

To the Point



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Better Together

On June 26, the Membership of the Good Samaritan Society voted to change the bylaws to allow evolution of a new organization with Sanford. Sanford has a strong presence in the upper Midwest, as well as an international presence. One of the opportunities will be for an expanded role for physician leadership. [Click here](#) to view the press release.

Synopsis of Federal Regulations

Click [here](#) for the electronic copy of the Synopsis of Federal Regulations. It distills the essence of what you need to know about regulations. If you have trouble logging in, click [here](#) for guidance.

Quality Report 2017

The Society is working every single day to bring the very best to the people we serve. [Click here](#) to learn more about our efforts.

Prevention of Avoidable Hospital Transfers

Sometimes transfers of nursing home residents to the hospital are completely appropriate. Sometimes, however, there were early warning signs that were overlooked, or lapses in communication that led to missed opportunities for intervention.

Your insight and leadership are truly important in helping us recognize and prevent these events from re-occurring.

There are **three things** that I am asking you to do:

1. Please carefully review the Consultant Pharmacist's notes and work collaboratively to de-prescribe unnecessary medications, find the lowest effective doses and institute monitoring protocols for high-risk medications.
2. Discuss Quality Improvement (QI) Reviews of hospital transfers with our employees. They should be doing a QI Review shortly after transfers to the hospital, and identifying opportunities for improvement.
3. Report that you are doing these activities when you submit hours for reimbursement and payroll-based journaling to your administrator.

AMDA-The Society for Post-Acute and LTC Medicine

Don't forget to take advantage of your AMDA membership! This is an awesome place to get continuing education that will make a difference in work you do every day. [Click here](#) to learn how to access this.

Up Your Game

The Society helps cover costs to [become a certified medical director](#) – please consider it!

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