

## Chapter News

### Message from the President

Our previous newsletters have announced a webinar series for CME credit that MIMDA planned called “Need to Know Now”. The process of credentialing such a series has turned out to be a bigger challenge than expected. Rather than wait longer for all the documentation and costs to be tallied, the Board has decided to proceed with a few talks of topical issues that will not have CME credit.

**Please let us know if it is important to you that we do provide educational talks beyond our annual fall symposium for credit.**

*Cheryl Huckins, MD CMD*

### MIMDA Board Member Spotlight

Each month we highlight a board participant. **This month we feature Tom Haithcoat**, ad hoc board member and also co-chair of the AMDA Practice Group Network Leadership Council and president of both Ceptor Consulting, LLC and Careline Physician Services.

**How long have you been a MIMDA member?** 2 years

**What is your current clinical practice?** I founded Ceptor Consulting, LLC to assist Post-acute Care physician practices in a variety of areas. Mainly the business aspects of practice valuation methodology, EHR procurement, expanding from FFS to Value Based contracting. In Michigan I serve as President of Physician Services for Careline Health Group which is a 500 patient Hospice and a 4,000 patient PAC physician practice with services throughout Michigan, NE Ohio and Central Indiana.

**Why did you join MIMDA?** I have been very involved with AMDA since 2007. It's my home; my people. I'm now a non-clinical member of the AMDA Board of Directors overseeing the Practice Group Network and was peer elected at the 2023 National Conference to serve on the AMDA Foundation Board. I joined MIMDA Board to assist in identifying opportunities to better serve our members and the senior living industry in Michigan.

**Why did you join the MIMDA board?** I joined the MIMDA BOD to assist in membership growth, business aspects of PAC physician practice management and political endeavors both nationally and locally.

**What do you consider the most significant benefit of MIMDA membership?** Peer to Peer relationships. It's always helpful to understand the pain points of individual clinicians and group practices. Involvement with both AMDA and MIMDA allows for me to share my experiences as well as hear from others.

### SAVE THE DATE for the 2023 MIMDA Conference!!

This year's conference will take place Friday, September 29 – Saturday, Saturday 30 at the Courtyard Marriott, downtown Grand Rapids.

We have an excellent line-up of speakers that will cover a variety of topics including PAC Policy updates, rehospitalization reduction, wound care, management of diabetes, acute & chronic kidney disease, heart failure, decision-making capacity / guardianship / conservatorship, and pharmacy-related concerns.

Since our event coincides with ArtPrize 2023, attendees will have an opportunity to browse the international art show while enjoying all that Grand Rapids has to offer.

*Additional information will be available on our website soon*

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### AMDA On-The-Go Podcast Series



[Caring On-The-Go | April 2023](#)

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[AMDA On-The-Go | Chris Laxton Interview at PALTC23](#)

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### PALTC POLICY SNAPSHOT

[FAQs on CMS Waivers, Flexibilities, and the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)

[Skilled Nursing Facility Three-Day Waiver—Analysis of Use in ACOs 2014 to 2019](#)

[Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Advanced \(BPCI Advanced\) Model—Fourth Annual Report](#)



## EDUCATION

**AMDA Upcoming Events:** Consider joining AMDA's "It's Still Here: Navigating COVID-19 Prevention and Management in 'Normal' Times", Online May 31 6-7pm EST.

Find this and other AMDA Upcoming Events at

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_6tzwcVUpShuGI50nEaeuRg#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6tzwcVUpShuGI50nEaeuRg#/registration)

## 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.

As stated by Cheryl Huckins in last month's spotlight, *"I think one of the most important benefits of membership in MIMDA is the connectivity with other providers, and together working collaboratively to resolve issues faced in our space."*

**For more information or to convey interest in participating in MIMDA programs, contact:**

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## CARE QUALITY OPPORTUNITIES

**Polypharmacy Quality Improvement:** Cheryl Huckins, MD CMD, is offering, to any member and/or their facilities, an opportunity to establish a **Drive to Deprescribe** quality improvement project. The success of a "D2D" workgroup at Evangelical Homes of Michigan in Saline, which reduced medications in long-term care by 18%, is going on the road to share lessons learned.

*All that is necessary to start a group is a champion from the facility (DON, ADON), a provider (MD, NP, PA) and the consultant pharmacist.*

## Changing Talk (CHAT) communication training program - *A message from University of Kansas School of Nursing faculty:*

Dr. Kristine Williams and I from the University of Kansas School of Nursing are seeking nursing homes nationwide to participate in a NIH-funded research study testing a new online version of the evidence-based Changing Talk (CHAT) communication training program.

CHAT educates staff about reducing elderspeak (infantilizing communication) and results in reduced behavioral symptoms and need for psychotropic medication for residents with dementia. The new online version (Changing Talk: Online Training (CHATO)) consists of 3; one-hour interactive online modules that provide flexible and accessible access for staff.

**There is no cost, direct-care staff can earn 3 contact hours, and all staff get a Certificate of Completion.**

**Benefits to you, your staff, and your residents include:**

- A person-centered approach.
- Education about elderspeak and better communication strategies.
- Reduction in resistiveness to care and other behavioral symptoms in residents with dementia.
- Reduction in the need for psychotropic medication.
- Convenient, online educational format for busy nursing homes.
- Qualifies for CMS dementia care training hours requirements.
- A free, nonpharmacological, evidence-based intervention is an excellent addition to a Quality Improvement Plan.

Please see our [website](#) to learn more about CHATO, sign up for an info meeting, and view our training resources and research.

**Please share this information with your network and nursing home colleges.** Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact us for more information and to discuss this opportunity further.

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**SUPERIOR HEALTH**  
Quality Alliance

**Office Hours:**

**National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)**

Join Superior Health Quality Alliance (Superior Health) NHSN experts to learn about reporting COVID-19 tests and vaccinations, reporting healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) and answers to other questions you may have about NHSN.

Noon - 1 p.m. CT / 1 - 2 p.m. ET on the following  
Wednesdays:

- June 21, 2023
- August 16, 2023
- October 18, 2023
- January 17, 2024
- March 20, 2024
- May 15, 2024
- July 17, 2024
- September 18, 2024

**Objectives**

- Describe NHSN COVID-19 testing reporting requirements.
- Explain NHSN COVID-19 vaccine reporting, including person-level vaccination forms.
- Describe NHSN HAI reporting requirements.
- Answer questions about NHSN reporting.

**Audience**

- Nursing home staff and administrators involved in NHSN reporting.

**Speaker(s)**

- Elena Bair, MPH, CPHQ, Quality Improvement Advisor
- Mike Bittner, BA, MA, Quality Improvement Advisor
- Jana Broughton, LNHA, BA, MA, Quality Improvement Advisor
- Katie Pisciotta, MPH, BA, MA, Quality Improvement Advisor

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**Questions?**

If you have questions or concerns, contact Katie Pisciotta, [kpisciotta@iMPROve.Health](mailto:kpisciotta@iMPROve.Health).

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## **PALTC23 Conference Recordings Now Available**

Did you miss AMDA’s annual conference this past March? Don’t worry—you can still earn credits for the general and concurrent sessions by [purchasing the recordings](#). CME, CMD, and MOC credits are available.

Recorded sessions include:

- Audio synced to slides for most 60 and 90-minute sessions delivered during the conference
- Ability to download session handouts

Not an AMDA member? [Join now to save \\$540 on the recordings!](#)

[Purchase Recordings](#)

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## **Start Your Journey to Certification**

The road to becoming a Certified Medical Director starts with the Core Curriculum. **You can finish this year if you start now!**

- The Online Core Curriculum is the first part of the Core Curriculum, covering 22 critical areas impacting PALTC leadership and management.
- The Core Synthesis is comprised of dynamic lectures, spirited role plays, case-based discussion, and small group breakouts.

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