THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY
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Chapter News

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Holidays from your colleagues at MIMDA - the Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine. Are you looking for a gift to give a hard-to-buy-for colleague or coworker this season? Consider giving them a membership to MIMDA. That will allow them to keep up to date with our monthly newsletter, join our educational webinars and have reduced registration fees for the annual conference. Purchase it online at our website, MIMDA

Our January Board meeting will be a Town Hall for all MIMDA members as we brainstorm how to encourage more providers to enter the PALTC workforce. Are you looking to grow your practice and having difficulties recruiting? Do you have ideas on how to educate other providers on what our careers are like, and why we enjoy what we do? *Join us on January 9 from 7-8pm and share your thoughts.*

At the December Education Work Group session we settled on finding a venue for our annual conference in October in upper mid-Michigan, aiming to limit drive time for all attendees. We have been asked to offer the PALTC Provider Bootcamp again.

The AMDA annual conference is in San Antonio in March of 2024. We are looking for 2 members to serve as delegates from the Michigan chapter at the House of Delegates meeting. **If you would like to represent the chapter please email Audrey at michiganmda@gmail.com by January 4,** as we will vote on the delegates at our January 9 meeting.

Michigan is hoping to present the following resolution to AMDA at that meeting:

AMDA - THE SOCIETY FOR POST-ACUTE AND LONG-TERM CARE MEDICINE RESOLUTION #3

SUBJECT: Real-time bidirectional communications between venues of care

INTRODUCED BY: Michigan Medical Directors Association

WHEREAS accurate real-time information regarding a patient is critical during transfers of care between acute care hospitals and skilled nursing facilities,

AND WHEREAS, medical documentation has moved to electronic health records and is now a required documentation modality through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services,

AND WHEREAS, skilled nursing facilities and primary providers practicing in the long-term care setting often do not have access to the same electronic health records systems used by acute care facilities/primary care physicians/specialty physicians within the same geographic domain, and vice versa. Most EHR programs used in SNFs do not interface with the electronic health record systems used by their local hospital systems and primary care networks,

AND WHEREAS, due to this non-compatibility lack of interface between of EHR systems, hardcopy records are commonly used in transfer of care between the care providing entities. Hardcopy information transfer is time consuming, runs a risk of transcription errors, and is more prone to privacy violation than information shared via EHRs. Hardcopy transfer creates an inherent risk of information loss before the receiving provider reviews the information.

AMDA Resources

Events
Educational Programs
Product Store
Caring for the Ages
JAMDA
Career Center
Foundation
ABPLM (Certification)

AMDA On-The-Go Podcast Series

AMDA-On-The-Go | BPSD Bootcamp: Practical Guidance to Non-pharmacological Interventions (Part 1 of 2)
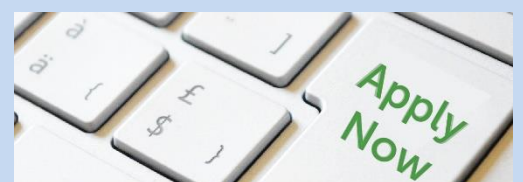
JAMDA On-The-Go | November 2023

Caring On-The Go | November-December 2023: Special Section on Diabetes and the Older Adult

View All Episodes

PALTC POLICY SNAPSHOT

Health Professional Shortage Area: CY 2024 Bonus Payments

Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing Program: December Confidential Feedback Reports

AND WHEREAS, serious harm to patients has been documented due to the inability of the receiving provider to access electronic records review accurate real-time patient information from the sending facility,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that AMDA support initiatives to identify best practices in the transfer of real-time information between venues using EHR,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that AMDA investigate and share information on technology solutions that would address this deficiency,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, AMDA brings partner organizations and all relevant stakeholders together to build effective real-time communication systems.

Stay well,

Cheryl

CARE QUALITY

> *****IMPROVE Quality of Care with FREE Quality Analytic software, offered by Superior Health Quality Alliance*****
>
> *****Learn more at the Real Time Demo with Q & A*****
> **January 17, 2023 7–8:00 pm [Real Time Webinar - Zoom](#)**

Superior Health Quality Alliance is the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) for Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. It is also a Medicare Quality Innovation Network (QIN) that works with providers, community partners, beneficiaries, and caregivers on data-driven quality improvement initiatives to improve quality of care.

Superior Health works diligently with Skilled Nursing Facilities to educate and support improvement in quality outcomes in infection prevention and control, medication safety, rehospitalization and Quality Measures.

[About Us - Superior Health Quality Alliance (superiorhealthqa.org)](#)

Superior Health has purchased a subscription to **Real Time Medical Systems**
Software, which lies on top of a facility's EMR, pulling and analyzing data throughout the day. Key features of Real Time:

- It is compatible with PCC and Matrix
- It predicts the risk of rehospitalization based on changes in condition noted by alerts, keywords in progress and nursing notes, recency of admission, underlying diagnoses, and vital signs outside of normal ranges
- Generates QM reports based on CMS criteria and Infection Control reports with charts and graphs

An overview of Real Time software is included as an attachment in the newsletter email.

Superior Health is offering 300 SNF's an opportunity to participate in the collaborative with Real Time at no cost to the facility through October 2024. To date, 184 facilities are participating. Considerations include:

- The facility needs to be enrolled with Superior Health
- Facilities will need to sign a contract to allow access to their EMR
- Real Time builds all of the connections and interfaces
- Real Time supports the SNFs by providing training opportunities when the facility goes live, in addition to hosting educational opportunities throughout each month

For more information about the Quality Improvement Collaborative: [Nursing Home Quality Improvement Collaborative (superiorhealthqa.org)](#)

If you and your facility are interested in using this software, please contact Toni Kettner RN, MHA, NHA, CPHQ at
tkettner@metastar.com

Nursing Home Naloxone Guide and Toolkit

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) identified a need to improve guidance related to meeting the unique health needs of residents with mental health diagnoses and substance use disorders. CMS clarified that when facilities care for residents with these conditions, policies and practices must not conflict with resident rights or other requirements of participation. CMS further clarified that facility staff should have knowledge of signs and symptoms of possible substance use, and are prepared to address emergencies (e.g., an overdose) by increasing monitoring, administering naloxone, initiating cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as appropriate and contacting emergency medical services.

This naloxone nursing home toolkit is intended to provide easy-to-adopt policies and procedures for nursing homes that need to implement or improve their emergency response to opioid overdose, which includes naloxone administration.

- [Nursing Home Naloxone Policy and Procedure Toolkit](#)
- [Implementation Checklist for Nursing Home Naloxone Policy and Procedure Toolkit](#)

EDUCATION

OMDA Congregate Care Calls are held every Thursday at 8:00 am. Here is the 2023/2024 weekly schedule of topics/speakers:

December 28 - Holiday

January 4 - The Volunteer in the NH, Jackie Burns, God Cares Ministry

January 11 - Oral Health, Marla Morse, COVID Update, Dr. David Hartley

January 18 - TBD

January 25 - TBD

February 1 - Disaster preparedness, Wesley Vins, DPA Health Commissioner, Columbiana County Health

February 8 - TBD

February 15 - COVID Update, Dr. David Hartley

[Register online today!](#)

The weekly schedule of topics and speakers can be found [here.](#) Please note, the OMDA Zoom sign in link has changed. If you need an Outlook Zoom calendar invite emailed to you, contact Jeannine Windbigler, Administrator, at jeannine@ohiomda.org

CDC UPDATES ON INFLUENZA, RSV, and COVID-19 VACCINATIONS *contribution from WSU – CEID*

CDC Recommendations for Testing and Management of co-circulating Respiratory Diseases

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released [guidance](#) for testing nursing home residents with respiratory virus symptoms when COVID-19 and flu are co-circulating.

- Residents showing symptoms should be isolated, with staff using appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) in the care of residents and tested for both respiratory viruses
- Residents testing positive for either virus should remain in isolation and only be cohorted with other residents who have tested positive for the same virus
- Residents who have only tested positive for one virus should not be cohorted with residents who have only tested positive for the other virus

[Findings related to updated COVID-19, influenza, and RSV vaccination](#)

Antiviral treatment for COVID-19 is lifesaving

Current evidence suggests:
- Patients with COVID-19 rebound
  - experience return of mild symptoms 3-7 days after initial illness or positive test
  - might or might not have taken antiviral treatment
- No hospitalizations or deaths due to rebound were reported in the reviewed studies

Antivirals should be prescribed to all eligible COVID-19 patients

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DECEMBER 22, 2023
CDC.

SARS-CoV-2 Rebound With and Without Use of COVID-19 Oral Antivirals

COVID-19 rebound was observed in people who did and did not receive antiviral treatment, and rebound symptoms typically appeared as a mild illness 3-7 days after the initial illness ended.

Evaluation of SARS-CoV-2 RNA Rebound After Nirmatrelvir/Ritonavir Treatment in Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trials

Viral rebound rates were similar between patients with and without antiviral treatment.

Coverage with Influenza, Respiratory Syncytial Virus, and Updated COVID-19 Vaccines Among Nursing Home Residents

As of December 10, 2023, 33% of nursing home residents were up to date with COVID-19 vaccination. Among residents at nursing homes that elected to report, 72% had received a flu shot and 10% had received an RSV vaccination.

Influenza, Updated COVID-19, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus Vaccination Coverage Among Adults

As of December 9, 2023, 42% and 18% of adults aged 18 years and older reported receiving the 2023-2024 flu vaccine and the updated (2023-2024) COVID-19 vaccine, respectively. RSV vaccination coverage among adults aged 60 years and older was 17%.

QuickStats: Age-Adjusted Percentage of Adults Aged ≥18 Years Who Reported Their Level of Satisfaction with Life, by Disability Status — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2022

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports

AMDA

Will you be attending the AMDA PALTC conference in San Antonio this March? Consider being a delegate for our state chapter at the House of Delegates meetings. This is an opportunity to participate in helping AMDA decide where to apply its resources for issues and policies that affect us all. Last year's delegates, including Mirza Beg and Cynthia Ochs, found it very enlightening.

Michigan is given five delegate positions. We have three volunteers to this point, and must turn in our approved list on January 10.

- Send an email to michiganmda@gmail.com to volunteer.
- Delegates must be either physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners or clinicians with a Doctorate degree with active AMDA membership status.
- Resolutions will be sent to all members in February for awareness and feedback prior to the vote

Be advised, the house of Delegates final meeting is from 3:30-5:30 on Monday March 11, so plan your travel accordingly.

Register for PALTC24 by January 4 to Take Advantage of the Early Bird Rate

Embark on a memorable journey in San Antonio, TX, where you'll have the opportunity to fully engage in a dynamic program offering valuable sessions, stimulating discussions, and ample networking opportunities. View Full Program.

While you're in San Antonio, immerse yourself in the city's rich heritage by exploring iconic sites like the Alamo and indulge your tastebuds in the vibrant Tex-Mex culinary scene. Experience the enchanting River Walk, where lively restaurants and shops line the scenic waterways.

Can't make it to San Antonio? No problem! AMDA's offering a Virtual Learning Track which will provide you with access to the live-streamed General Sessions, nine live-streamed sessions, and all concurrent session recordings through March 31, 2024. View Virtual Learning Track.

Join AMDA to save on your registration fee!

Register Now

Celebrate this season of gratitude with the Foundation's Giving Thanks Campaign!

Your gift supports initiatives like the Futures Program, a workforce development initiative for burgeoning practitioners developing their PALTC knowledge, and research grants & programs benefitting the PALTC community. Together, we are building a better PALTC.

Make a gift in honor & gratitude of someone special and they'll receive a holiday gratitude card! Donate now by visiting paltcfoundation.org.

Finding Your Value in Evolving Payment Models Recordings

Miss AMDA's virtual policy forum—Finding Your Value in Evolving Payment Models? No worries, the recording is now available! Whether you practice using traditional fee-for-service or value-based payment models, you'll want access to this information.

Join AMDA to save on your registration fee!

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