The Mount Sinai School of Medicine, in collaboration with St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Mount Sinai Medical Center (NYC) and Northwestern Memorial Hospital (Chicago) has announced the receipt of funding from The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Innovation Challenge for an in-depth three-year evaluation of geriatric emergency services.

Known as GEDI-WISE, Geriatric Emergency Department Innovations through Workforce, Informatics and Structural Enhancements, the project will study the impact of leading edge geriatric services at three top tier tertiary academic urban medical centers.

"It's an honor to work shoulder-to-shoulder with Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Mount Sinai Medical Center and Northwestern Memorial Hospital on such a noteworthy geriatric emergency services study," notes Mark Rosenberg, DO, Chairman of Emergency Services, Geriatric Emergency Services, and Palliative Emergency Care, SJHS.

"A pioneer in geriatric emergency services, St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center opened the state's and the northeast region's first dedicated Senior Emergency Department (SrED) in 2009. As a successful evidenced-based model, we've encouraged the development of similar programs throughout the United States – and they are taking hold. This study is significant because it will enhance the understanding and application of specialized senior emergency services nationwide," says Dr. Rosenberg.

According to the CMS Innovation Challenge Award announcement, the Mount Sinai School of Medicine GEDI-WIDE model "will use evidence-based geriatric clinical protocols, informatics support for patient monitoring and clinical decision support, and structural enhancements to improve patient safety and satisfaction while decreasing hospitalizations, return ED visits, unnecessary diagnostic and therapeutic services, medication errors, and adverse events, such as falls and avoidable complications."

"Together, through GEDI-WISE, we will evaluate Senior ED services at the three facilities and the overall impact on the health of this patient population, provision, and cost containment," adds Dr. Rosenberg. "It's a compelling study and we're proud to be part of it."