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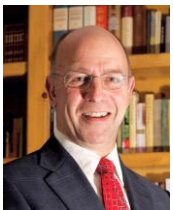
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Medical Director in the Spotlight

Congratulations to Dr. John Mielke of Roseville, Minnesota. Dr. Mielke was a finalist for Medical Director of the Year for AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine. His administrator nominated him, stating that he “takes a vested interest...to lay the foundation of our facility culture and issues we face...” Thank you for your dedication and leadership!



Regulatory Updates

These are exciting and challenging times for healthcare, and physicians working in long-term care. Below are a few highlights :

Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Summary Care Management (CCM) billing in LTC
Advance Care Planning Code
Changes to the five-star quality rating

Support for Certified Medical Director Training

There has never been a better time to seek out CME credits to help meet the needs of your most medically complex patients and maximize your contribution to high quality care in post-acute rehab and nursing home settings. **The Society will reimburse** up to \$4,000 for training, which is a combination of online and in-person training.

Medical Director Survey

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this recent survey. **Click here** for a summary of the results.

Update on Payroll Based Journal

The Society is using CMS' mandatory reporting of medical director hours as an opportunity to build stronger working relationships between medical directors and administrators. Starting in July, the two disciplines will be asked to meet monthly to review the important issues impacting care in the location and to complete the documentation of hours

that the medical director has devoted to the location that month. More details to come as the software is finalized.



Medical Director Appreciation Dinner

Medical directors, administrators, and directors of nursing services from across the Society gathered for an evening of comradery and learning on March 17. We were joined by AMDA executive director Chris Laxton and president Dr. Susan Levy, in honoring Dr. David Brechtelsbauer with Lifetime Membership in AMDA as he retires from the Education Committee. We are grateful that he will continue as an active medical director with the Society.

New Resources

The Society is partnering with AMDA to support staff members with access to all Clinical Practice Guidelines and the Know It All Before You Call data collection cards. Nurses across the Society will be able to use these outstanding resources. Please become familiar with these resources and encourage staff members to use them frequently. Your support makes a difference!

Second Chance

To review recent topics, click on one of the links below:

Alternate Payment Model
INTERACT Overview for Medical Directors
Advance Care Planning – Respecting Choices
QAPI for Medical Directors

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