

MIMDA Chapter News

MIMDA Board Member Spotlight

Each month we highlight one of our board members. **MIMDA President Cheryl Huckins, MD CMD, is featured here:**

How long have you been a MIMDA member? I have been a member for six years, though attended MIMDA conferences along my career.

What is your current clinical practice? I retired clinically 2 years ago, but continued in a corporate medical director role for another year. Now I am impassioned to work on issues that we discovered during the pandemic which negatively impact our residents.

Why did you join MIMDA? I joined MIMDA when I realized that these were people that did what I was doing, and had resources and leadership that were actively working to improve the care of the people I serve.

What do you consider the most significant benefit of MIMDA membership? 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.

SAVE THE DATE for the 2023 MIMDA Conference!!

This year's conference will take place Friday, September 29 – Saturday, September 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, competency/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 details will be provided by email and in upcoming newsletters.

PALTC23: AMDA Futures Award Recipient

This month we feature Adnan M Hussain, PT, MBA

Undergrad: Oakland University (Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences)

Physical Therapy: Oakland University (Master of Science in Physical Therapy)

Current Practice: Vice President of Clinical Innovation with Medrina. A multi-specialty physician group composed of Physiatry, Primary Care, and other subspecialties focusing on enhancing quality clinical outcomes at partner facilities through strong clinical partnerships and technology solutions.

Future goals: To grow as a professional and leader with the Michigan Medical Directors Association as well as the American Medical Directors Association (AMDA) to bring increased awareness and recognition to providers serving our most vulnerable population and advocating for those who we serve.

Interests: Spending as much time as I can outdoors running, being active, and spending time with my wife, and family.

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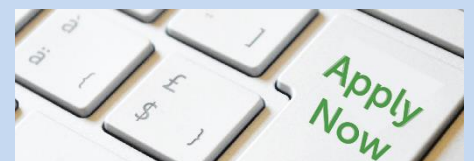
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The 2023 Provider Fee Changes webinar in February was comprehensive, concise and well received.

Contact Audrey Moro for the materials or webinar recording

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 this 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.



AHRQ Safety Program for MRSA Prevention

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is recruiting nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities to participate in the [AHRQ Safety Program for MRSA Prevention](#), a free 18-month program that seeks to improve bathing and skincare techniques to reduce pressure injuries, wounds, and methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and other Multidrug Resistant Organism (MDRO) transmission.

We are reaching out to see if you would be willing to help us get the word out about the AHRQ program to members and affiliates of the Michigan Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine.

Beginning in June 2023, this program combines evidence-based guidance with implementation strategies to address the attitudes, beliefs, culture, and barriers that often pose challenges to improving infection prevention practices. Participation in this AHRQ program will provide long-term care facilities with technical assistance, coaching, webinars, and tools to support their infection prevention program and resident safety. **Continuing education credits will be offered at no charge for participants.**

Please find a program flier with more information [here](#).

We hope you will consider sharing information about this program with long-term care facilities in Michigan. We would be happy to share our outreach materials with you (e-blasts, fliers, social media messaging, and newsletter blurbs) if you would find that useful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
The *AHRQ Safety Program for MRSA Prevention* team
<https://safetyprogram4mrsaprevention.org/>



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