

Chapter News

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Providers,

Happy August! Like kids anticipating the start of school soon we are getting excited about our upcoming annual scientific session to be held in Grand Rapids September 29-30, right at the tail end of Art Prize! It promises to be a great session with updates in a number of clinical specialties, a panel discussion on several rehospitalization management programs, medication optimization, and more. This year we are having a bootcamp for newbies and those wanting to brush up their knowledge base on the ins and outs of post-acute and long-term care practice. Join us for collegiality and engaging discussions.

Click this link to register <https://mimda.org/event/2023-annual-meeting/>

Two physicians from the Center of Emerging and Infectious Diseases at Wayne State, Drs. Trini Mathews and Paul Kilgore, are working to improve infection control and prevention in skilled nursing centers in Michigan. They have a grant to specifically work with Detroit facilities but are sharing their resources with us to reach a wider group. They have produced a webinar for 1.5 hours of CME "Preparedness Roundtable: Infection Control re: Candida auris". Review the lecture at <https://cmetracker.net/WAYNE> select the 6/20/2023 event. They have agreed to contribute to our newsletter monthly to keep us informed.

We will be holding our annual business meeting over Saturday lunch at our educational symposium in September. Elections for membership on our Board of Directors as well as the treasurer position will take place at that time. We currently have eight board members but may have up to twelve. The Board meets monthly in the evening for one hour, and we have an optional workgroup meeting monthly as well.

To find out more information about the role, please reach out to our Executive Director, Audrey Moro, at Michiganmda@gmail.org. If you are interested in serving, please let us know.

EDUCATION

THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER for the 2023 MIMDA Conference

September 29 –30

Courtyard Marriott Downtown
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Details & registration available at: [MIMDA Twenty-Seventh Annual Scientific Meeting](#)

Reserve your hotel room: A block of rooms has been reserved until Wednesday, August 30, 2023. After this date, rooms will be released, and reservations will be made at the regular rate.

Call the reservations department at 1-877-901-6632 or book online at <https://book.passkey.com/e/50528448>

OMDA Congregate Care Calls

Sponsored by the Ohio Medical Directors Association
Weekly on Thursdays at 8:00 a.m.

Upcoming topics/speakers:

August 24 - Human Behavior Threat Assessment: The Menu Approach, Rich Cinfio

September 7 - Trauma Informed Care - Part 2, Liz Wheeler, BSN, RN, CDP, IPCO, QCP

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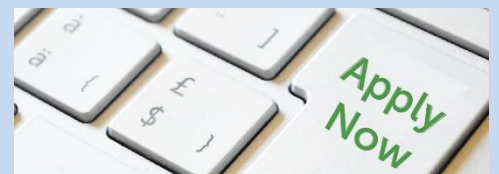


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AMDA Webinar: The Unrecognized Burden of RSV in Older Adults

July 26, 2023 - 7:00-8:00PM ET

CMD Clinical, CME, MOC

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is associated with substantial morbidity and mortality in older adults with a disease burden comparable to influenza. Advancing age increases susceptibility and mortality to RSV-associated pneumonia and the presence of underlying comorbidities—such as CHF and COPD—increases the risk of hospitalization among older adults who develop RSV. This webinar will discuss how to clinically recognize and diagnose RSV in older adults, as well as review new therapies and vaccines for RSV.

Non-Member Price: \$49.00

AMDA Member Price: FREE ([Join Now](#))

MIMDA SPOTLIGHT

Each month we highlight a board participant. **This month we feature Robert Hogikyan, MD, CMD.**

Dr. Hogikyan is a physician born in Detroit and continuing his lifelong commitment to the State of Michigan. Given the similar alignment of MIMDA, he is excited to newly support the MIMDA Board with a focus on helping post-acute care (PAC) throughout the Great State of Michigan. He's been a member 15 plus years. He joined because he wants to understand better the workings of post-acute and long-term care throughout Michigan.

In his professional life he completed undergraduate and MPH degrees at University of Michigan. He completed medical school, residency and chief year at Wayne State University. He then entered a Geriatric Medicine Fellowship back at University of Michigan (UM) where he remains in the Division of Geriatric and Palliative Medicine as Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine.

Having roles at both UM and the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System (VAAHS), Dr. Hogikyan has served as Medical Director of the VAAHS PAC unit (currently named the Community Living Center) since 1991. He has also served as the ACGME Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program Director at UM. Currently Dr. Hogikyan, through other administrative leadership roles, is focused on providing geriatric and palliative care for Veterans within the Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 10, including VA Healthcare Systems in Michigan and Northern Ohio. As a complement to Veteran care within VA, integration with non-VA healthcare opened in a limited fashion with passing of the Mission Act in 2019, developing a Community Care Service at each VA which supports different types of healthcare outside VA, including PAC, based on needs and circumstances.

Dr. Hogikyan has benefitted from participation in the AMDA PA/LTC organization, having served through the Clinical Practice Committee and leading a Clinical Practice Guideline & Tools Subcommittee focused on the development and implementation of evidence-based clinical tools. Though continuing to benefit from AMDA PA/LTC activities, Dr. Hogikyan looks forward to working with MIMDA for improvement in the care of patients, including Veterans in the State of Michigan who are in need of PAC.

His patients at the VA may end up in a non-VA facility in their local community. Knowing more about those settings and how to obtain patient information from them is important in his practice.

CARE QUALITY OPPORTUNITIES

Updates on infection prevention in skilled nursing facilities provided by Drs. Trini Mathew and Paul Kilgore WSU-CEID





Enhanced Barrier Precautions (EBP) are recommended in skilled nursing facilities for certain circumstances including for care of residents with *Candida auris* and/ other Multidrug Resistant Organisms (MDROs). But this type of precaution is not the same as Contact Precautions (CP).

The link below provides more information from MDHHS:

[Enhanced Barrier Precautions - Videos, Tools, Webinars](#)
[Preventing MDRO's in Nursing Homes: EBP](#)

The table below summarizes the similarities and differences of EBP and CP

Precaution Comparison

Type of Precaution	PPE	When	What Care?	Room Placement	Residents . .
 <p>ENHANCED BARRIER PRECAUTIONS EVERYONE MUST: • Clean their hands, including before and after entering the room. PROVIDERS AND STAFF MUST ALSO: • Wear gloves and gown for all direct patient care. • Wear a gown and gloves for all direct patient care. • Wear a gown and gloves for all direct patient care. • Wear a gown and gloves for all direct patient care.</p>		<p>Before high-contact resident care</p> <hr/> <p>Entire length of stay</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dressing • Bathing/showering • Transferring • Providing hygiene • Changing linens • Changing briefs or assisting with toileting • Indwelling device care or use • Wound care 	<p>Single-resident rooms are not required</p>	<p>Can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • participate in group activities • come out of their room • go to therapy
 <p>CONTACT PRECAUTIONS EVERYONE MUST: • Clean their hands, including before and after entering the room. PROVIDERS AND STAFF MUST ALSO: • Wear gloves for all direct patient care. • Wear a gown for all direct patient care. • Wear a gown for all direct patient care. • Wear a gown for all direct patient care.</p>		<p>Before any room entry</p> <hr/> <p>Specific duration of time</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any care 	<p>Single-resident room whenever possible</p>	<p>Cannot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • leave their room • participate in group activities • go to therapy

The MDHHS SHARP Unit is available for consultations and can be reached at (517) 335-8165 or MDHHS-SHARP@michigan.gov.

The WSU- Center for Emerging and Infectious Diseases team (Dr. Trini Mathew and Dr. Paul Kilgore) can be reached at ceid@wayne.edu

Preventing Falls and Fractures:

Investigators at Duke University and Harvard Medical School are preparing to conduct a large trial in post-acute care patients with fractures to prevent subsequent falls and fractures. In preparation for the trial, they are interviewing providers (MDs, NPs, PAs) to understand perspectives on deprescribing and osteoporosis treatment in the post-acute care setting.

Interviews can be scheduled at your convenience, and will be conducted virtually by Zoom. You will receive a \$50 e-gift card for your time.

If you are interested, email emilylerner@hsl.harvard.edu to set something up. Feel free to pass this along to any other MDs, NPs, or PAs that you think might be interested.

HCAM National Quality Award Program

HCAM, the Health Care Association of Michigan, and a chapter of the American Health Care Association (ACHA), has asked us to spread the word on the National Quality Award Program. This is a highly respected 3-tiered honor that long term care and assisted living facilities can apply for, to demonstrate their excellence in the quality arena.

Applications for the 2024 awards opened at the end of June.

Discuss with your administrator today.

<https://www.ahcancal.org/Quality/National-Quality-Award-Program/Pages/default.aspx>

CMS UPDATE

Requirements for Hospital Discharges to Post-Acute Care Providers - Memo from CMS to State Survey Agency Directors on June 6, 2023:

“CMS is committed to ensuring that the health and safety of patients are protected when discharges from hospitals and transfers to post-acute care providers occur.

Therefore, we are providing the following information:

- Reminding state agencies (SAs), accrediting organizations (AOs), and hospitals of the regulatory requirements for discharges and transfers to post-acute care providers.
- Highlighting the risks to patients’ health and safety that can occur due to an unsafe discharge.
- Recommendations that hospitals can leverage to improve their discharge policies and procedures to improve and protect patients’ health and safety.”

For more information <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-23-16-hospitals.pdf>

MIMDA OPPORTUNITIES

This is an exciting time for our chapter. Our board is committed to growth in the areas of education, advocacy and membership. We invite you to work with us as we strive to improve practice and patient care. Please consider getting involved in one of our initiatives:

- **Education:** development of topics for webinars and annual conference
- **Advocacy:** working with state organizations to address issues that impact post-acute and long-term care
- **Membership:** we seek to increase our chapter membership for the benefit of providers that work in post-acute and long-term care.
- **Or serve as a board member**

Podcast Spotlights Professional Passion

Authors of studies published in JAMDA very often feel a great passion for their subject matter, and this was clear in a recent episode of the [JAMDA On-The-Go podcast](#). During the program, Naushira Pandya, MD, CMD, talked about her study, [Medication Prescribing for Type 2 Diabetes in the US Long-Term Care Setting: Observational Study](#). “One reason I wanted to do this study was the high prevalence of diabetes in long-term care,” she said.



Recognize Your Peers – Nominations Wanted



Each year, the Foundation for PALTC Medicine recognizes the unique qualities of the AMDA membership. Nominations are now being accepted for the following awards: Medical Director of the Year, Clinician of the Year, the James Pattee Award for Excellence in Education, and the William Dodd Founder’s Award for Distinguished Service. **The deadline to submit nominations is September 30.** The awards will be presented at PALTC24 in March.

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