



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

AGENDA

Thursday, December 3rd

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| 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 |



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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 –
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



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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.*

Total CME hours Thursday: 6 hours

Friday, December 4th

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

8:00 – 8:05 AM Welcome & Announcements

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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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