



GEDA Upgrade Program

GED Accreditation provides a structure and a means of helping motivate stakeholders— and those institutions wishing to upgrade their current accreditation level show an increasing commitment to senior-specific care in their ED.

The **GEDA Upgrade Program** is available to any Level 2 or Level 3 site that wishes to achieve a higher level of accreditation within their three-year award timeframe.

Reasons to Upgrade:

- It's an empowering tool to get the resources i.e., optimize processes (policies, guidelines, procedures, staff,) and structural enhancements your ED team needs.
- Enhanced care for older adults within your ED can decrease readmissions— an important financial consideration for hospital leadership.
- Offers an avenue for hospital leadership and physicians to align to improve care.
- Gain increased pharmacy, social work, and care management resources.
- Creates a coherent system of care targeting and measuring specific ED outcomes for older adults that form an overall elevation in ED operations and transition of care.
- Enhanced quality care and public transparency regarding the capabilities of the ED to care for older adults.
- Increase brand recognition and community reputation.
- And most importantly, better care for our older patients!

Get Started:

1). Review Feedback: After your initial award was granted, your hospital's CEO and/or President received a letter offering advice on how to evolve your geriatric ED. From expanding process improvement initiatives, to learning opportunities for staff education, this letter may be helpful to you to further improve your GED and prepare for an accreditation upgrade.

2). Review Your Current Application: Log in to your approved application. We suggest saving your completed application down to your computer for reference at a late date.

3). Click the “Upgrade” Button: When you are ready to upgrade your accreditation, click the upgrade button on your dashboard. Information provided in your initial application will

be pulled over to your new application. You can always delete any files you choose not to use in your new application.

4). Begin: Start your application just as you did the last time around. You'll notice that many areas are pre-populated with your current content. The process to upgrade is seamless and the fee paid with your initial accreditation will count towards your upgrade (as long as the upgrade takes place within the accreditation term.) Many accredited sites have already begun!

