

Chapter News

MESSAGE FROM WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY'S CENTER FOR EMERGING AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES (WSU – CEID)

Dear Colleagues,

Every year, the third week of October is recognized as International Infection Prevention Week. It was first established in 1986 in the US. The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology have coordinated some resources for sharing at your facilities for each day of the week:

<https://infectionpreventionandyou.org/iipw/daily-fundamentals/>

Sunday Oct 15th was hand hygiene:

Why talk about hand hygiene? (5mins 35 secs)

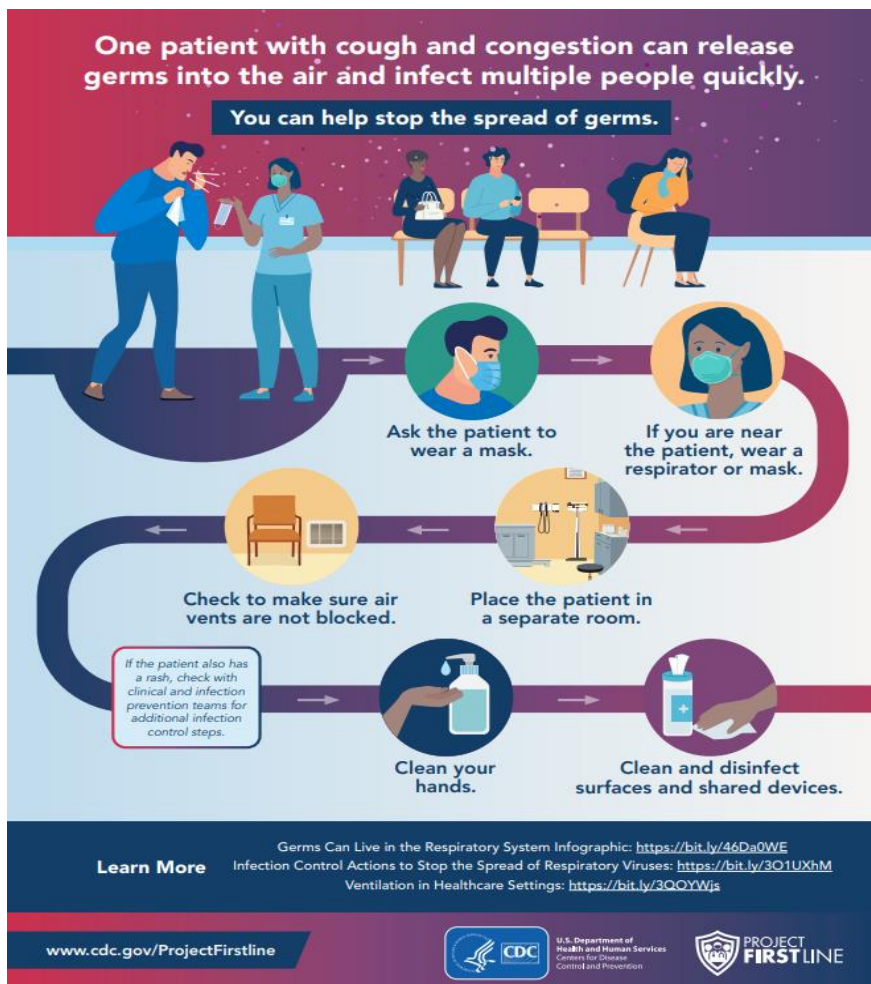
[Do We Really Have to Talk About Hand Hygiene? Again? Yes! YouTube](#)

CDC guidance

<https://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/providers/index.html>

And as we are in the respiratory virus season, Thursday Oct 19th was focused on [Respiratory Etiquette](#)

And a quick resource from [Project Firstline](#)



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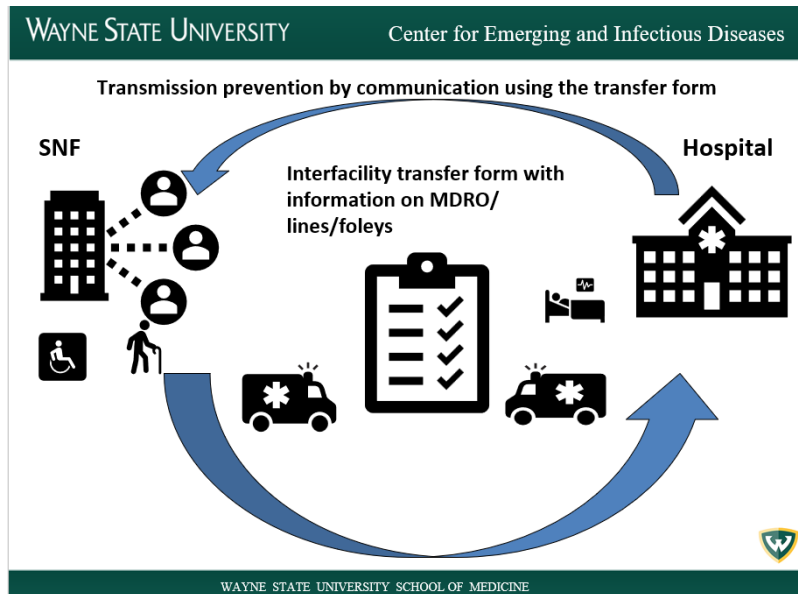
[New Alternative Payment Model \(APM\) and APM Performance Pathway \(APP\) Resources Available from CMS](#)

[MIPS Targeted Review Deadline is October 9](#)

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CALL FOR POSTERS
DEADLINE: NOV. 6

Another key resource to prevent the transmission of microbes is the review and adoption of the [Interfacility Transfer Form](#)



More information and resources on prevention of infections, including up to date *C. auris* surveillance can be found on MDHHS SHARP Unit website [MDHHS SHARP Unit website](#)

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CARE QUALITY

Free COVID-19 Mobile Vaccination Clinics

Is your long-term care facility in need of a free mobile COVID-19 vaccination clinic? Superior Health Quality Alliance (Superior Health) is partnered with organizations in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin to provide free mobile vaccination services to residents and staff members.

If you are in need, email immunizations@superiorhealthqa.org to get scheduled for a mobile clinic

Chlorhexidine Bathing Routine Reduces Infections in Nursing Homes

Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

A [new study](#) funded by AHRQ found that nursing homes using a chlorhexidine bathing routine to clean the skin and nose with over-the-counter antiseptic solutions prevents serious infections and reduces the amount of antibiotic resistant organisms in the nursing home, such as *Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA). The study was recently published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

AMDA Urges Prioritization of Adequate Staffing Over Minimum Staffing in Response to New Staffing Rules

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), issued a [proposed rule](#) that seeks to establish comprehensive staffing requirements for nursing homes—including, for the first time, national minimum nurse staffing standards.

AMDA - The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine, while applauding the effort by CMS to support staffing in nursing homes, is concerned about a “one size fits all” approach of mandating a specific minimum number for all nursing facilities to meet.

As stated in [AMDA's Position on Staffing Standards in Long Term Care \(08-10-2022\)](#), the Society recognizes that while having adequate staffing is critically important, minimum staffing levels should not become a fixed ceiling. Staffing levels based

only on resident-to-worker ratios or assumptions that staff availability is an easily fixable variable will not adequately or safely address and meet residents' needs.

CMS' request for "alternative approaches" and the possibility of providing flexibility in implementing this rule is encouraging.

The Society strongly urges CMS to not take a "one-size fits all" approach and take recommendations from its own study that clearly showed that no specific number is the solution. Instead, this critical problem requires a multi-faceted approach including taking into account complexity of the population (e.g., facility case-mix), availability of nurses, training programs, as well as innovative models that incorporate telehealth and technology advances to improve efficiencies and access to expertise, and the workplace culture.

The Society has long urged CMS and the Federal Government to invest in the post-acute and long-term care workforce to improve quality of life and quality of care for our nation's nursing home residents. A trained and committed workforce that works in a supportive environment is the backbone of our nation's healthcare system.

Milta Little, DO, CMD, President

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EDUCATION

OMDA Congregate Care Meetings: This complimentary OMDA forum takes place via Zoom on Thursdays, 8:00 am. If you are interested in attending, email jeannine@ohiomda.org or complete the online registration [form](#).

October 26 - COVID Activity, Dr. David Hartley, Moving Forward, Nursing Home Quality Coalition Update, Alice Bonner

November 2 - Wounds in PALTC, Steve Burdette, MD, FIDSA, Professor of Medicine, Wright State University

November 9 - Staffing, Dr. Tamara Moyer, DNP, RN, CNE, CNEcl

November 16 - Overview of Vaccination Recommendations (flu, pneumonia, RSV, COVID), Liz Wheeler, BSN, RN, CHPN, CDP, IPCO, QCP, LeaderStat

From our partners at Superior Health Quality Alliance:



Enhanced Barrier Precautions

Thursday, Nov. 9 | Noon - 1 p.m. CT

Have you had a difficult time implementing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recommendations for enhanced barrier precautions (EBP)? Are you confused on what residents to use them for and when? We are here to help.

Please join us for a detailed discussion on why implementing this preventive measure is critical to reducing the risk of multidrug-resistant organisms in long-term care, strategies that simplify the process and how to properly educate your staff.

Objectives

- Discuss the new CDC EBPs.
- Evaluate F880 regulations.
- Discuss implementation practices.

Audience

- Nursing home staff including directors of nursing and infection preventionists

Speaker

- Dr. Buffy Lloyd-Krejci, DrPH, CIC, LTC-CIP from IPCWell

To Register



You will receive a confirmation email with additional information

Note: This email may go to your spam or junk folder

- Use the Add to Calendar feature in the confirmation email from Zoom to reserve the time on your calendar.

Questions?

If you have questions or concerns, contact Diane Dohm, ddohm@metastar.com

October 19 - November 16 Doctors with Dementia: Flipping the Script

National Council of Dementia Minds is proud to introduce a webinar series by Doctors With Dementia. Doctors With Dementia is a dedicated group of retired physicians living with various types of dementia. They invite you to join for a series of webinars in which they will share their perspectives as educators and advocates. Their goal is to change the way dementia care is approached. Please join to enhance your understanding of cognitive impairment, improve communication and care skills, and be a part of a collaborative and compassionate approach to supporting persons living with dementia.

These webinars are relevant and beneficial for a wide range of attendees, including:

- Current and future healthcare professionals
- Faculty of medical schools and allied health professions
- Persons living with dementia
- Care partners, family members, and friends
- Service providers
- Insurance companies

Registration Information [Doctors with Dementia: Flipping the Script](#)

Webinars will be held every Thursday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. ET

November 17: Finding Your Value in Evolving Payment Models

Are you looking for ways to leverage new payment models to get reimbursed for delivering compassionate, coordinated, and effective care? Look no further than this brand-new virtual symposium from AMDA. Whether you are practicing using traditional fee-for-service or value-based payment models, don't miss this opportunity.

Register now at [Finding Your Value in Evolving Payment Models](#)



On-Demand Course Covers the Basics of Psychiatric Management for Long-Term Care Practitioners

The care of nursing home residents with a psychiatric diagnosis often falls to you, so you need answers to these critical questions:

- How do you determine decision-making capacity?
- Should you always deprescribe antipsychotics?

- How can you design a “practice philosophy” that includes healthy limit-setting?

Get all the answers you need with AMDA’s 1-hour on-demand, mobile-friendly course—**Tips from the Pros: Basics of Psychiatric Management in the Nursing Home!** In addition to the new AGS Beers Criteria® for 2023, the course includes the following tools and resources:

- Case scenarios to practice medication reviews
- Strategies for front-line staff to identify and manage behaviors
- Safe prescribing strategies and a decision-making model

[Tips from the Pros: Basics of Psychiatric Management in the Nursing Home](#)

Credits: 1.0 CME, 1.0 CMD Clinical, and 1.0 ABIM MOC | 1 NP Pharmacology Hour

\$49 Members | \$69 Non-Members

FROM AMDA



A Firm Foundation in PALTC

“I was coming here hoping to learn more about PALTC. I was hoping to network with some of my future colleagues and meet some seasoned professionals, and all of that was achieved.”—a 2022 Futures graduate

AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care (PALTC) Medicine’s Futures Program is designed to expose fellows, residents, advanced practitioners, and allied health professionals to the numerous career opportunities available in PALTC medicine. **Registration is now open through November 20, 2023, for the 2024 edition, which is being held at PALTC24 in San Antonio, TX, this March!**

All participants will receive the following benefits:

- Admission to the Futures Program on Saturday, March 9, 2024
- Attendance at all sessions during the PALTC24 Annual Conference March 9-12
- One year of AMDA membership
- Access to resources provided through *Futures Connect*, the year-long online program that offers platforms for networking, discussions about topics of clinical interest, and open discussions with PALTC leaders

[Watch this video](#) of one of the participants from the 2023 Futures Class, Alexandra Gonzalez MD, discussing her experience. [Then, please consider applying if you would benefit, or encourage anyone interested in learning more about a career in PALTC medicine](#)

Remember that the application deadline is November 20, 2023. Please send an email to Futures@paltc.org if you have any questions.

The Society has just released a new toolkit, *Respiratory Syncytial Virus Vaccination in PALTC: Resources for Clinicians*. It includes background on RSV, a CDC fact sheet on RSV vaccination for adults 60 years and older, a RSV vaccine risk/benefit analysis, and Medicare billing guidance for respiratory vaccines in long-term care.

[RSV Vaccination Toolkit](#)

Virtual Symposium Focuses on Payment Models

Are you looking for new ways to leverage payment models to get reimbursed for delivering compassionate, coordinated, and effective care? [Register for AMDA's new virtual symposium](#)—Finding Your Value in Evolving Payment Models—being held on **November 17**. It doesn't matter whether you're using traditional fee-for-service or value-based payment models—you won't want to miss this opportunity.

[Register Now](#)

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