your site and some great resources you have to support the older Veteran's success!
- 01:21:15 Ethan Jetter: <https://eldercare.acl.gov/Public/Index.aspx>
- 01:21:52 Luna Ragsdale: COACH - support for caregivers of dementia patients
- 01:22:56 Conor Sullivan: Social Worker Top Takeaways:
1. Interdisciplinary Collaboration is necessary for appropriate discharge planning and care coordination
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Thanks Mishelle!
- 01:23:15 Luna Ragsdale: COACH is a program at Durham to support caregivers of dementia patients
- 01:23:31 Laura Stabler: Great job Panelists!!!
- 01:24:02 Ethan Jetter: TMS Link: https://va-hcm03.ns2cloud.com/learning/user/common/viewScheduleOfferingDetails.do?OWASP_CSRFTOKEN=U3ZK-1TP2-OTAP-1YET-CT9X-BRRS-LZS5-U0YD&componentID=4571579&fromSF=Y&componentTypeID=VA&revisionDate=1625683429000&scheduleID=3751917&menuGroup=Catalog&fromDeepLink=true&menuItem=Simple+Catalog+Search
- 01:24:03 Conor Sullivan: Geri EM SOP link:
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- 01:28:49 Ethan Jetter: Post Webinar Survey:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ixtf6a-r7kWCbHberJRqzv2bmSNueGE9JjL3fMHknK_dUNINDWUIFTVg3WlhMOVRFN1IEOTRaMFFGMC4u
- 01:29:40 Conor Sullivan: Thank you so much! Stay tuned for the GEDC's next webinar in September on Diversity & Inclusion, more information coming soon.
<https://gedcollaborative.com/events/>
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- 01:30:04 Conor Sullivan: Dear Colleagues from Cohort #1 and #2,
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- 01:30:29 Aaron Malsch: Great presentation and great work at the VA! Thank you for serving those whose served our nation!