

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

EDUCATIONAL NEEDS:

The Society welcomes submissions on all topics pertinent to PALTC 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	Dermatology	Hearing Loss	Preventive Health Care
Anticoagulation Therapy	Diabetes	Morbid Obesity	Psychosis and agitated behaviors
Chest Pain	Diarrhea	Multi-Drug Resistant Infections	Respiratory Infections
Congestive Heart Failure	Falls	Neurological Diseases	Shortness of Breath
COPD	Fever	Opioid Addiction (treating patients with a history of addiction)	Sexual Health
Dementia	GI bleed	Oral Health	Sleep Issues
Depression and Anxiety	Head trauma	Pain Management	Wound Care & Skin Infection

- Conducting Research in the LTC Setting
- Controversial Clinical Practices (Medical Marijuana, Provider-Assisted Suicide)
- COVID-19 (Litigation, Medical Director as Expert Witness, Medical Director Liability, Facility Liability, Patient Management/Treatment)
- Cultural Humility
- Diversity and Racism
- Ethical Dilemma/Considerations
- Healthcare Disparities and Stigma in PALTC
 - Including Racial, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, History of Drug Addiction
 - Education should include the patient or families' voices
- Infection Control (Antibiotic Stewardship, Isolation Control Issues, Managing Outbreaks)
- Innovative Programs in PALTC
- Interdisciplinary Team Building
 - Role Identification
 - Clinical Collaboration with PAs and NPs
 - Collaborate with Therapy Team/Other Teams to Establish Expectations
- Interventional Radiology Procedures
- PALTC Models within Health Care System and Applying Strategies to these settings
 - Assisted Living, Home Care, Hospice, Palliative Care, Post-Acute Rehabilitation, Systems Integration, Transitional Care/Reducing Hospitalizations
 - Palliative Care Education
 - Deep dive into Home Care
- Policy Issues (Alternative Payment Models, Chronic Care Management, MIPS/MACRA, Quality Measures, Partnering with ACOs, Latest Policy Updates/Requirements)
- Professional Development/Leadership Skills
 - Avoiding Provider Burnout
 - Resilience
 - Effective Communication with Patients, Staff, Families and Caregivers

- Communicating CMS regulations to Families & Caregivers
 - Building and running effective teams
 - Running an effective meeting
 - Engaging and motivating Staff/Providers
 - Changing Corporate Culture
 - Effecting Change on the Corporate Level with Leadership
- Prognostication and how to use it in Medical Decision Making (include prognosis tools, SPIKE protocol)
- Risk Management (Readmission Reduction Strategies and tools eg: INTERACT)
- Rural Care Issues/Challenges
- Social Isolation (impact on patient, innovative solutions)
- Special Populations
 - Medically Complex Needs (Dialysis, LVAD, BiPAP, Post-Transplant)
 - Younger Resident Populations
 - LGBTQIA+ Population
 - Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
 - Patients with prior substance abuse or drug addiction
- Staffing (Recruiting, Retention, Training, Locum Tenens Employees, Locum Tenens Medical Direction)
- Technology (Apps, EHR, Social Media, Telehealth)
- Trauma-Informed Care