

## Chapter News

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Good tidings in the new year! MIMDA held its first Town Hall at its January Board meeting. I appreciate our members who joined the call and would like your feedback on what you would like more or less of in this forum. We intend to have these 3-4 times a year. Please email me at [huckinsc@gmail.com](mailto:huckinsc@gmail.com) with your ideas.

Our delegates for the AMDA House of Delegates meeting were selected. Iris Boettcher MD, Cynthia Ochs DO, Mirza Beg MD, Nicholas Kielhorn MD, and Cheryl Huckins MD will represent the Michigan chapter. We will also introduce a resolution requesting AMDA's support to find best practices in real-time bidirectional communication between venues of care, i.e. emergency room/inpatient and skilled facilities.

Our brainstorming session focused on increasing the number of clinical providers in our workspace. As we all know, the U.S. population is aging, and our licensed workforce is decreasing. Who will take care of us and our generation? Concerns that were raised were 1) the poor reimbursement for our services, 2) lack of exposure for internal medicine residents to the skilled and assisted living setting during training, and 3) payment for mentoring. In addition to advocating for changes in these areas, we need to communicate to the clinician world the real benefits and satisfaction that this work offers.

Consider doing a Grand Rounds presentation at your local hospital about our role and what it's like: the reliance on clinical diagnostic skills, relationships with residents and families, collaboration with care teams, and schedule flexibility. Agree to have students shadow you and to mentor residents. Let your mid-career colleagues know that there is a second life in PALTC that is meaningful!

Finally, an update on **Moving Forward Michigan**. The Moving Forward Coalition, an outgrowth of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine 2022 report on the status of nursing homes in the US, has its first working state committee right here in Michigan! It worked in 2023 on developing best practices to ensure that all caregivers know a resident's goals, preferences and priorities, and will continue to scale up its work on this. It also has a 2-year grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund to 1) develop leadership training for ECF leadership and help facilities succeed with a process improvement project, and 2) train state surveyors on person-centered care.

If you or colleagues you know are interested in participating with Moving Forward Michigan or have a nursing facility that would be interested in leadership training, please contact me, or join us at [movingforwardcoalition.org](http://movingforwardcoalition.org).

*Cheryl Huckins, MD CMD*  
MIMDA President

### CARE QUALITY

**Webinar Series: Ensuring Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Treatment Through the Care Continuum**

[Register online](#)

This nine-session QIO Collaborative Opioid Series is a nationwide collaboration featuring local and national experts providing strategies, interventions and targeted solutions to ensure access to MOUD treatment and facilitate the continuity of care through the continuum (including nursing homes). We've had registrations in the 700s nationally and our feedback from participants has been very positive!

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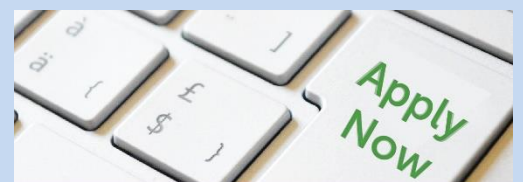
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## INFECTION PREVENTION - *contribution from WSU – CEID*

Education videos from MDHHS to share with staff:

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/keep-mi-healthy/communicablediseases/sharpmain/resources/videos>

### Healthcare-Associated Infections | Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

#### Infection Preventionist Essentials for Long-Term Care

In partnership with the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), MDHHS Surveillance for Healthcare-Associated & Resistant Pathogens (SHARP) Unit is offering complimentary Long-Term Care Infection Preventionist (LTC IP) Essentials Trainings. **Training attendees will also receive a free one-year APIC membership; existing members will receive a one-year extension.**

This training provides the foundation for the infection preventionist (IP) role and the practice of being an effective IP in a long-term care setting, including creating and managing successful IPC programs and mitigating risk at your facility. This training also covers CMS-required topics.

#### Dates

- Virtual | February 27-29, 2024
- In-person (Livonia, MI) | April 24-26, 2024

In response to the substantial demand for the LTC IP Essentials courses, an application process has been implemented for the 2024 course offerings. **To express your interest and initiate an application for attending the LTC IP Essentials February session, click on the link below for application instructions.**

[Learn More | Apply](#)

**The application submission period will conclude at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, January 19, 2024.**

MDHHS Surveillance for Healthcare-Associated & Resistant Pathogens (SHARP) Unit at
<a href="mailto:MDHHS-SHARP@Michigan.gov">MDHHS-SHARP@Michigan.gov</a>
Michigan.govHAI

## EDUCATION

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

**January 18** - Normal Aging vs. Dementia, Lori Horstman, Certified Dementia Specialist, CEAL, CDP, CADDCT, CFRDT, CMDCP, CDSGF, Executive Director, BrightStar Senior Living

**January 25** - Nutrition in the LTC Congregate Care Population of Patients, Anne Marie Hughes, MPH, RD, LD

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

**February 8** - Suicide/Mental Health Help Line, Doug Jackson, Staffing and Education/Training from the Educator's Point of View, Dr. Tamara Moyer, DNP, RN, CNE, CNEcl, Med Assistant Program, Jeannie Ricker, RN, BV Health System

**February 15** - COVID Update, Dr. David Hartley, Behavior Health, Chief Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton

**February 22** - IPPI Project, Katherine Abbott, PhD, MG

#### [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](mailto:jeannine@ohiomda.org)



## 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!](#)

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## Introducing Leading With Purpose

To complement the More of a Good Thing discussions, JoAnne Reifsnyder, PhD, MSN, MBA, FAAN, professor of health services leadership and management at the University of Maryland School of Nursing, will lead a series of eight 30-minute virtual sessions on leadership strategies that can help facility leaders assess their strengths, lead change, cultivate a positive work culture, and ultimately retain and recruit new members to their teams. The monthly sessions will begin on January 18, 2024.

[Learn More & Register](#)

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## Giving Thanks for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine Campaign

The Foundation for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine has created a special way to honor a family member, co-worker, mentor, facility, or friend with gratitude while benefitting the Foundation's national mission—the "Giving Thanks for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine Campaign."

This campaign provides a unique way for you to honor those who provide inspiration. With your gift, you may honor or remember someone with a special Gratitude Card being mailed to the honoree, their family, or their nursing facility. In addition, your gift will place these individuals' names with yours on the Foundation's website on the Wall of Caring and Honor.

[Dr. Wayne Saltsman explains why he supports this important national effort.](#)

This is a unique way to celebrate someone with gratitude while supporting others in their service to our field. Please make a gift today on the [Foundation website.](#)