

## New Member Spotlight: Georgia Emergency Department Services



**Georgia Emergency Dept. Services (GEDS)** has been serving patients for almost 20 years in northeastern Georgia. GEDS is the result of a combination of two independent, democratic, physician owned-and-operated emergency medicine physician groups. The practice has grown to include over 60 physicians and 40 advanced practice providers. It is the largest independent emergency physician group in the state of Georgia. For more information about Georgia Emergency Dept. Services, please contact Dr. Mohak Dave' at [mohak@geds-emergency.com](mailto:mohak@geds-emergency.com).

### *Excerpts from a conversation with Mohak Dave' MD, President and CEO*

Dr. Mohak Dave' has been President and CEO of GEDS for over five years and a practicing emergency medicine physician for over 15 years. Dr. Dave' and his team are continually focusing on providing the highest quality of patient care. Also, as GEDS has grown from a small physician group to one now serving six Emergency Dept's and growing, Mohak has been working to improve their effectiveness and efficiency. Dr. Dave' has been improving scheduling (particularly in night-shift management), creating an excellent recruitment package and expanding internal leadership development. Dr. Dave' is also focusing on developing the roles of Medical Directors and Assistant Medical Directors to deepen and broaden the management team and provide new opportunities for team members.

Dr. Dave' became aware of EDPMA through a long-time member and Mohak quickly recognized the EDPMA's value. From his viewpoint, the legislative focus at the state and Federal levels, knowledge of the regulatory environment, diversity of types of physician groups, and the attention to smart business practices and principles are all important to Dr. Dave' and his group. He values the independent practice model and appreciates EDPMA's efforts and focus on supporting these types of groups.

Dr. Dave' has always been interested in legislative issues and, in particular, sees EDPMA's two Committees - State Regulatory and Insurance Committee (SRIC) and Federal Health Policy Committee (FHPC) - as important components of their membership benefits. Dr. Dave' values the deep-dive approach in the Committees on key legislative issues. And, at the state level, Dr. Dave' finds EDPMA's efforts to help independent practices understand the direction of the state legislatures, how to get involved and provide talking points, and other resources is another great membership benefit. Dr. Dave' also mentioned that EDPMA's monthly Advocacy newsletter is a useful resource providing a lot of information on ED issues.

Mohak sees the challenges in emergency medicine encompassing legislative issues on reimbursement such as balance billing and surprise billing. EDPMA has been proactive, and knowledgeable in these areas. Other challenges stem from the business side. As a member of EDPMA, the networking opportunities help create connections among the

many small- and medium-sized physician groups that lead to useful business information exchanges.

Dr. Dave' attended the 2019 Solutions Summit and plans to attend the 2020 Solutions Summit in Nashville, TN (May 3-6) and will bring several members of his management team. Dr. Dave' has found the Solutions Summit to be an important venue for networking and is a one-stop shop for getting the latest information in emergency medicine-related legislative and regulatory issues.