



## FUNDING AND SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

One of the GWEP Coordinating Center's (GWEP-CC) objectives is to offer access and assistance with content and resources for professional and public education to support your work.

### Activities to achieve this objective:

- Provide **\$2000 annually** for GWEPs to purchase clinical content, memberships, or meeting registrations of their choosing **to support your site's informational and networking needs.**
- Provide access to public education materials for older adults and their caregivers, available through the **AGS Health in Aging Foundation** website, **HealthinAging.org**, **Practicing Physician Education Project** tool kits, and assist the GWEPs in updating existing public education content as needed.
- **POGOe** submission support.

**Process:** Complete the online request form, which will be emailed to all GWEP PDs and posted to the GWEP Online Community. Requests will be reviewed and approved on a rolling basis. All 2018 requests must be submitted by **Friday, February 23, 2018.**

The form will include questions related to GWEPs' and their collaborators' (non-profit community based organizations and primary care organizations) interest in receiving:

- Funds for clinical content on [geriatricscareonline.org/memberships/meeting-registrations](http://geriatricscareonline.org/memberships/meeting-registrations)
- Access to AGS Health in Aging Foundation materials
- POGOe submission support

**\*\*Information on resources, suggested membership organizations, and meetings are included on the next page.**

**Questions:** Email [Marianna Drootin](#), AGS Staff with any questions.

## Resources Information

### [Geriatrics Care Online](#)

Geriatrics Care Online (GCO) is your one-stop online resource to purchase American Geriatrics Society's publications and products and to license online access to comprehensive content and topic-specific bundles of information tailored to meet your specific needs. GCO can be accessed using your MyAGS log in information or by registering for free. Please contact Elvy Ickowicz at [eickowicz@americangeriatrics.org](mailto:eickowicz@americangeriatrics.org) for licensing information.

### [Practicing Physician Education Program](#) Toolkits

The Practicing Physician Education (PPE) Project began in 1997 and has been funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation through the American Geriatrics Society. The PPE Project was designed to assist primary care physicians in providing better office-based care of their older patients. One component of the project has trained facilitators to offer clinical materials (the tool kits) in an interactive format with small groups of practicing physicians. The facilitator introduces conceptual and factual information; participants discuss this practical information and how to apply it through brainstorming exercises, case discussion, and personal goal setting for their own practices.

The tool kits in the PPE Project offer the physician and office staff an organized approach that is coordinated with specially designed educational materials for patients. The handouts provided with each tool kit supplement the physician's efforts to prepare the patient and family for their roles in making decisions during the evaluation and in the early stages of the management of any chronic condition. Tool kits are currently available on:

- Memory Loss
- Urinary Incontinence
- Depression
- Falls
- Heart Failure
- Persistent Pain Management
- Prevention

### [Health in Aging](#)

HealthinAging.org, was created by the American Geriatrics Society's Health in Aging Foundation, to provide consumers and caregivers with up-to-date information on health and aging. Overseen by a team of experts on caring for older adults, HealthinAging.org content is based on resources that the American Geriatrics Society has developed for its professional members.

HealthinAging.org is a great resource for:

- Information on common diseases and disorders that affect older adults.
- Specific considerations for the older adult with multiple health conditions.
- Resources tailored to specific topics can help you learn more about your condition:
  - Ask the Expert – our healthcare professionals answer common questions on each topic.
  - What to Ask – a series that will provide you with practical questions and tips that will help you direct your conversations with your healthcare professional.
  - Tip Sheets – easy to understand tips on managing your health.

## POGOe

The Portal of Geriatrics Online Education (POGOe) is free collection of expert-contributed geriatrics educational materials for educators and learners. Our materials are available digitally and use various teaching methods. Our mission is to encourage the free exchange of teaching and assessment materials in order to promote geriatrics education in the fields of geriatrics and gerontology.

Funded by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, POGOe is managed by the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine, on behalf of the Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs (ADGAP). The site is operated through a partnership of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Department of Biomedical Informatics and Division of Geriatrics.

## **Membership Organizations/Meetings**

- [Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs \(ADGAP\)](#): A membership organization committed to advancing academic geriatrics programs and supporting academic geriatrics program directors in order to benefit and aid patient care, research, and teaching programs in geriatric medicine within accredited medical schools located in the United States. ADGAP has built and fostered new methods of facilitating the development of leadership skills among academic geriatricians and has provided an ongoing forum for Program Directors and leaders in academic geriatrics to discuss the wide variety of issues that they encounter.  
*Dues: \$400/year*
- [American Geriatrics Society \(AGS\)](#): A not-for-profit organization of nearly 6,000 health professionals devoted to improving the health, independence and quality of life of all older people. The Society provides leadership to healthcare professionals, policy makers and the public by implementing and advocating for programs in patient care, research, professional and public education, and public policy.  
*Dues: \$399/year (physician), \$310/year (other healthcare professionals)*
- [American Society on Aging \(ASA\)](#): An association of diverse individuals bound by a common goal: to support the commitment and enhance the knowledge and skills of those who seek to improve the quality of life of older adults and their families.  
*Dues: \$248/year*
- [Association for Gerontology in Higher Education \(AGHE\)](#): A membership organization of colleges and universities that offer education, training, and research programs in the field of aging. AGHE currently has more than 160 institutional members throughout the United States, Canada, and abroad.  
*Dues: Classification of AGHE members is made on the basis of the type of educational institution. See website for more information.*
- [Gerontological Advance Practice Nurses Association \(GAPNA\)](#): GAPNA represents the interests of all advanced practice nurses who work with older adults. These advance practice nurses are active in a variety of settings across the continuum including primary, acute, post-acute and long-term care. GAPNA is the organization of choice for advanced practice nurses seeking continuing education in gerontological care as well as networking and peer support from experienced clinicians.  
*Dues: \$100/year (Regular Membership)*
- [Gerontological Society of America \(GSA\)](#): The oldest and largest interdisciplinary organization devoted to research, education, and practice in the field of aging. GSA's principal mission — and that of our 5,500 members — is to advance the study of aging and disseminate information among scientists, decision makers, and the general public.  
*Dues: \$183/year*
- [National Association for Geriatric Education Centers \(NAGEC\)](#): The National Association for Geriatric Education Centers (NAGEC): A non-profit membership organization representing Geriatric Education Centers, Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Programs (GWEPS) and other groups, organizations, and individuals that provide education and training to health professionals in the areas of geriatrics and

gerontology. NAGEC has an extensive history of coordinating national and regional programs to train health care professionals from all disciplines to better serve the growing number and diversity of older Americans. Learning from peers, sharing resources, and collaborating on scholarship are key member activities. Members also receive public policy updates, including breaking news on legislation and funding issues.

*Dues: \$250/year*