



PADONA E-NEWS

Pennsylvania Association Directors
of Nursing Administration / Long
Term Care (PADONA/LTC)

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Chairman of the Board Message

Dear members: It is November 1st that I am writing to you thanks to the benefit of a generator. Like many of you we have been without power for several days and are being told it will be at least another 4 to 5 days before power is restored. I can only imagine how difficult these last few days have been for many of you trying to care for your residents in less than ideal situations yet doing so with dedication. I sincerely applaud you for your efforts.

The last couple of months have been a busy time as we have had two very successful webinars and have another one on November 13th titled "Reducing the Use of Antipsychotic Medications for Nursing Home Residents." Pat Vitale and the education committee are doing a very good job of the program planning utilizing your input from the needs assessment tool. I want to thank Linda Chamberlain for making the webinars amalgamate smoothly. Linda has the canter ability to find a speaker which provides practical and educational material for the webinars.

It is very exciting to have over 125 registered for our 25th convention next April. The convention committee is finalizing the convention details. You will want to stay tuned to see what we have in mind to make the 25th convention exceptional including a special welcome gift, frequent prize drawings, etc. Don't forget to get your hotel reservations in early so as to not be disappointed. The rooms at the hotel fill quickly. When calling the hotel to make your reservations, (800-437-7439) be sure and state that you are attending the PADONA convention on April 2nd through the 5th to get the discounted rate.

Very soon PADONA's election ballot will be completed. I encourage you to consider serving in one of the available positions. If you would like to know more about the responsibilities involved in being a member of the PADONA Board of Directors please contact me.

Our Area Presidents continue to do an outstanding job conducting area meetings. They have provided a synopsis of some of the meetings they have had recently. Of course, none of this would be possible without the ongoing support of our dedicated vendors. If you are a vendor and would like more information on how you may become more involved on an area basis please contact me.

If at any time you have suggestions for the webinars, please forward them to me. I consider our educational endeavors to be a work in progress that needs your input.

More and more PADONA is going green and needs your help to maintain your current email address. Be sure and notify Candace Jones, padonaadm@aol.com, if you change email addresses and make sure your email will accept attachments.

Susan Piscator

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PADONA is going green and will be electronically communicating with you the majority of the time.

If you have moved, changed positions, or have a new email address please send your new information to us at padonaadm@aol.com to avoid missing our communications.

It is important that we have your current email address at all times.

Thank you!



Area Meetings Update

Area I

On September 11, 20 individuals attended an Area I program on C-diff presented by Optimer Pharmaceuticals at the Tara Country Inn in Clark, PA. Dr. Elie Aoun of West Penn Allegheny Health System provided the presentation on populations at increased risk and the management of Clostridium difficile-associated diarrhea.

Terri Gabany
Area I Vice President

Area II

On October 2 Cynthia Hargrave from Hill Rom presented an excellent CE program on Air Fluidized Therapy in Long Term Care at the Riverwoods facility in Lewisburg. A wonderful meal was served by the facility staff and was enjoyed very much by the participants. The group was small but Cynthia did not cancel the program. The small group definitely allowed for a lot of networking and sharing of membership benefits, convention news and scholarship information.

Thursday October 11th an Area Group of DON's from the Williamsport and surrounding area met for their bi-monthly meeting. The chairperson, Debra Wright from Riverwoods, hosted a fantastic turnout and Traci Duncan from the DOH was a guest speaker. Traci was wonderful and shared with the group revisions to the regulations that are forth coming and also the changes in the SOM related to traditional surveys, census and condition, roster etc.. It was a great meeting and I had the privilege of sharing information about scholarships and the awesome benefits of being a PADONA member. Anyone from this area who would like more information on networking and joining in with the group please contact me at jrphillips1@verizon.net or Debra.wright @albrightcare.org for meeting dates.

Our next program is scheduled for October 24 at 33 East in Williamsport. Novartis is presenting a program on Differential Diagnosis of Dementias. Ram Sharma, MD and Assistant Professor at Robert Packer Hospital will be the presenter. Please call Peter Sinibaldi for more information and to RSVP by October 21 at 570-419-0677 or 800-656-5660 x 12006

Hope to see many of you there.

Robin Phillips
Area II President

Area III

Area III had two wonderful choices for dinner meetings on September 20, The Mild to Moderate Alzheimer's Dementia presentation at Ruth Chris Steak house in Wilkes Barre had a great turnout of 44. Speaker Mario Cornacchione DO spoke, and gave hope for new drugs being tested to help prevent the tangles of Alzheimer's, which everyone enjoyed. Sponsors from Novartis promise to have another in Williamsport area soon.

The same night Amgen had a presentation on osteoporosis at Maggiano's in King of Prussia.

Area III had another dinner meeting on October 3 at Blue Grillhouse In Bethlehem, PA. Sponsored by Amgen with representative Theron Perry present. We had great turnout of 49 attendees present. The speaker was Dr. Chappel from Kissimmee, Florida. The topic was osteoporosis. Prolia is also approved for males now. The doctor pointed out that although the percentage of residents with osteoporosis is high in all elderly, it is somehow missed on level of importance. The doctor also reminded all of us to remember to take sufficient Vitamin C and Vitamin D for protection against osteoporosis.

June Bummer
Area III President

Department of Health Information

The Affordable Care Act: Section 6121 requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to ensure that nurse aides receive regular training on how to care for residents with dementia and on preventing abuse. CMS created this training program to address the requirement for annual nurse aide training on these important topics.

Course Content: The Hand in Hand training materials consist of an orientation guide and six one-hour video-based modules, each of which has a DVD and an accompanying instructor guide. Though Hand in Hand is targeted to nurse aides, it may be valuable to all nursing home caregivers, administrative staff and surveyors.

Training in this DVD series includes: consistent staffing, empowering nurse aides, promoting team involvement and building relationships.

The training series will be mailed FREE to all nursing homes no later than December 2012. For information please visit:

<http://www.cms-handinhandtoolkit.info/Index.aspx>

11/5/2012 DOH Message Board notice:

Due to Hurricane Sandy, there will be a slight delay in the implementation of the ERS Updates. Please check the Message Board frequently for the updates.

Thank you and we apologize for the delay.