



The Society supports the entire interdisciplinary team and provides educational activities to be of value to all professionals practicing in the PA/LTC continuum.

EDUCATIONAL NEEDS:

The Society welcomes submissions on all topics pertinent to PA/LTC medicine and medical direction. Based on the latest educational needs analysis conducted by Annual Conference Program Planning Subcommittee, the following topics have been identified as areas of focus:

- Advance Care Planning Skills
- Advanced Medical Direction
- Advanced Quality Management Skills/QAPI
- Clinical Updates (for Introductory and Advanced Levels)

Evaluation and Treatment Approaches for Common Conditions and Symptoms:

- Abdominal pain
 - Anticoagulation Therapy
 - Chest pain
 - Congestive Heart Failure
 - COPD
 - Dementia
 - Depression and Anxiety
 - Dermatology
 - Diabetes
 - Diarrhea
 - Falls
 - Fever
 - GI bleed
 - Head trauma
 - Hearing Loss
 - Morbid Obesity
 - Multi-Drug Resistant Infections
 - Neurological Diseases
 - Opioid Addiction
 - Oral Health
 - Pain Management
 - Preventive Health Care
 - Respiratory Track Infections
 - Shortness of breath
 - Sexual Health
 - Sleep Issues
 - Wound Care
- Conducting Research in the LTC Setting
 - Controversial Clinical Practices (Medical Marijuana, Provider-Assisted Suicide)
 - Cultural Humility
 - Ethical Dilemma/Considerations
 - Infection Control (Antibiotic Stewardship, Isolation Control Issues, Managing Outbreaks)
 - Innovative Programs in PA/LTC
 - PA/LTC Models within Health Care System
 - Assisted Living
 - Home Care
 - Hospice
 - Palliative Care
 - Post-Acute Rehabilitation
 - Systems Integration
 - Transitional Care/Reducing Hospitalizations
 - Policy Issues (Alternative Payment Models, Chronic Care Management, MACRO, Quality Measures)
 - Professional Development/Leadership Skills
 - Avoiding Provider Burnout
 - Resilience
 - Effective Communication with Patients, Staff, Families and Caregivers
 - Prognostication and how to use it in Medical Decision Making
 - Risk Management (Readmission Reduction Strategies)
 - Rural Care Issues/Challenges
 - Special Populations
 - Medically Complex Needs (Dialysis, LVAD, BiPAP, Post-Transplant)
 - Younger Resident Populations
 - LGBT Population
 - Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
 - Staffing (Recruiting/Retention/Training)
 - Technology (Apps, EHR, Social Media, Telehealth)