

Chapter News

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

MIMDA is expanding our newsletter to bring you more information that is helpful to your practice. We are adding updates from partners that we feel are important to highlight

If you are also a member of AMDA, we would like to point out the rich repository of resources that it maintains, and will highlight a specific resource each month that you may be interested in, as well as their upcoming educational opportunity.

Since January 2023 MIMDA has been sharing our monthly newsletter with all providers on our email list, created from a variety of sources. **Beginning with the July 2023 issue, we will be limiting distribution to our active members, so please renew your membership if it has lapsed to continue to receive it.**

Cheryl Huckins, MD CMD

Let us know what you would like to see in our newsletter and on our website. Contact michigammda@gmail.com with your ideas.

MIMDA SPOTLIGHT

Each month we highlight a board participant. This month we feature **Kamran Sheikh, MD, CMD.**

Dr. Sheikh has been a member of MIMDA for 30 years and is currently serving his third term on the Board. He is board certified in family practice, hospice and palliative care, wound care and surgery. He practices in PALTC, hospital and outpatient settings. He is also the corporate medical director of 26 facilities, and on-site medical director for two Wellbridge homes.

Dr Sheikh says the gap in communication between the Licensing and Regulation Agency and skilled care facilities drove him to join MIMDA. He wants to make a difference. When surveyors enter his building he seeks them out and gives them his business card, making himself available to answer any questions they may have. Building communication right away is important to him, rather than waiting to find out if deficiencies are found.

He feels surveys should incentivize good patient care, and provide a carrot, not only a stick. "It could be a win-win situation," he speculates. He would like to see a medical professional on the survey team, as medicine is not black and white. "What is standard of care for one person may not be for another," given a person's goals of care.

Dr Sheikh hopes to share his experience with other providers and pass it on to the next generation of PALTC leaders.

EDUCATION

2023 MIMDA Conference

September 29 –30

Courtyard Marriott Downtown
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Registration information will be available on our website soon

Reserve your hotel room now: A block of rooms has been reserved until Wednesday, August 30, 2023. After this date, rooms will be released, and reservations will be made at the regular rate.

Call the reservations department at 1-877-901-6632 or book online at <https://book.passkey.com/e/50528448>

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AMDA On-The-Go Podcast Series



[JAMDA On-The-Go | May 2023 | Exploring Innovations in Fracture Care, Physician-NP Collaboration, and Exercise Guidelines](#)

[AMDA On-The-Hill | May 2023](#)

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PALTC POLICY SNAPSHOT

[COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccination Final Rule](#)

[FY 2024 SNF VBP Program June 2023 Quarterly Reports Are Now Available](#)

[Visit the QPP Resource Library to Access 2024 QCDR and Qualified Registry Self-Nomination Materials](#)



SUMMER SPECIAL

This June, SAVE 15% on
job postings!

Promo Code: SAVE15

Offer valid through June 30, 2023, on 30- and 60-day job postings.

2023 Annual Ohio Long Term Care Symposium

MIMDA members offered the Ohio member registration rate
(\$300 physicians, \$250 non-physicians for 11.5 hours CME/CMD)

August 25-26

Marriott Columbus Northwest

Dublin, Ohio

Information: [2023 Annual Ohio Long Term Care Symposium](#)

AMDA Webinar: The Unrecognized Burden of RSV in Older Adults

July 26, 2023 - 7:00-8:00PM ET

CMD Clinical, CME, MOC

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is associated with substantial morbidity and mortality in older adults with a disease burden comparable to influenza. Advancing age increases susceptibility and mortality to RSV-associated pneumonia and the presence of underlying comorbidities—such as CHF and COPD—increases the risk of hospitalization among older adults who develop RSV. This webinar will discuss how to clinically recognize and diagnose RSV in older adults, as well as review new therapies and vaccines for RSV.

Non-Member Price: \$49.00

AMDA Member Price: FREE ([Join Now](#))

CMS UPDATE

Requirements for Hospital Discharges to Post-Acute Care Providers - *Memo from CMS to State Survey Agency Directors on June 6, 2023:*

“CMS is committed to ensuring that the health and safety of patients are protected when discharges from hospitals and transfers to post-acute care providers occur.

Therefore, we are providing the following information:

- Reminding state agencies (SAs), accrediting organizations (AOs), and hospitals of the regulatory requirements for discharges and transfers to post-acute care providers.
- Highlighting the risks to patients’ health and safety that can occur due to an unsafe discharge.
- Recommendations that hospitals can leverage to improve their discharge policies and procedures to improve and protect patients’ health and safety.”

For more information <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-23-16-hospitals.pdf>

CODING REMINDER

Effective since October of 2022, **K76.82** is the new diagnosis code for patients with hepatic encephalopathy (HE). HE is a complication of cirrhosis, a severe form of liver disease, which can be difficult to diagnose.

Urgency is key, as data has shown that HE patients who are readmitted within 30 days after hospital discharge have a 20% 1-year mortality rate. The launch of **K76.82** is important to help better understand HE and address gaps in care. Widespread adoption of the **K76.82** code may help ensure the diagnosis is documented correctly, address confusion concerning coverage criteria, and impact clinical management of the disease.

The proper documentation of an HE diagnosis may also help advance efforts to ensure patients’ clinical management is appropriate.

For more information about HE, health care providers can visit [LiverHealthNow.com](https://www.liverhealthnow.com).

What is K76.82: A New ICD-10-CM assigned to Hepatic Encephalopathy (HE)

K76.82 is the important new ICD-10-CM diagnosis code for hepatic encephalopathy (HE) that may improve patient identification and address gaps in care

- HE is a complication of cirrhosis, a severe form of liver disease. Early HE symptoms can start slowly and may go unnoticed and include both mental and physical decline
- Effective since October 1, 2022 – which coincidentally is Liver Awareness Month – the code is available for use by physicians, nurses, medical coders, and others covered by the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

Why is this Important?

- Up to 80% of cirrhosis patients may eventually develop some form of HE ranging from minimal to overt
- **76.82** is specific to HE. Multiple non-specific disease codes are currently used to monitor patients with this condition
- A quick, widespread adoption of the use of **K76.82** may help ensure HE diagnosis is documented correctly which may address confusion concerning coverage criteria and may impact clinical management of the disease
- The proper documentation of an HE diagnosis can help advance efforts to ensure patients' clinical management is appropriate

For more information about HE and to find resources that may help, health care professionals can visit LiverHealthNow.com. Additionally, to view current trends in chronic liver disease and HE, read the 2022 Liver Health Annual Trends report published by Salix this October in time for Liver Awareness Month. The report is available here at www.liverhealthnow.com/trendsreport

MIMDA OPPORTUNITIES

This is an exciting time for our chapter. Our board is committed to growth in the areas of education, advocacy and membership. We invite you to work with us as we strive to improve practice and patient care. Please consider getting involved in one of our initiatives:

- **Education:** development of topics for webinars and annual conference
- **Advocacy:** working with state organizations to address issues that impact post-acute and long-term care
- **Membership:** we seek to increase our chapter membership for the benefit of providers that work in post-acute and long-term care.

As stated by Cheryl Huckins in last month's spotlight, *"I think one of the most important benefits of membership in MIMDA is the connectivity with other providers, and together working collaboratively to resolve issues faced in our space."*

For more information or to convey interest in participating in MIMDA programs, contact:

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CARE QUALITY OPPORTUNITIES

HCAM National Quality Award Program

HCAM, the Health Care Association of Michigan, and a chapter of the American Health Care Association (ACHA), has asked us to spread the word on the National Quality Award Program. This is a highly respected 3-tiered honor that long term care and assisted living facilities can apply for, to demonstrate their excellence in the quality arena.

Applications for the 2024 awards open at the end of June. Discuss with your administrator today.

<https://www.ahcanca.org/Quality/National-Quality-Award-Program/Pages/default.aspx>

AMDA's Moving Needles project offers \$300 as token of appreciation for help fielding a brief survey with frontline staff

Moving Needles - a project of AMDA - is looking for facilities that would be willing to help field a 10-15 minute paper survey of frontline staff working within nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The purpose of the survey is to understand training and education preferences, as well as thoughts on vaccination. The results will be used to develop information, education, and training based on those preferences and thoughts.

Facilities who participate will be asked to field the survey with frontline staff such as certified nursing assistants, food service workers, custodians, and others who work directly with residents. The paper survey will be returned to AMDA via postage paid boxes. Those who respond to the survey will be provided with a \$15 gift card, and facilities who administer the survey will receive \$300 as a token of appreciation.

If you would be willing to help field this survey in your facility/facilities, please fill out this form: https://amda.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3elcfKqW4gDYLga

We greatly appreciate your assistance in informing vaccine education and training for frontline staff. If you have any questions, please contact esobczyk@paltc.org.

National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Office Hours:



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Join Superior Health Quality Alliance (Superior Health) NHSN experts to learn about reporting COVID-19 tests and vaccinations, reporting healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) and answers to other questions you may have about NHSN.

Noon - 1 p.m. CT / 1 - 2 p.m. ET on the following Wednesdays:

- June 21, 2023
- August 16, 2023
- October 18, 2023
- January 17, 2024
- March 20, 2024
- May 15, 2024
- July 17, 2024
- September 18, 2024

Objectives

- Describe NHSN COVID-19 testing reporting requirements.
- Explain NHSN COVID-19 vaccine reporting, including person-level vaccination forms.
- Describe NHSN HAI reporting requirements.
- Answer questions about NHSN reporting.

Audience

- Nursing home staff and administrators involved in NHSN reporting.

Speaker(s)

- Elena Bair, MPH, CPHQ, Quality Improvement Advisor
- Mike Bittner, BA, MA, Quality Improvement Advisor
- Jana Broughton, LNHA, BA, MA, Quality Improvement Advisor
- Katie Pisciotta, MPH, BA, MA, Quality Improvement Advisor

Register

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- You will receive a confirmation email with additional information.
- Note: This email may go to your spam or junk folder.

Questions?

If you have questions or concerns, contact Katie Pisciotta, kpisciotta@iMPROVe.Health.

REGISTER 

**Changing Talk (CHAT) communication training program -
A message from University of Kansas School of Nursing faculty:**

Dr. Kristine Williams and I from the University of Kansas School of Nursing are seeking nursing homes nationwide to participate in a NIH-funded research study testing a new online version of the evidence-based Changing Talk (CHAT) communication training program.

CHAT educates staff about reducing elderspeak (infantilizing communication) and results in reduced behavioral symptoms and need for psychotropic medication for residents with dementia. The new online version (Changing Talk: Online Training (CHATO)) consists of 3; one-hour interactive online modules that provide flexible and accessible access for staff.

There is no cost, direct-care staff can earn 3 contact hours, and all staff get a Certificate of Completion.

Benefits to you, your staff, and your residents include:

- A person-centered approach.
- Education about elderspeak and better communication strategies.
- Reduction in resistiveness to care and other behavioral symptoms in residents with dementia.
- Reduction in the need for psychotropic medication.
- Convenient, online educational format for busy nursing homes.
- Qualifies for CMS dementia care training hours requirements.
- A free, nonpharmacological, evidence-based intervention is an excellent addition to a Quality Improvement Plan.

Please see our [website](#) to learn more about CHATO, sign up for an info meeting, and view our training resources and research.

Please share this information with your network and nursing home colleges. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact us for more information and to discuss this opportunity further.

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PALTC23 Recordings Now Available

Did you miss AMDA's annual conference this past March? Don't worry—you can still earn credits for the general and concurrent sessions by [purchasing the recordings](#). CME, CMD, and MOC credits are available. Recordings are accessible through February 2026.

Recorded sessions include:

- Audio synced to slides for most 60 and 90-minute sessions delivered during the conference
- Ability to download session handouts

Not an AMDA member? [Join now to save \\$540 on the recordings!](#)

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Start Your Journey to Certification

The road to becoming a Certified Medical Director starts with the Core Curriculum. **You can finish this year if you start now!**

- The Online Core Curriculum is the first part of the Core Curriculum, covering 22 critical areas impacting PALTC leadership and management.
- The Core Synthesis is comprised of dynamic lectures, spirited role plays, case-based discussion, and small group breakouts.

[Start My Journey](#)

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