



THE PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY
FOR POST-ACUTE AND
LONG-TERM
CARE MEDICINE



Hello everybody,

Just like school returns in September and football is the season in the fall, it's time again to turn our heads towards PMDA's 27th Annual Symposium. This year's symposium promises to be unique, educational, informative and relevant for multiple complexities in our industry. We return once again to the Hershey Convention Lodge which is a convenient location with easy access for all.

As always, a welcome reception will start us off on Thursday with all welcome to attend. Indulge your taste buds while reacquainting with colleagues throughout the Commonwealth.

On Friday, the first day of the conference, we're trying a unique theme: a case presentation will be given for a skilled care patient arriving at a skilled care post-hospital facility. The lecture topics for the morning will be geared to following the patient on entering the facility and travel through multiple departments and the interaction for patient care in generating a skilled care plan to optimize quality patient care treatment. Topics will include a discussion of how to accept a patient in post-acute care from admissions directions. The role of the nurse practitioner will be lectured to enlighten the room on the value of early interaction of evaluation, orders and exams. This will be followed by a talk on the "Green Book" with relevant issues to long-term care and regulations. After a break, Dr. Kraybill will continue the path of our skilled patient with "Expectations of the Attending Physician" and, next, we will continue following the patient with a therapy talk on "The Evaluation of Discharge." The morning theme will be completed with "The Role of a Social Worker." We will then switch gears with Chris Laxton giving an annual AMDA update and highlights with the updated news from our parent association. Our PMDA business meeting will follow.

Friday after lunch a requested pharmacology lecture will be given on the 2019 updated American Geriatrics Society Beers criteria for potentially inappropriate medication for use in older adults. At 2:30 there will be a medical clinical lecture of updated management of common infections that should be very informative. To finish off Friday, our own President-Elect of AMDA, David Nace, MD, will share with us his annual public policy update that promises to fill the room with energy and valuable information. I recommend wherever you are you should stick around to benefit from Dr. Nace's insight.

Saturday, our second day, promises academic knowledge and intellectual expansion. Our day will start with a lecture on the five articles that could affect your LTC practice. Next, we will be going into a medical disease discussion on a case of hospital readmission. A lecture on monitoring and managing chronic and

acute congestive heart failure will be given—a truly valuable discussion. After a break, there will be a shift to another major readmission diagnosis and talk about sepsis. We'll then stay on the academic roll and follow with a talk on diabetes with preventing readmissions and appropriate management goals.

Saturday afternoon lunch will be followed with a discussion of an overview of PHCA. We will finish the conference on a pertinent topic that starts phase three in October of Patient-Driven Payment Models and how it effects PALTC clinicians.

I am anticipating a very educational conference that will have multiple topics that will benefit everyone. Don't wait until the last minute—please reserve and make appropriate hotel reservations for the PMDA conference on October 18-19, 2019 at the Hershey Lodge. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Chocolate town.

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