



# 10 REASONS YOU BELONG IN GGS

## MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS IN THE AGING FIELD

### 1. RESOURCES FOR PATIENTS

Connecting patients with resources is very important. As a GGS member, you will be able to stay up to date on the current news, issues, events, and efforts for older adults; much of which you can then pass on to your patients.

### 2. LEARN MORE BEST PRACTICES

It is very important to learn about best practices in a non-clinical setting, as well as the medical field. As a GGS member, you will have access to a wealth of information that can help with this!

### 3. QUICK AND CONCISE INFO

As an individual in healthcare, you may be extremely busy and might not have a lot of excess time to learn new information. However, as a member of GGS you have easy access to a one-stop-shop of relevant and credible information.

### 4. ADVOCACY

As a GGS member, you will receive updates on the biggest issues facing older adults in Georgia and have opportunities to engage in advocacy in an effort to improve the lives of older Georgians.

### 5. NEW PERSPECTIVES

We are often extremely busy and can get stuck in our own little bubbles. Being around other aging professionals with different viewpoints will expose you to new ideas and outlooks. This can have a very positive effect not only on your personal growth and development, but also on your overall professional success.

### 6. JOB PROSPECTS

GGS offers information about career opportunities and useful resources to help you find the perfect path for you.

[www.georgiagerontologysociety.org](http://www.georgiagerontologysociety.org)

## 7. MENTORSHIP

One of the greatest benefits of joining a professional organization like GGS is the opportunity it likely provides to either be a mentor or find one. GGS Mentorship offers the ability to learn about the field of aging from someone who has been working in it for years. Or you can give back by sharing your expertise with someone new to the field.

## 8. NETWORKING

Members are part of a community of Gerontology professionals and leaders within their community and their organizations. As a member you have ample opportunity to network with others in the field of aging.

## 9. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GGS members are provided with several opportunities as well as resources for professional development. These come in the form of workshops, webinars, and member-only materials as well as the annual conference. Plus, GGS members receive discounted rates! Members can also take advantage of opportunities to learn new skills and practice those skills. Through joining our Board of Directors, participating on a GGS committee, or engaging in other volunteer initiatives, GGS offers opportunities to get more involved in the aging network.

## 10. VALUE

A general/individual GGS membership is only \$60 a year. The cost is affordable, and the benefits are vast!

**Join GGS today and be a member of the largest state organization of multidisciplinary professionals in the field of aging that educates, serves, and advocates for older adults and their families!**

"As a geriatrician aware of the many non-medical factors that impact my patients' overall health, including housing, nutrition, and support in the home, I appreciate all that I gain from participating in GGS. Being a GGS member enables me to learn more about available programs and new ideas for addressing the needs of older adults, and to develop relationships with other professionals dedicated to serving older Georgians."

- Carole Gardner, MD, AGSF  
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