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CE SESSION #2

Camping Successfully Through PDPM and Beyond (Clinical/Care Practices)

Presenter(s): Angela Edney, Clinical Director, Aegis Therapies

Speaker Bio: Angela Edney is a national Clinical Director for Aegis Therapy with 25 plus years of management experience in senior care providing field support for clinical practice specialists, area vice presidents and OT, PT and SLP staff. Angela has co-authored many resources on dementia, incontinence management, seating and positioning, etc.



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Presenter(s): Victoria Franco, Area Vice President, Aegis Therapies

Speaker Bio: Victoria Franco, RPT has been a Physical Therapist practitioner for over 25 years. She is currently an Area Vice President for Aegis Therapies. Victoria has a background in multiple settings such as outpatient, inpatient hospital, home health and skilled nursing centers. Her experience encompasses clinical and managerial tasks.



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Presenter(s): Jessica Pranke, Clinical Practice Specialist, Aegis Therapies

Speaker Bio: Jessica Pranke, M.S. CCC-SLP is currently a Clinical Practice Specialist for Aegis Therapies in Florida. She has been a Speech-Language Pathologist for 15 years. Working with Aegis Therapies since 2004, Jessica has served in both operational and clinical roles. She provides training in the areas of neurocognitive impairments and complex disease management.

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Presenter(s): Reda Shihadeh, Area Vice President, Aegis Therapies

Speaker Bio: Reda Shihadeh is an Occupational Therapist who works for Aegis Therapies. Reda has been an Occupational Therapist since 1992. He has been practicing in the areas of Geriatrics and Management for over 20 years. Reda has served in many roles with Aegis Therapies, currently serving as an Area Vice President.



CE SESSION #8

Opioids, Diversion and Alternatives in the Skilled Nursing Center
(Clinical/Care Practices)

Presenter(s): Robin Allen, Corporate Risk Manager, Consulate Health Care Management

Speaker Bio: Robin Allen received her undergraduate and graduate degrees at Florida State University in Speech Language Pathology. She has over 30 years of health care experience including operational, leadership and direct patient care roles. Robin became a Healthcare Risk Manager in 2002. She has focused her efforts on preventative risk management efforts in long term care working previously for Cypress Health Group. Robin is currently the Risk Manager for Consulate Health Care Management.



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Presenter(s): Kendra Ferrero, Divisional Clinical Quality Specialist, Consulate Health Care Management

Speaker Bio: Dr. Kendra Ferrero is a multi-state licensed RN board certified in Gerontology. She also holds an active Nursing Home Administrator license in several states. Kendra earned her MBA from Warner University and her Doctorate degree with a specialty in Health Care Administration from Northcentral University. She has worked in the post-acute environment since 1977. Kendra has been involved in the delivery of educational presentations in skilled nursing since 1984. She was part of the original RUG11 Demonstration Project when it was implemented in NY in 1985. She has held positions as a Director of Nursing, Regional Nurse, VP of Clinical, Nursing Home Administrator and Regional Vice President of Operations. Kendra currently works with Consulate Healthcare on the clinical team helping oversee clinical and regulatory compliance. She has sat on numerous FHCA committees for the past 10 years. She is a Lead Senior Examiner for AHCA/NCAL Quality Program. Kendra is a certified Risk Manager and has a passion for the skilled nursing environment, ensuring quality care is provided to the residents.



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Presenter(s): Rick Foley, Consultant Pharmacist, Omnicare/FMDA

Speaker Bio: Dr. Rick Foley, PharmD, CPh, BCGP is a consultant pharmacist with CVS/Omnicare with over 25 years' experience in the post-acute long term care market. He is board certified in Geriatrics and is a Fellow of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists. He is on the Board of Directors for the Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care (FMDA), a member of the FMDA CME committee, and the co-chair of the FMDA Florida Quality Advocacy. Rick was a clinical professor of Geriatrics at the UF College of Pharmacy for eight years and is the current professor for the Initial Certification Course for Consultant Pharmacists.



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Presenter(s): Hazel Mahoney, Chief Compliance Officer, Kane Financial Services, LLC

Speaker Bio: Hazel Mahoney has been a Registered Nurse since 1978, training originally in England, working in the Middle East and then moving to Florida in 1990. She has worked in hospitals, long term care centers and physician provider organizations in various capacities. Hazel completed her BA in Health Administration through the University of Dundee distance learning program in 2012. Hazel has developed, implemented and monitored clinical risk management programs for three long term care companies in Florida, moving into Compliance in 2013. In 2014, Hazel achieved certification in Health Care Compliance and Health Care Privacy Compliance. She has developed, implemented and now oversees comprehensive Ethics and Compliance Programs for different operating companies which meet OIG guidelines.

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Presenter(s): Peggy Norris, Signature Care Consultant, Signature HealthCARE, LLC

Speaker Bio: Peggy Norris is a Registered Nurse in the State of Florida since 1972 and has 45 years of health care experience. She is also a Certified Dementia Practitioner as of November 2016, SMQT certified with CMS/AHCA as of 2003 and has been employed since 2012 with Signature HealthCare as Signature Care Consultant for the Signature homes in the Panhandle. She is an currently an active member of FHCA Senior Clinicians Committee, FHCA Culture Change Committee and FHCA Risk & Compliance Council (Elopement Work Group).

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CE SESSION #14

What Story Does Your Resident Record Tell? (Clinical/Care Practices)

Presenter(s): Celeste Rininger, Clinical Consultant, Richter Healthcare Consultants

Speaker Bio: Celeste Rininger, RN, RAC-CT has an extensive tenure in LTPAC for over 30 years in both skilled nursing and assisted living facility communities. Having served as Director of Nursing, Resident Coordinator, Staff Development Coordinator, MDS Coordinator, Nurse Liaison, Admissions and Marketing Director, Regional Trainer/Implementer and Unit Manager, she knows about the real life day-to-day needs of corporations, facility and staff. Celeste is a regular contributor to the Richter ShareSource Resource Center, providing blogs, articles and when possible loves to present/speak within the LTPAC profession. At Richter, Celeste is part of the Richter Consulting Team living her passion of working directly with LTPAC clients across the country to offer best practice solutions to operational challenges.



CE SESSION #21

Implementing a Successful Infection Prevention and Antibiotic Stewardship Program in Your Skilled Nursing Center (Clinical/Care Practices)

Presenter(s): Jennifer Leatherbarrow, Manager of Clinical Consulting, Richter LTPAC Performance Advisors

Speaker Bio: Jennifer Leatherbarrow, RN, BSN, RAC-CT, IPCO, QCP, CIC is a graduate of Kent State University's School of Nursing. She has over 20 years of health care experience including Corporate Reimbursement Specialist, Director of Nursing, MDS Coordinator and Staff Development Coordinator. Jennifer is currently the Manager of Clinical Consulting for Richter Healthcare Consultants where she has been a State and National level speaker and author with a focus on the LTPAC communities. Jennifer's focus areas include regulatory compliance, process review and redesign, and education and training.

CE SESSION #27

Improving Rehospitalization Rates Through the Implementation of Sepsis Protocol (Clinical/Care Practices)

Presenter(s): Ram Rengel, Regional Director of Clinical Services, Clear Choice Health Care

Speaker Bio: Ram Rengel, RN, BSN, MBA, MHA worked as an ICU and home health nurse prior to finding his passion in long term care and skilled nursing centers. He is experienced with infection prevention strategies, successful implementation of projects with proven results, surveillance and monitoring systems, and data analysis and quality metrics at the center and multiple health systems level. Ram is currently finishing his doctorate in nursing practice (DNP) at UCF.



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CE SESSION #33

Music Therapy: Not Just Campfires and Kumbaya (Clinical/Care Practices)

Presenter(s): Sharon Graham, Founder and Director, Tampa Bay Institute for Music Therapy

Speaker Bio: Sharon Graham, M.M., MT-BC is a Music Therapist-Board Certified and founder and director of Tampa Bay Institute for Music Therapy (TBIMT). She received her master's degree in music therapy from Florida State University, is a certified NICU Music Therapist (credentialed NICU-MT) and Neurologic Music Therapist (NMT) with a variety of clinical experience.



CE SESSION #38

Best Practices to Reduce Return to Hospital for the Skilled Center
(Clinical/Care Practices)

Presenter(s): Sara Busacca, Quality Improvement Specialist, Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG)

Speaker Bio: Sara Busacca, RN, BSN, MBA, LNA, RAC-CT has a total of 30 years of health care experience with eight years as a Director of Nursing and 20 plus years as a Nursing Home Administrator. She currently works as a quality improvement specialist for Florida's QIO-QIN, Health Services Advisory Group. Sara works with skilled nursing centers both at a corporate and individual level to improve care coordination and reduce both preventable hospital readmission and adverse drug events.



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Presenter(s): Cheryl Cobb-Tullos, Vice President of Clinical Service/Corporate Compliance, Palm Healthcare Management, LLC

Speaker Bio: Cheryl Cobb-Tullos, RN is the Vice President of Clinical Services and Corporate Compliance for Palm Garden Management, LLC. Palm Garden Management, LLC has 14 skilled nursing centers and one assisted living facility. She currently serves on Florida Health Care Association's Senior Clinicians Council as 1st Chair. Cheryl has been a dedicated Registered Nurse for over 30 years. She has had the opportunity to work in the CCRC business for 10 plus years as a Vice President of Operations and Clinical Services and in many center positions, to include DON, of a 420 bed center. Cheryl is a member of AHCA, FHCA, ANA, FNA and served on the FADONA Board for two years in the past.



CE SESSION #44

Ensuring Success: Evaluating Your Infection Prevention and Control Program (Clinical/Care Practices)

Presenter(s): A.C. Burke, Vice President of Health Care Quality, RB Health Partners, Inc.

Speaker Bio: A.C. Burke has over 20 years of experience in health care, is board certified in infection control and holds a master degree in health management. She has served as the Healthcare-associated Infection Prevention Program Manager for the Florida Department of Health, the Director of Infection Prevention at Mayo Clinic Florida and is currently the Vice President of Healthcare Quality for RB Health Partners, Inc.



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CE SESSION #48

The Opioid Epidemic: A Compassionate Approach for Residents and Staff
(Clinical/Care Practices)

Presenter(s): Kelley Schild, Owner, Partner Care Pharmacy Services

Speaker Bio: Kelley Schild has worked in long term care for 35 years as an owner and nursing home administrator. In 2010, she and Blanca Morales, Rphd opened Partner Care Pharmacy to serve her center and other clients with an emphasis on personal service and reasonable prices. Since selling her center, she has focused on trends in long term care pharmacy issues such as reduction of anti-psychotics, antibiotic stewardship and the opioid epidemic.



CE SESSION #51

They're Not Called Mystery Ulcers: Stop Pressure Injuries Now!
(Clinical/Care Practices)

Presenter(s): Karen Lerner, Regional VP, Pressure Prevention, Drive DeVilbiss Healthcare

Speaker Bio: Karen is an RN, wound care and rehab specialist with over 30 years' experience. She has extensive experience as a public speaker, educating providers and clinicians. Karen's speaking engagements include testifying before Congress on behalf of the HME profession. Since 2013, she has worked at Drive DeVilbiss Healthcare.

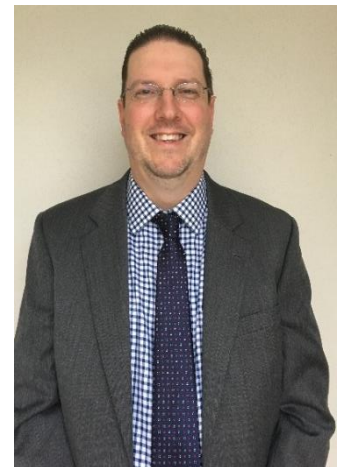


CE SESSION #56

Improving Star Ratings and Navigating New Regulations Through Clinical Programs
(Clinical/Care Practices)

Presenter(s): Alan Obringer, President/Owner, Guardian Pharmacy of Orlando

Speaker Bio: Alan Obringer is currently the President/Owner of Guardian Pharmacy of Orlando. He has spent the last 12 years of his more than 20 years of experience in pharmacy working with the long term care community. Alan is a licensed consultant pharmacist and holds a faculty position with the University of Florida, College of Pharmacy as an Assistant Clinical Professor since the fall of 2002. He became a Certified Geriatric Pharmacist in 2012 and serves as a preceptor for pharmacy students, offering both a Geriatric and long term care practice site. Alan earned his pharmacy degree from the University of Rhode Island.



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Presenter(s): Michael Samarkos, Director of Clinical and Consultant Services, Guardian Pharmacy of Orlando

Speaker Bio: Michael Samarkos, PharmD, CPh is currently the Director of Clinical and Consultant Services for Guardian Pharmacy of Orlando. Michael has more than 20 years of experience in pharmacy. He began working in the community first for Eckerd Drugs then CVS/Pharmacy as a Pharmacy Manager for multiple locations in the Pinellas County area. Michael transitioned to Clinical Pharmacy seven years ago when he joined the Baycare Health System with Morton Plant Hospital. He has also spent time on the staff of Florida Hospital North Pinellas as a Clinical Pharmacist. During this time, he has increased his clinical knowledge and practice skills to assist residents in the hospital setting, as well as practitioners with medication selection, dosing guidelines and clinical medication management. Michael earned his Doctorate in Pharmacy from Nova Southeastern College of Pharmacy.

CE SESSION #60

Trauma-Informed Care: What it is and Why it's Important (Clinical/Care Practices)

Presenter(s): Kathleen Weissberg, Education Director, Select Rehabilitation

Speaker Bio: Kathleen Weissberg, (MS in OT, 1993; Doctoral 2014) in her 25 plus years of practice, has worked in long term care as a researcher/educator and established various programs in nursing centers including palliative care, incontinence management, falls management, regulatory and reimbursement, dementia care and staging. She provides continuing education support to 6000 therapists nationwide as Director of Education for Select Rehabilitation. She has developed several CE activities for nurses on this topic and has lectured on this topic for the American College of HealthCare Administrators, Tennessee NHA meetings and several other state association meetings.

