

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	Respiratory Infections
Chest Pain	Diarrhea	Multi-Drug Resistant Infections	Shortness of Breath
Congestive Heart Failure	Falls	Neurological Diseases	Sexual Health
COPD	Fever	Opioid Addiction	Sleep Issues
Dementia	GI bleed	Oral Health	Wound Care
Depression and Anxiety	Head trauma	Pain Management	

- Conducting Research in the LTC Setting
- Controversial Clinical Practices (Medical Marijuana, Provider-Assisted Suicide)
- COVID-19 (Best Practices, Patient Management/Treatment, Transitions to/from Hospital)
- Cultural Humility
- Diversity and Racism
- Ethical Dilemma/Considerations
- Healthcare Disparities in PALTC
- Infection Control (Antibiotic Stewardship, Isolation Control Issues, Managing Outbreaks)
- Innovative Programs in PALTC
- Interventional Radiology Procedures
- PALTC 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
- Social Isolation (impact on patient, innovative solutions)
- 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)
- Trauma-Informed Care