

To the Point



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Good Samaritan Society, the Post-Acute Division of Sanford

The Society is undergoing a significant transformation as we prepare to join Sanford on Jan. 1. On the threshold of this new adventure, we pause in gratitude for the vision of Reverend Hoeger who established the Good Samaritan Society nearly a hundred years ago, and the many people who experienced God's love through the service of dedicated employees over the years. Our gratitude extends for the vision of our current leaders who are forging an alliance between acute and long-term care that will elevate the care experience across the continuum. This is expressed in our new Mission Statement: Dedicated to sharing God's love through health, healing and comfort. We're excited to be on this journey, and are grateful you are with us.

Well-Being

Our vision statement of improving the human condition at every stage of life applies to ALL people – employees, business partners and those being served. We believe this is achieved through a balance of spirituality, purpose, social connections, financial stability and physical health. Well-being is simultaneously intensely personal, yet profoundly impacted by our environment. At the Society, our ongoing work is to create an environment supportive of each person experiencing well-being; additional information about how we describe this model and how we are working to achieve it can be found [here](#).

Pharmacy Update

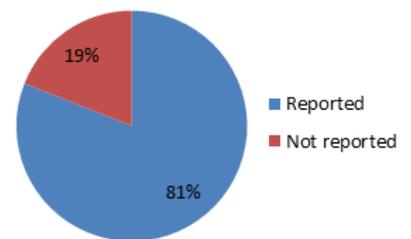
Are you getting flooded by alerts of potential medication interactions? Many of our nurses and physicians have expressed this concern since we've been trying to meet the reporting requirements of the IMPACT Act, which requires us to formally document whether any potentially significant issues were detected during the

drug regimen review. After carefully reviewing the options, we have decided to adjust the alerts within PCC to trigger only **severe** interactions. This will go into effect as soon as possible and will hopefully create a more manageable workflow.

Influenza

So far, we have not seen a lot of influenza activity. We are trying to ensure as many people as possible are vaccinated by the holidays – please support these efforts in your location.

Employees reporting immunization status



Prevention of Avoidable Hospital Transfers

Please review any residents who transferred to the hospital – and report the time you spend when you submit your hours each month. This is very helpful for our locations to improve care. I hope you found the QI Checklist helpful – I would appreciate feedback.

AMDA-The Society for Post-Acute and LTC Medicine

Remember to take advantage of your AMDA membership. Towards the end of the year, we are frequently scrambling to make sure we have earned the necessary CME for licensing and certification. This is a great way to get FREE continuing education that will make a difference in work you do every day. [Click here](#) to learn how to access this. Also, remember the Society helps cover costs to [become a certified medical director](#) – please consider taking advantage of this exceptional professional development opportunity.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

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