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# Models of Nurse-Led Geriatric ED Case Management

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### **Nurse-led case management in a large health care system**



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## **Evolution of Geri Case Manager Role**





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## **RN Case Management in the Geri ED**



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## Geriatric Emergency Management (GEM) Nursing Network in Ontario:

# Nurse-led case management in a large health care system: The shortest distance is not always a straight line

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# Geriatric Emergency Management Nursing Services

**Meeting the needs of frail seniors in  
emergency departments**

**Building Senior Friendly Skills of all staff**

2007 Regional Networks support GEM provincially

2012 Emergency Mobile Nursing Services to long-term care

1995 - A geriatric resident reveals myths about older people in the ED

# HOW WE GOT HERE

2009 National attendance at GEM conference

1999 RGP/ Sunnybrook Hospital pilot GEM Role that spreads locally

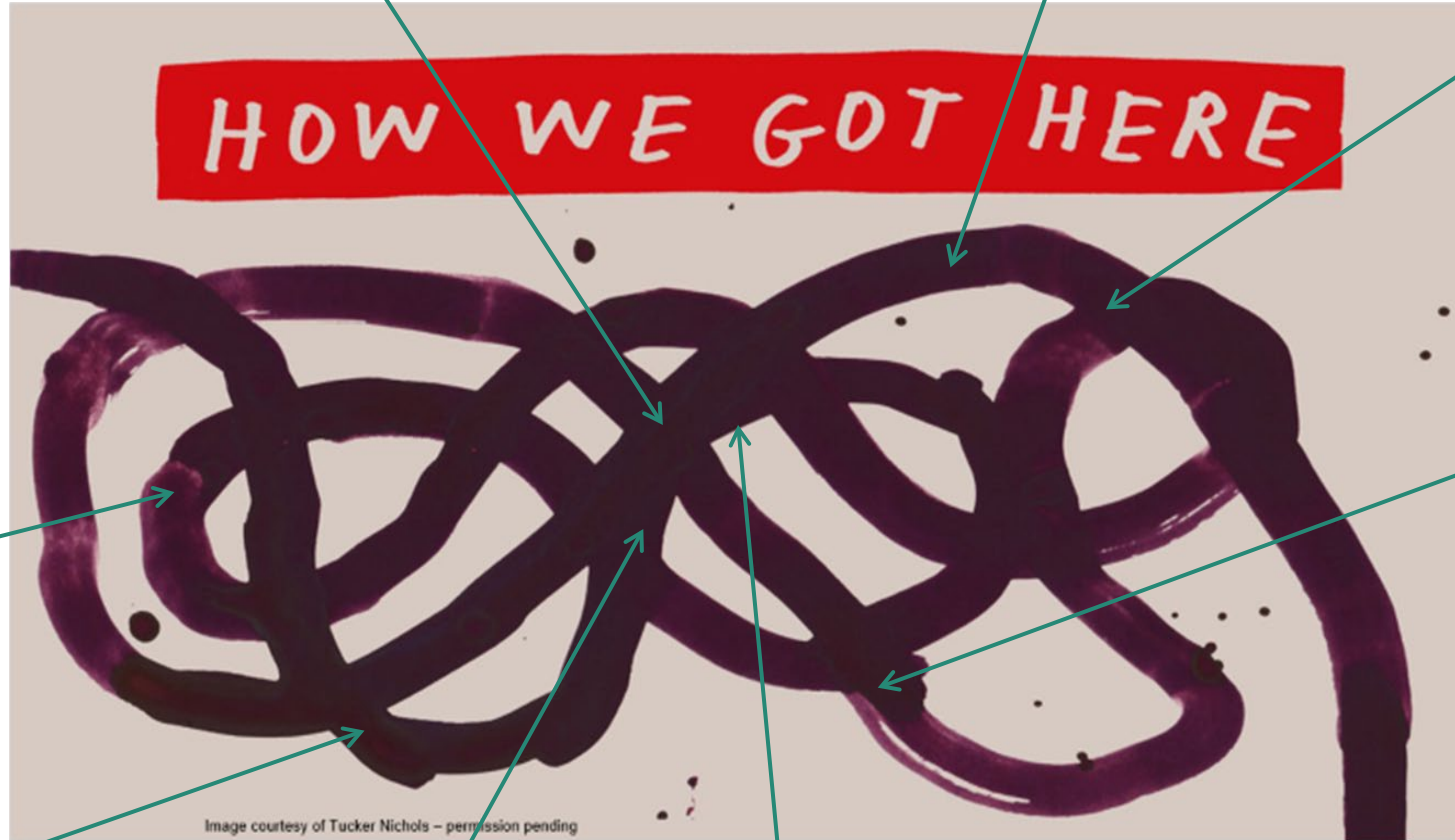
2011 90 GEM nurses and first International visitors (Singapore) Don Melady joins network

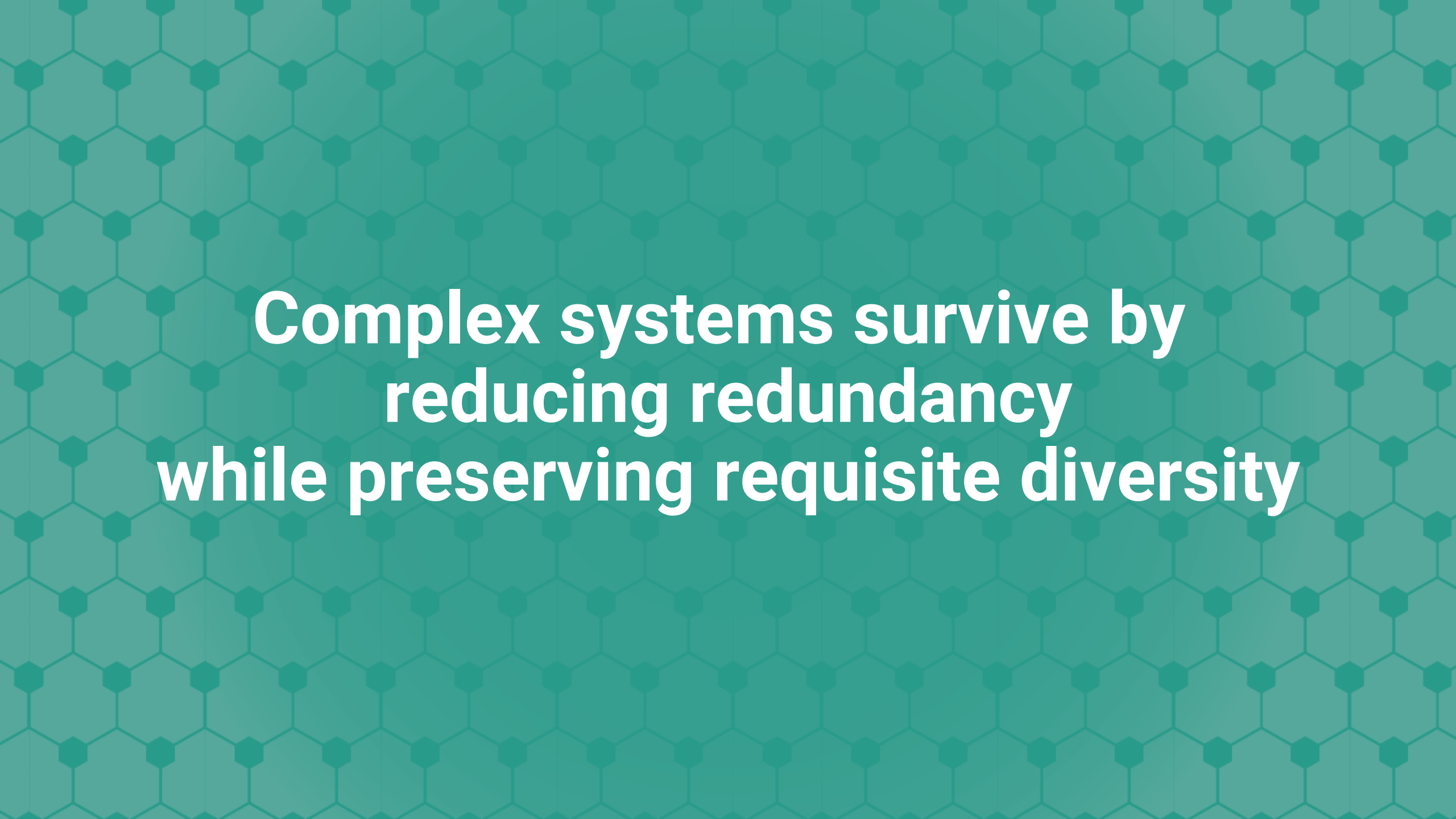
2002 Jacques Lee first senior friendly ER MD/Research

2003 Ministry asks RGP to recruit and evaluate 8 GEM positions with 7-day training program

2005 first two-day GEM conference

2020 - 130 GEM nurses in 60 ED's (Plus 30 Emergency Mobile Nurses)





**Complex systems survive by  
reducing redundancy  
while preserving requisite diversity**



# Reducing Redundancy

- Recruit senior friendly staff and link them together
- Develop frailty-friendly skill sets
- Shared role profile (clinical service and capacity building)
- Provide a balanced service evaluation framework
- Avoid placing additional demands on other clinicians
- Anticipate emerging system and ED priorities



# Enabling Diversity

- Staff recruitment from diverse backgrounds
- Adapt to local context
- Work within existing structures
- Drive local Quality Improvement
- Support skill development



# Service for older adults at Geriatric Emergency Management (GEM) locations

## In the hospital

Linked to a Regional Geriatric Program	73%
Geriatrician on-staff	56%
At least one Specialized Geriatric Service	56%
Geriatric Outreach Teams	47%
Specialized Psychogeriatric Services	46%
Geriatric Psychiatrist on-staff	42%
Geriatric Day Hospital	22%
Acute Care of the Elderly Unit	20%
Geriatric Assessment Unit	9%

## In the emergency department

Community care coordination	96%
Physical Therapy ED consultation	82%
Clinical Pharmacy ED consultation	69%
Occupational Therapy ED consultation	47%
Geriatric Medicine ED consultation	19%
An Emergency Physician Champion	18%
Geriatric Psychiatry ED consultation	13%
ED discharge planners	9%

## What background do GEM nurses have?

**Previously an ED nurse**

**49%**

**Previously a Geriatrics Nurse**

**36%**

**No experience in Geriatrics or ED**

**16%**

## What training do GEM nurses have?

**Registered Nurse**

**64%**

**Clinical Nurse Specialist**

**38%**

**Nurse Practitioner**

**6%**

## Estimated number of patients per GEM nurse per week for five activity types

<b>Screen and refer</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Comprehensive Assessment</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Targeted Assessment</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Consultation to other ED staff</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Follow-up of patients discharged before being seen</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Estimated annual number of patients per FTE for all activity types</b>	<b>2,444</b>

# Presenting Problems of GEM Patients

1

Falls and Mobility

6

“Social Admissions”

2

Delirium / Confusion

7

Bowel Problems

3

Pain

8

Responsive Behaviors

4

Dizziness

9

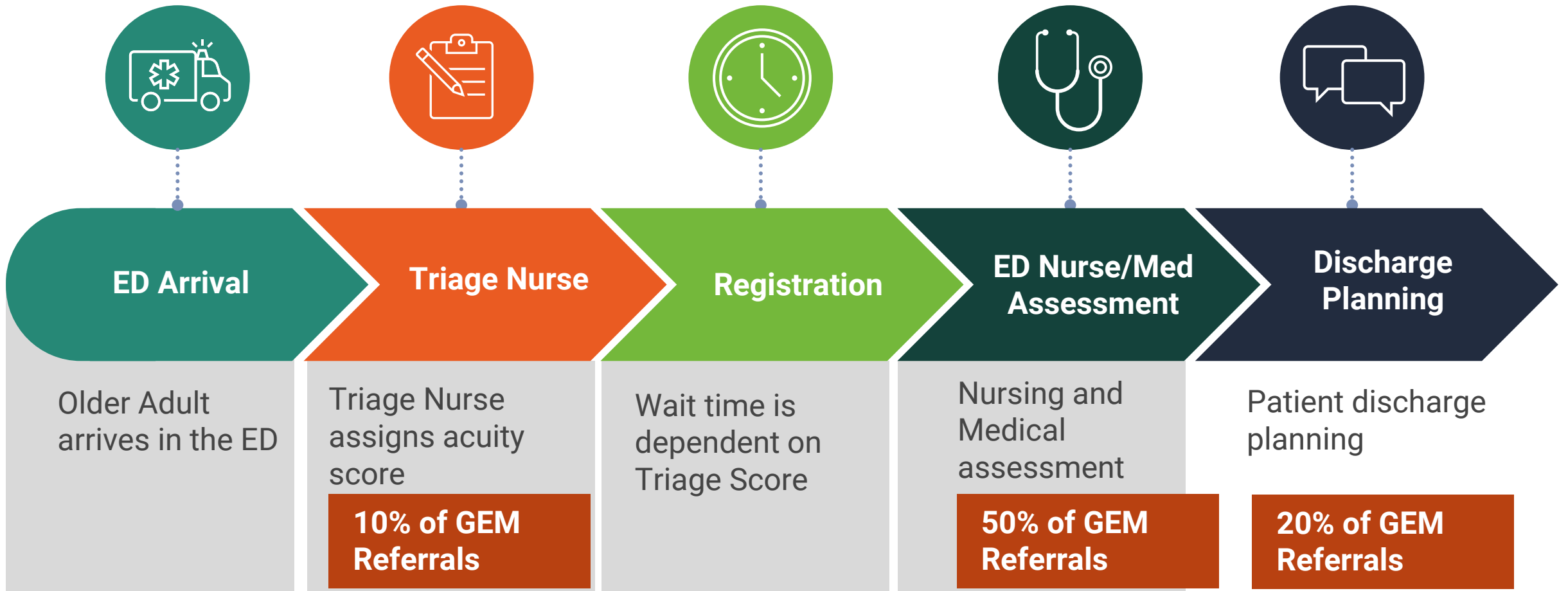
Skin and Wounds

5

Respiratory Problems

# A Typical Workflow

Steps in ED patient flow and sources of GEM referrals



**20% of GEM Referrals arise from Case Finding. Case Finding can occur throughout the patient flow.**



# Barriers to Building GEM Programs

- Time and Resources
- Access to Home and Community-based services
- Hospital and Human ED Resources
- ED Environment

# Moving the GEM network ahead

- Optimize interprofessional frailty focused service development
- Adapt network 'meetings' to meet emerging conditions
- Enhance network communications
- Support the development of regional networks
- Standardize mentoring of new GEM nurses.
- Build GEM business case





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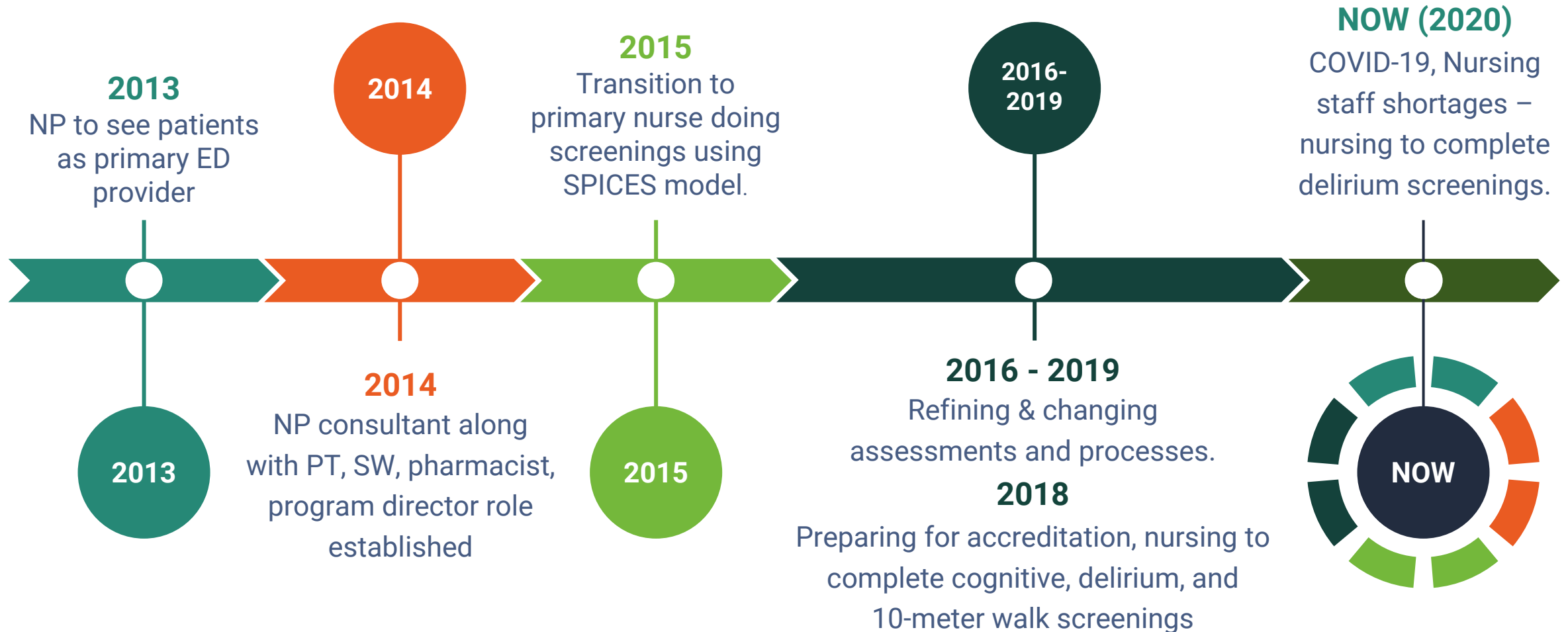
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## **Evolution of Geri Case Manager Role**



# Evolution of Geri Case Manager Role



# Patient Identification

## Triage Risk Screening Tool (TRST)

## Potential 30 day re-admit/ACO/ ESI + TRST icon

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TRST for Seniors

**What is TRST?**

TRST is a Triage Risk Screening Tool. The purpose of using TRST is to identify seniors at risk for functional decline upon discharge from the ED. Once identified, these patients will receive community referrals and individualized follow up in an effort to prevent a decline in their health and possibly preventing admission to the hospital.

TRST for Seniors

TRST Screening Questions	Most Recent Value
Cognitive impairment/poor recall	1
Difficulty walking/transferring or recent falls	1
5 or more home medications	0
Lives alone and/or no available caregiver	1
ED Staff Concerns	1
Choose concern(s)	--
<b>Prior hospital admission(s)</b>	
Hospitalization previous 90 days	1
Name of the Hospital(s)	ABC Hospital
Why Were You in the Hospital?	CHF
<b>Prior ED visit(s)</b>	
ED visit within last 30 days	1
Name of the hospital(s)	ABC Emergency Room
Why Were You in the ED?	chest pain
TRST Tool Score	6 - Notify Provider
Provider notified of TRST score?	Yes
Time Provider notified	1639
Provider notified	Dr. Good

ERI Patients (13) | To Be Admitted (8) | Finish Up Fast (

Bed	Trvl	SS	!	ACO	A	TRST
17	—	—	—	★	3	1
12	—	—	—	—	2	1
06	—	—	—	—	3	(!) 2
RRC	—	—	—	★	2	1
19	—	—	—	—	3	(!) 2
13	—	—	—	—	3	1
22	—	—	—	★	3	(!) 4
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# Case Examples



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## **RN Case Management in the Geri ED**

# RN Case Management in the Geri ED

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**October 19th, 2020**



# Aurora Sheboygan Memorial Medical Center

- 185 licensed beds
- Level 4 Trauma Center
- Dec 2014: GEDC Bootcamp
- May 2018: GEDA Level 3
- 2019:
  - 23,327 ED visits
  - 5,772  $\geq 65$  visits (25%)
  - 3,494  $\geq 65$  Discharge from ED (61%)
  - 4,678 ISAR screenings (81%)



# RN Case Manager

- Dedicated to the ED
- Geriatric program development and implementation
  - Development of 10 procedures
- Process improvement and data collection
- Leads the interdisciplinary team
  - ED Manager, CM Manager, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Home Health, Palliative Care
- Provides staff education
- Builds community partnerships
  - Home care, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Assisted Living Facilities, Aging and Disability Resource Center, Adult Protective Services, Dementia Care Network, Dementia Crisis Care Task Force, etc.

# Geriatric ED Key Components

- RN ISAR screening of all patients age > 65
- Referral Process for home health, ADRC, palliative, and primary care
- Fall Protocol for all patients > 65 that arrive in ED as a result of a fall
- RN Case Manager and/or RN coordinates with MD
  - MD assessment with interdisciplinary team
    - Referrals, service-to orders, PT eval, Pharmacy, palliative care
- RN Case Manager reviews outcomes
- Automated EHR report development



# Improving Care

By improving care processes in the ED and offering needed referrals on a more consistent basis, the Geri ED RN is effective at:

- 1) Helping older patients obtain the resources and care to remain at home enjoying better quality of life
- 2) Decreasing ED & hospital utilization and re-visit rates
- 3) Increasing patient and family satisfaction.



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**Humanizing the care  
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# Geriatric Emergency Room Innovations for Veterans

## Humanizing the care of older Veterans in the ED

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# GERI-VET Multidisciplinary Team



# Intermediate Care Technicians

- Former military medics and corpsmen
- U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy and Coast Guard
- Incorporated into VHA through a 2012 pilot program
- “Force Multipliers”



# GERI-VET SharePoint

## GERI-VET SharePoint Education Resources

The screenshot shows the home page of the GERI-VET SharePoint site. The browser address bar indicates the URL is <https://www.vision10.portal.va.gov/sites/cleveland/gerivet/SitePages/Home.aspx>. The page features a navigation menu on the left with options like Home, Recent, GERI-VET Essentials, Educational Powerpoints, and Site Contents. The main content area is titled "Welcome to the GERI-VET SharePoint Site" and "Geriatric Emergency Room Innovations for Veterans". It includes a grid of eight images: a healthcare provider with a patient, an elderly man in a wheelchair, a couple, a healthcare provider with a patient, a couple, a healthcare provider with a patient, a healthcare provider with a patient, and a star-shaped logo with "GERI-VET" written on it. To the right, there is a mission statement and a list of 2019 webinar materials. At the bottom, there is contact information for the GERI-VET Medical Director and a list of champions.

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Welcome to the GERI-VET SharePoint Site

### Geriatric Emergency Room Innovations for Veterans

**The GERI-VET mission is to provide cutting-edge emergency care to older veterans through:**

- The screening and detection of geriatric syndromes.
- Tailoring care to the most appropriate setting.
- Improving transitions of care through multidisciplinary care coordination.
- Training the VA workforce to care for our aging veterans, with a specific focus on ICTs.

**2019 GERI-VET Webinar Materials:**

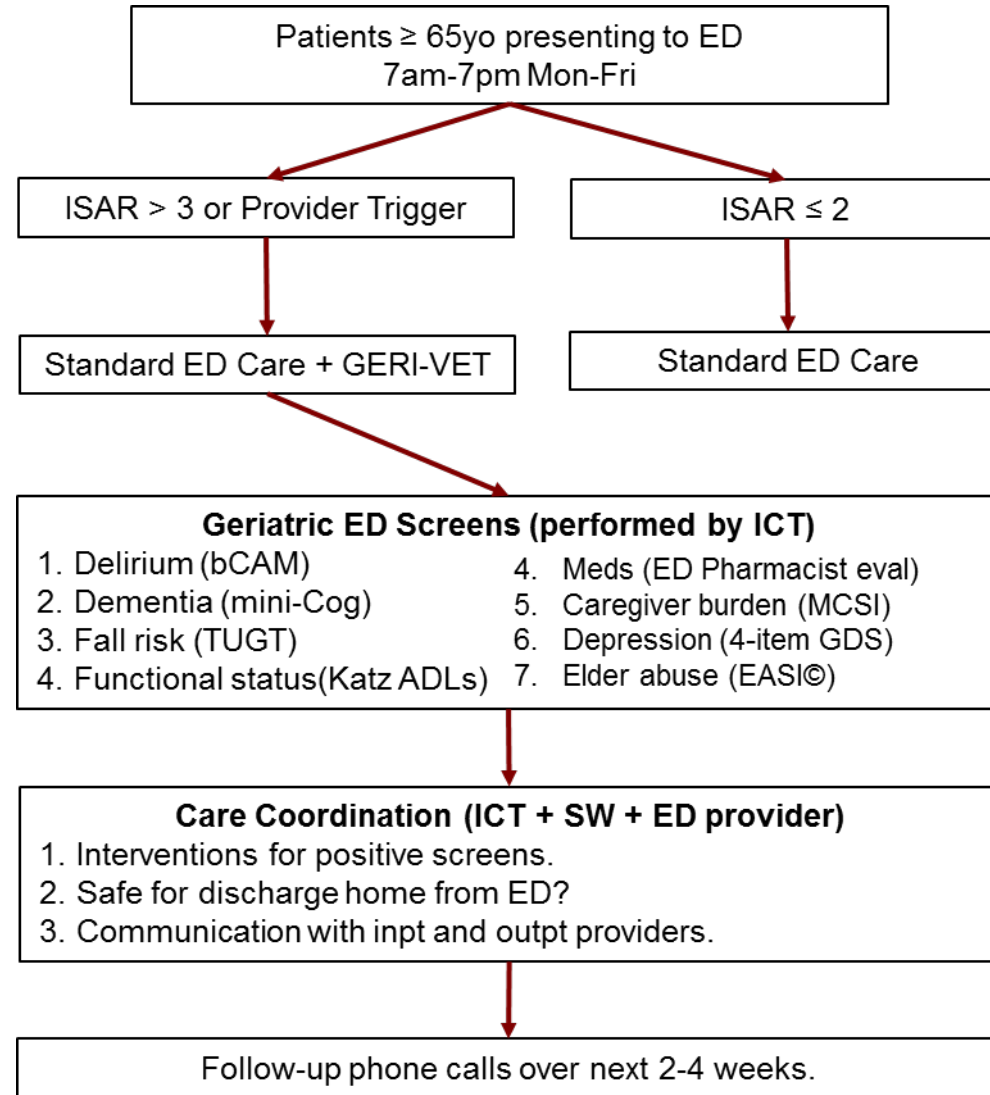
- 2/4/19: Identifying At-Risk Older Adults in the ED
- 2/6/19: Your Geriatric ED Team
- 2/11/19: Delirium Screening and Management
- 2/13/19: Dementia and Geriatric Resources

**We are excited to welcome teams from the Durham, Dallas, Minneapolis and St. Louis VA Medical Centers to our next GERI-VET Bootcamp on March 6, 2019!**

**Questions or interested in starting a GERI-VET program in your Emergency Department?**  
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# Workflow





# GERI-VET Screening Form

## Delirium Screen (Brief CAM)

1. Acute change or fluctuation in mental status.
2. Inattention. *"Can you name the months of the year backwards from Dec to July?"*
3. Altered consciousness
4. Disorganized thinking.  
*Will a stone float on water?  
Does 1lb weigh more than 2lbs?  
Can you use a hammer to lb a nail?  
Hold up this many fingers.  
"Hold up 2 fingers".  
"Now do the same thing with you other hand."*

Delirium = features 1 & 2 PLUS either 3 or 4.

## Dementia Screen (Mini-Cog)

3 item recall: PENNY / APPLE / TABLE  
Clock draw: 0 or 2 points  
Total points: \_\_\_ / 5

## Elder Abuse Screen

- Has anyone failed or been unable to give you the care you need?
- Has anyone close to you threatened you or made you feel bad?
- Has anyone tried to force you to sign papers or use your money against your will?
- Has anyone tried to hurt you or harm you?
- Do you feel safe at home?
- Are there any red flags for elder abuse on exam or during your interview with the patient?

## Functional Assessment (Katz ADLs)

Check if independent in the following.

- Bathing
- Dressing
- Toileting
- Transferring
- Continence
- Feeding

Total points: \_\_\_ / 6

## Caregiver Burden (Zarit)

Scoring: \_\_\_ / 16 points

- Concern for caregiver burden: Y / N
- Caregiver name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Permission to call caregiver? Y / N
- Caregiver phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Falls Screen (TUGT)

- Time: \_\_\_ seconds
- Walking device at baseline: Y / N
- Prior fall in 6 months: Y / N

Never Rarely Sometimes Quite Frequently Nearly Always

- |  | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Quite Frequently | Nearly Always |
|--|-------|--------|-----------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. Do you feel that because of the time you spend with (your relative) that you don't have enough time for yourself? | 0     | 1      | 2         | 3                | 4             |
| 2. Do you feel stressed between caring for (your relative) and trying to meet other responsibilities?                | 0     | 1      | 2         | 3                | 4             |
| 3. Do you feel strained when you are around (your relative)?   | 0     | 1      | 2         | 3                | 4             |
| 4. Do you feel uncertain about what to do about (your relative)?   | 0     | 1      | 2         | 3                | 4             |

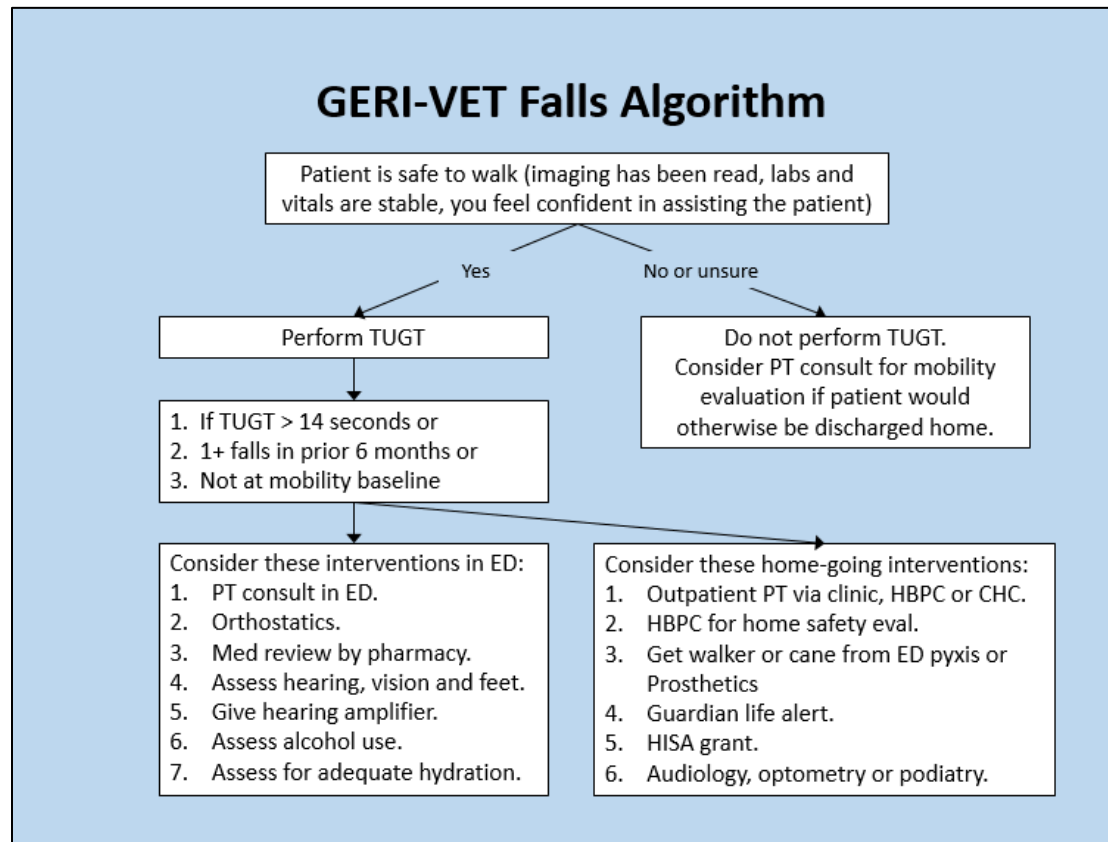
- D/w ED clinician: Y / N
- D/w ED SW: Y / N
- D/w ED pharmacist: Y / N
- Give them food/drink: Y / N
- Amplifier: Y / N
- Residence: \_\_\_\_\_
- Time to screen: \_\_\_\_\_
- Time for care coord.: \_\_\_\_\_
- Best number for patient: \_\_\_\_\_

## Polypharmacy

- 10+ meds Y / N
- Non-VA Meds other than OTC Y / N
- High risk meds (benzo, opioid, anticoag) Y / N
- Med non-compliance Y / N
- Recent Fall Y / N

# Empowering our ICTs

## The GERI-VET “Playbook”



# Easy Access to Geriatric Consults

**GERI-VET Delirium Management** Done

**Consider these labs:**

- Complete Blood Count
- Comprehensive Metabolic Panel
- B12
- TSH
- Urinalysis
- Urine Culture & Suseptibility
- Tox Screen
- Alcohol

**Consider imaging:**

- Chest PA & LAT (STAT)
- Head W/O Contrast
- \*\*\*\* (Obtain CT head if no prior in 6 months or if medically indicated.)

**Other recommendations:**

Consider: Inpatient admission.  
Evaluate for fecal impaction, urinary retention, pain, immobility.

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Pharmacy ED Geri-Vet (for medication review)

Offer food and drink as appropriate

Hearing amplifier and headphones  
\*\*\*\* Discuss with ICT

Audiology  
Optometry

**GERI-VET Dementia Management** Done

**For new or progressive dementia consider these labs and imaging:**

- Complete Blood Count
- Comprehensive Metabolic Panel
- B12
- TSH

**Consider:**

- W Geriatrics Outpt (Geriatric Assessment)
- Dementia Care Coordination
- W Neuropsychology Outpt
- Home Care Services
- \*\*\*\* (Home safety, therapy, RN and SW evaluations through HBPC)

Primary Care Social Work  
W Driver Training Outpt

**Other Recommendations:**

Contact legal guardian or durable power of attorney.

Offer food and drink as appropriate.

Discuss home health aide, adult day care services, respite care, long-term care, and community support education with ED or PACT Social Work.

**GERI-VET Depression Management** Done

**Consider:**

- Mental Health Outpatient (CBOCs)
- Psychiatry Outpatient Clinic (Wade Park)
- HBPC (free text request for Psychology into consult order)
- W Psychiatry Consultation Liaison (Inpatient)

**Other considerations:**

- Notify PCP and PACT Team
- All ED discharge instructions include the Crisis Line:  
1.800.273.TALK (8255) available 24 hours/day

**GERI-VET Caregiver Burden & ADL Management** Done

**Consider:**

- Caregiver Support Program
- W Geriatrics Outpt (Geriatric Assessment)

Home Care Services  
\*\*\*\* (Home safety, therapy, RN and SW evaluations through HBPC)

Primary Care Social Work

Prosthetics  
\*\*\*\* (For Guardian Alert - Please note if patient has landline or cell phone)

Discuss home health aide, adult day services, respite care, long-term care, and community support services with ED or PACT Social Work.

# GERI-VET Interventions in the ED



- **Equipment**  
*amplifiers, mobility devices, talking pill boxes, ADL kits*
- **Physical therapy**
- **Capacity evaluation**
- Expedited **respite care**
- Expedited **long-term care**
- **Cognitive evaluation**
- **Referrals** to Geriatrics Clinic, HBPC, adult day care, home health aides, caregiver support, drivers safety, home modifications.

Request New Role  
Change Site

Service: ED - Geriatrics  
 Role: 6 selected  
 PACT Team: Select options  
 Date Due: [ ] ~ [ ]  
 All Dates  By me  Completed  Cancelled  
 Date: 06/01/2019 ~ 06/09/2020

GO Total 655 Overdue 0 Completed before due 655

Role: Admin, ICT, Physician, Provider, RN Care Manager, Social Worker  
 Completed: Yes Completed between 06/01/2019 and 06/09/2020

Task	Date Due	Task Type/Reason	Patient Name	SSN4	Created By	By Role	To Do Notes	Completion Note	Completed By	Completed Date
1	06/08/20	Telephone/Follow-Up/Continuity of Care	[REDACTED]		Blatnik, Jennifer	Admin	geri vet follow up #2; no needs at time of geri vet	HBPC initiation and involvement	Blatnik, Jennifer	06/08/20
2	06/08/20	Telephone/Follow-Up/Continuity of Care	[REDACTED]		Blatnik, Jennifer	Admin	geri vet follow up #2; no needs HOWEVER...lives by self and having low bp	following with telehealth HT	Blatnik, Jennifer	06/08/20
3	06/08/20	Telephone/Follow-Up/Continuity of Care	[REDACTED]		Blatnik, Jennifer	Admin	geri vet follow up #2; snf recommended last admission however liz	chart review indicates veteran admitted and when discharged went home with	Blatnik, Jennifer	06/08/20
4	06/08/20	Telephone/Follow-Up/Continuity of Care	[REDACTED]		Blatnik, Jennifer	Admin	GERI VET ICT met with veteran's granddaughter Katie in main ED waiting	veteran dc'd home 6/5/2020 with rec's	Blatnik, Jennifer	06/08/20
5	06/08/20	Telephone/Follow-Up/Continuity of Care	[REDACTED]		Blatnik, Jennifer	Admin	delirium or baseline?	delirium and weakness resolved; veteran discharged home	Blatnik, Jennifer	06/08/20
6	06/08/20	Telephone/Follow-Up/Continuity of Care	[REDACTED]		Blatnik, Jennifer	Admin	geri vet follow up #1; admitted? cg support? hbpc?	admitted, palliative consult placed	Blatnik, Jennifer	06/08/20
7	06/08/20	Telephone/Follow-Up/Continuity of Care	[REDACTED]		Blatnik, Jennifer	Admin	being admitted for uti/delirium.....caregiver support for his daughter?	still admitted; PT recommending 24/7 supervision from daughter	Blatnik, Jennifer	06/08/20
8	06/08/20	Other/ Continuity of Care	[REDACTED]		Blatnik, Jennifer	Admin	left voicemail for veteran's daughter to contact ccf for neurology appt skyped with	continue to follow...sending Diamond consults for outside care	Blatnik, Jennifer	06/08/20
9	06/08/20	Telephone/Follow-Up/Continuity of Care	[REDACTED]		Blatnik, Jennifer	Admin	veteran presented to ED after one week prior of	veteran good to go	Blatnik, Jennifer	06/08/20





# Transforming the systems in which we care for older veterans.







# Q & A

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Ask your questions  
in the CHAT

We will try to get to everyone



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3. Login to your CME account

**\*Advocate Aurora Health Login:** Follow the instructions to login as a WI Team Member or an IL Team Member.

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