2026 Conference Educational Syllabus

Best Care Practices 35th Annual Conference & Trade Show

Friday, October 30 - Sunday, November 1, 2026

The Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine

Best Care Practices in the Post-Acute & Long-Term Care Continuum

Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek

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Signia By Hilton, Bonnet Creek Map

RESTAURANTS & LOUNGES

1. Zeta Asia
2. MUSE
3. Harvest Bistro
4. La Luce*
5. Beech*
6. MYTH Bar
7. Aquamarine
8. Bull & Bear*
9. Peacock Alley*
10. Oscar's*
11. Sir Harry's Lounge
12. The Clubhouse Grille

FUNCTION SPACE

13. Waldorf Astoria Meeting Rooms
14. Waldorf Astoria Grand Ballroom
15. Promenade
16. Signature Island
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18. Floridian Ballroom
19. Bonnet Creek Ballroom
20. Central Park Ballroom
21. Waterside Ballroom & Meeting Rooms
22. Waterside Lanai & Patio
23. 19th Green Event Lawn

AMENITIES & TRANSPORTATION

24. Signia by Hilton Pool & Lazy River
25. Signia by Hilton Water Slide
26. Signia by Hilton Private Cabanas
27. Waldorf Astoria Private Cabanas
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31. Waldorf Astoria Spa
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34. Waldorf Astoria* Golf Pro Shop
35. Waldorf Astoria* Golf Club
36. FunZone Arcade
37. Signia by Hilton Sundries Shop
38. Golf Pavilion
39. Golf Pavilion Gardens

Shuttle Pick Up Station

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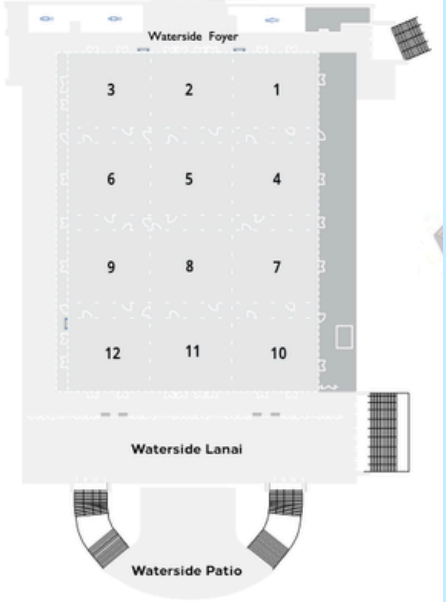
Walking Trail

Meeting Rooms



All sessions take place in the Floridian Ballrooms indicated in dark blue

Connect With Us

Social Media

www.linkedin.com/company/florida-medical-directors-association

www.facebook.com/joinFMDA

Welcome to the Best Care Practices 35th Annual Conference!

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Welcome to our 35th Annual Conference! 2026 saw the adoption of the final rule 59A-4.107: Physician Services and 59A-4.1075: Medical Director, defining the role of the medical director in PA/LTC. FMDA and FADONA have designed educational content in this years BCP Conference to assist facilities and medical directors in meeting the requirements of this important legislation.

We are pleased to offer sessions that further define the role of the medical director and meet both CME and CMD requirements. Many sessions have information that is valuable to both the Nurse Administrator and the Medical Director.

Our annual conference has evolved into a regional gathering with national impact for medical directors, attending physicians, advanced practice nurses, consultant pharmacists, physician assistants, directors of nursing, and administrators working in the PALTC continuum. It provides an opportunity to network and enjoy educational seminars from some of the top names in their areas of expertise. We are always striving to improve and welcome your feedback. This is *your* association and *your* annual conference. Please take a few minutes to review the information in this syllabus and familiarize yourself with the events, how to earn continuing education credits, and the format of the meeting.

The registration and information desk will be open all day on Friday, Saturday, and half of Sunday. FMDA staff members remain available to answer any questions you may have. In order to claim credit, use FMDA's online process for the sessions and conference evaluations. Details on how to complete evaluations and claim CME credit are provided for you in an a credit handout document. Please take a moment to review this process to ensure you receive all the credit you are entitled to.

On Friday, we invite you to attend product theater lunch programs, sponsored by **Axsome Therapeutics** and **Teva Pharmaceuticals**, and Saturday product theater lunch programs sponsored by **Otsuka Pharmaceuticals** and a parkinson's education program by **Peerview Institute**. Our thanks to these companies for their support! Join us on Friday at 5:15pm at the Exhibit Hall Welcome Reception in Floridan DEF, sponsored by **VITAS Healthcare – the 35th Annual Conference Diamond Sponsor**. While at the Trade Show, take the opportunity to see some of the latest products and innovations by visiting each of the companies that help make this conference possible.

Make sure your Trade Show Contest Flyer is initialized by each of the Exhibitors represented to be eligible to win a door prize. Turn in your completed Flyer at the Registration Desk by Saturday, 10/31 at 1:00pm to be eligible to win. Prize drawings will be held at the end of the last session on Sunday 11/01, **and you *must be present to win!***

Be sure to join us for the President's Wine & Cheese Reception on Saturday from 5:35pm to 6:50pm. Spend time with your friends and colleagues at this fun and relaxed event. Then celebrate as we announce the winner of this year's **Robert Kaplan Quality Champion Award**. Our thanks to **The Kaplan Family** for sponsoring this year's award program.

Again, welcome to ***Best Care Practices in the Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Continuum 2026***. This year's program is outstanding, so we hope you enjoy yourselves! Congratulations to Dr. Brianna Wynne, Chair, and Michelle Lewis, NP, Vice Chair of the Education Committee and Program Director; along with all the members of the Education Committee, and with strong support from FMDA/FADONA staff. They have all put a lot of effort into making this conference interesting, educational, and fun.

We hope you find the conference to be a valuable asset to your professional life.

Executive Committee, FMDA – The Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine

President: Alfonso Gonzalez-Rodriguez
Chairman of the Board: Diane Sanders-Cepeda, DO, CMD
Vice President: Kenya Rivas, MD, CMD
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We're So Glad You're Here.

Who We Are

FMDA – The Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine is the official state chapter of PALTmed – Post-Acute & Long-Term Care Medicine, and a Specialty Society of the Florida Medical Association. It is based in West Palm Beach, Florida.

FMDA represents medical directors, attending physicians, physician assistants, and advanced registered nurse practitioners in Florida's post-acute care continuum including sub-acute care, hospice, skilled nursing, and assisted living facilities, as well as in continuing care retirement communities.

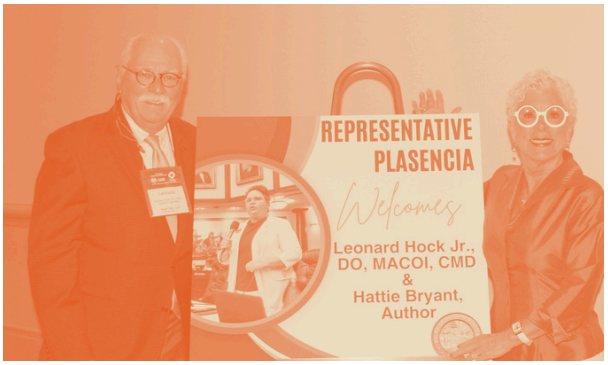
The mission of **FMDA** is to promote the highest quality care as patients' transition through the long term care continuum. **FMDA** is dedicated to providing leadership, professional education and advocacy for the inter-professional team.

Florida Geriatrics Society (FGS) is a not-for-profit state organization with interest in scientific, educational and academic activities to the entire geriatric care team, who can render optimal care for older adults. In addition to this winter meeting, **FGS** holds an annual medical convention to provide both CME and CEU credits for physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, psychologists and social workers.

Members of the Board of Directors of **FGS** hold representation from all the medical schools in the state of Florida. It encourages in-training fellows, residents, and medical students' participation. **FGS** is also a Specialty Society of the Florida Medical Association.

Florida Chapters – Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (FL-GAPNA) GAPNA was founded in 1981, by a small group of GNPs with the intention of offering the first continuing education conferences designed specifically to meet the needs of advanced practice nurses. Currently, **GAPNA** represents nearly 10,000 certified advanced practice nurses who work with older adults in a wide variety of practice settings. **GAPNA** is the organization of choice for advanced practice nurses who want to pursue continuing education in gerontological care and who seek peer support from experienced clinicians. The **FL-GAPNA** Chapter and the Florida Gulf Coast Chapters both operate in the state of Florida.

National Association Directors of Nursing Administration (NADONA) – Since 1986, **NADONA** has been the leading advocate and educational organization for DONs, A DONs and RNs in Long-Term Care (LTC). **NADONA/LTC** was founded by dedicated LTC professionals, and its board of trustees still consists of LTC professionals. **NADONA** understands daily challenges, and are here to provide nurses with the tools they need for professional success.



We Are FMDA

Registration

Registration Type	Price
Paid-up members: FMDA, NADONA, FL-GAPNA, or FGS	$479
New/renewing FMDA members	$479+ Annual Dues
Non-Member Practitioners	$629
Unlicensed Registrants (includes Organizational Affiliate Membership)	$709
Fellows, Interns, & Residents in geriatrics, family practice, or internal medicine	$119
Full-time Students: MD/DO/PA/NP/RN/PharmD/RPh/NHA or ALF administration	$119
*Friday or Saturday ONLY	$279
*Sunday ONLY	$169
One-day Trade Show Pass	$95

**Single-day registration is limited to one day only (Friday, Saturday, or Sunday). If you plan to attend more than one day of the conference, you must register for the Full Conference.*

The Registration and Information area can be found at the Reg Desk, in the Foyer outside the Floridain Ballrooms.

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1 Conference Planning Committee

Chair: Brianna Wynne, MD
Vice Chair: Michelle Lewis, DNP, FNP-BC, GNP-BC
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2 Annual Program Description

This program is designed to provide a review and update of major geriatric diseases, illnesses, and risks found in nursing home patients, residents of assisted-living facilities, those under hospice care, and seniors living at home.

Topics covered this year include:

- **Alzheimer's Updates**
- **End of Life Care**
- **Medical Director Expectations**
- **Heart Failure**
- **Regulatory Update**
- **AI in Healthcare**
- **National Leaders Forum**
- **Preventative Care in PALTC**
- **Hospice Referrals**
- **Opioid Conversion**
- **Multimorbidity Management**
- **Diabetes and CKD**
- **Productivity vs Quality**
- **Pneumonia in PALTC**
- **Fall Risk Reduction**
- **Management of RA in PALTC**
- **and More.....**

3 Our Target Audience

This conference is designed to educate physicians, advanced practice nurses, senior care pharmacists, consultant pharmacists, physician assistants, directors of nursing in LTC, registered nurses, and long-term care administrators; as well as geriatricians, primary care and home care physicians, physicians considering becoming long-term care medical directors, hospice medical directors, or home care medical directors; and others with an interest in PALTC and its continuum of care.

The faculty includes national and regional authorities in the fields of post-acute and long-term care medicine, medical direction, senior care pharmacology, and geriatric medicine.

4 Conference Objectives

Upon completion of the Best Care Practices in the Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Continuum conference, participants should be able to:

1. **Discuss the professional challenges facing medical directors, attending physicians, advanced practice nurses, consultant pharmacists, physician assistants, directors of nursing, and administrators practicing in the continuum.**
2. **Describe the advances in theoretical and clinical knowledge impacting individuals affected by medical issues in the PALTC continuum.**
3. **Discuss the current and emerging national issues and public policy efforts of PALTmed, and Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association**
4. **Describe examples of evidence-based practice and multidisciplinary approaches to enhance outcomes in various health care settings.**
5. **List examples of evidence-based practice as it pertains to post-acute and long-term care medicine.**

CREDIT INFORMATION
Credit Statements
Accreditation
This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association and FMDA – The Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine. Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.
AMA PRA Category 1 CreditTM Designation
Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association designates this live activity for a maximum of 16.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.
CMD Credit Statement
This CME activity has been pre-approved for up to 10.5 clinical hours and up to 7.25 management hours toward certification or recertification as a Certified Medical Director (CMD) in post-acute and long-term care medicine. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit actually spent on the activity. The CMD program is administered by the PALTmed. For further information, contact PALTmed at 410-992-3115
or at certification@paltmed.org.

CME Credit: to clain CME credit please complete the evaluations for each session and the conference by using the QR Code to the right.

Wifi

To access the complimentary Wireless Internet in the Conference Center's Meeting Rooms, select:

NAME: BonnetCreek_Meeting

ACCESS CODE: BCP2026

For assistance please contact: registration desk

Parking

Self-parking is available at the hotel. All guests will begin by using the self-service kiosk. If staying overnight, please proceed by clicking the "overnight guest" button. This will automatically allow you into the gate and print a QR code. Please take the QR code to the front desk at the time of check-in to ensure that parking is routed to your guestroom with the discounted parking rate.

For guests driving in daily, please follow the prompt on the "events" button, which will reflect the conference name. Payment at the discounted rate must be completed before accessing the parking area. There is a parking attendant available if any issues arise.

Please Note: The standard parking rate is $38.00+tax per day. With your Conference discount, parking will be $20.00 plus tax.

Dining & Food

The following restaurants and food services can be found onsite:

La Luce
La Luce is Signia by Hilton Orlando – An Official Walt Disney World® Hotel's signature restaurant, inspired by famed Napa Valley chef and restaurateur Donna Scala. Our Italian kitchen serves thin-crust pizzas, handmade pastas, and dishes rooted in family tradition.

Bull & Bear
Named one of the Top 100 Restaurants in the United States by OpenTable, the restaurant offers a menu featuring re-imagined steakhouse classics and trend-setting fare, including the famed Bull & Bear Fried Chicken, Pasta Explosion, and its signature 32-Day Dry-Aged Tomahawk Rib Eye.

Zeta Asia
A sophisticated setting to enjoy traditional and signature sushi rolls, sashimi, and hand-crafted cocktails, wines, and beer. Gather here for a lively atmosphere—and even catch a game with friends over free-flowing cocktails and delicious sushi.

MYTH Bar
This is more than just a lobby bar – it's an exciting concept that will transform your experience as our guest. The power of myth connects people—and it's all about journeys meant to inspire.

Muse
A hip coffee bar serving inventive espresso drinks, it's the perfect place to refuel anytime, day or night. Refuel with barista creations in a fresh-focused coffee bar with vegan and gluten-free options.

Harvest Bistro
A casual dining environment featuring simply prepared American classics for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. All dishes are made with the finest farm-fresh ingredients and prepared with meticulous detail.

Poolside and in-room dining

Schedule

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026		
6:30am - 5:30pm	**Registration and Information**	Registration Desk
6:50am - 7:35am	**FMDA Annual Meeting/Breakfast**	Floridian C
7:45am - 8:00am	**Presidents Welcome** *Alfonso Gonzalez-Rodriguez, MD/Betty Barron, RN*	Floridian K-L
8:00am - 9:00am	**Keynote Address: Eating is Everything - Session 101** *Leonard Hock, MD*	Floridian K-L
9:05am - 10:05am	**Impacting Care for Heart Failure Patients - Session 102** *Lauren Loftis, MD / Kamal Wahab, MD*	Floridian K-L
10:05am - 10:25am	**Coffee Break**	Foyer
10:25am - 11:25am	**CMS and Florida's Expectations for Medical Directors - Session 103** *Deborah Franklin, MHA, NHA*	Floridian K-L
11:35am - 12:35pm	**Product Theater: Teva**	Floridian C
11:35am - 12:35pm	**Product Theater: Axsome**	Floridian B
12:40pm - 1:40pm	**Heart Failure: The Heartening Journey for Primary Care - Session 104** *F. Michael Gloth III, MD*	Floridian K-L

Schedule

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026 - CONTINUED		
1:45pm - 2:50pm	**Grand Opening of Trade Show and Poster Presenters**	Floridian D-F
2:55pm - 3:55pm	**National Leader's Forum - Session 105** *PALTmed, NADONA* *Leslie Eber, MD/Cindy Fronning, RN*	Floridian K-L
3:55pm - 4:15pm	**Coffee Break** *Sponsored by*	Foyer
4:15pm-5:15	**Advancing AI Initiatives in PALTC - Session 106** Judy Long, RN	Floridian K-L
5:15pm - 6:30pm	**Exhibit Hall Welcome Reception** *Sponsored by VITAS Healthcare*	Floridian D-F
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026		
6:30am - 6:00pm	**Registration and Information OPEN**	Registration Desk
6:15am - 7:00 am	**Red Eye Rounds: Cllinical Quandaries/Questions**	Floridian I
7:00am - 8:00am	**Exhibit Hall with Trade Show and Poster Presentations Cont B'fast** *Sponsored by VITAS Healthcare*	Floridian D-F
8:00am - 9:00am	**Regulatory Update - Session 107** Kimberly R. Smoak, MSH, QIDP	Floridian K-L
9:10am - 10:40am	**Prevention ...Health Maintenance in PALTC Settings - Session 108** Elizabeth Hames, DO, CMD/Kenya Rivas, MD,FSSFP, CMD/Melanie Trigo, PharmD,CPh	Floridian K-L
10:40am - 11:40am	**Break in Exhibit Hall Trade Show and Poster Presentations:** *Sonsored by Vitas*	Floridian D-F

Schedule

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026 CONTINUED		
11:45am - 12:45pm	**Product Theater Lunch:** Otsuka	Floridian C
11:45am - 12:45pm	**Product Theater Lunch:** Parkinson's Program	Floridian B
12:50pm - 1:50pm	**Opioid Conversion Made Easy - Session 109** Kamal Wahab, MD	Floridian K-L
1:00pm	**Trade Show Sheet Drop-Off**	
1:55pm - 2:55pm	**Balancing Productivity vs Quality - Session 110** Paul Katz MD, CMD	Floridian K-L
2:55pm - 3:05pm	**Coffee Break**	Foyer
3:05pm - 4:05pm	**CKD and Age Friendly Approach to Diabetes - Session 111** Naushira Pandya, MD/Meenakshi Patel, MD	Floridian K-L
4:10pm - 5:10pm	**Managing Multimorbidity in the PALTC Setting - Session 112** Ariel Cole, MD, CMD, FAAFP	Floridian K-L
5:35pm - 6:50pm	**President's Wine and Cheese Reception** *Sponsored by VITAS Healthcare*	Floridian B-C

Schedule

DAY 3 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026		
7:00am - 7:55am	**Conference Planning Committee Review and Wrap-up Breakfast Meeting**	Taylor Room, lower level
7:00am - 7:45am	**Continental Breakfast**	Foyer
7:45am - 12:00pm	**Registration and Information OPEN**	Registration Desk
7:45AM - 8:45am	**Pneumonia in the PA/LTC Setting: Diagnosis, Management, and Prevention - Session 113** Gaurav Kiri, MD	Floridian K-L
8:45am - 10:00am	**Help I've Fallen and Can't Get Up— Session 114** Brianna Wynne, MD, FAAFP /David LeVine, MD, CMD	Floridian K-L
10:10am - 11:10am	**A Review in the Management of Rheumatoid Arthritis in the Long-Term Care Setting - Session 115** Saurav Kiri, MS4	Floridian K-L
11:15am - 12:15pm	**Chemistry of Care, Mastering Neurochemicals and Psychopharmacology - Session 116** Parikshit Deshmukh, MD	Floridian K-L
12:15pm - 12:30pm	**Conference Closing: Announcements & Door Prizes**	Floridian K-L

Session Objectives

Session 101

Keynote Address: Eating is Everything
Leonard Hock, MD, CMD

Learning Objectives
1. Understand and be able to use knowledge gained her to address the normal and expected decline in appetite near the end of life
2. Be able to adjust the Care and Treatment that comforts the patient/resident and loved ones in the face of end of life settings
3. Understand that avoiding nutrition interventions that increase burdens and distress without the benefit of improved prognosis
4. Know and become familiar with the concept "They are dying because they quit eating. They quit eating because they are dying."

Session 102

Impacting Care for Heart Failure Patients - Session 102
Lauren Loftis, MD / Kamal Wahab, MD

Learning Objectives
1. incidence and prevalence of HF in NH
2. Appreciate symptoms of adavanced HF
3. Importnace of AHA certified programs to support Patients with advanced HF

Session 103

CMSand Florida's Expectations for Medical Directors
Deborah Franklin, MHA, NHA

Learning Objectives
1. Familiarize participants with Medical Director regulations
2. Recognize collaboration from combining regulation
3. Learn Medical director role in improving quality

Session 104

Heart Failure: The Heartening Journey for Primary Care
Micheal Gloth, MD

Learning Objectives
1. Recount the history of heart failure through the experience of a clinician who has lived through it
2. Describe available treatments based on the etiology of heart failure
3. Recognize Cardiac Amyloidosis in older adults and when end-of-life care is needed

Session 105

National Leader's Forum - Current Trends in PALTC
PALTmed, NADONA
Leslie Eber, MD/Cindy Fronning, RN

Learning Objectives
1. Understand to roles of National, State and local PALTC organizations
2. Demonstrate knowledge of current trends in PALTC that affect resident care.
3. Gain knowledge that can be implemented in current practice to better the care provided to residents.

Session Objectives

Session 106

Advancing AI Initiatives in PALTC
Judy Long, RN

Learning Objectives
1. Evaluate emerging AI capabilities introduced over the past year
2. Identify implementation and governance considerations for responsible AI adoption
3. Apply a practical evaluation framework to determine where AI solutions can improve clinical quality, operational performance, and workforce sustainability

Session 107

Regulatory Update
Kimberly R. Smoak, MSH, QIDP

Learning Objectives
1. Provide an update on the federal regulatory requirements for Nursing Homes; Share findings from the most commonly cited deficiencies and ways to improve
2. Discuss nursing home immediate jeopardy findings and how this negatively impacts resident care and quality of life. Review of the Federal Facility Reported Information and State Adverse Incident Data
3. Discuss the 2025 legislative update regarding Medical Director Certification, the rule and any 2026 legislative impact.

Session 108

Prevention Across the Continuum: Health Maintenance in Post-Acute and Long-Term Settings
Elizabeth Hames, DO, CMD/Kenya Rivas, MD, FAAFP, CMD/ Melanie Trigo, PharmD,CPh

Learning Objectives
1. Understand current evidence-based health screening recommendations for the geriatric population.
2. Discuss applicable preventive interventions to reduce disease risk, after evaluating the net benefit in geriatric patients.
3. Describe some current prognostication tools appropriate for geriatric decision-making.
4. Understand that all treatments should aim to preserve function and maximize quality of life in geriatric patients.

Session 109

Opioid Conversion Made Easy
Kamal Wahab, MD

Learning Objectives
1. Learn about opioid history and its evolution to where we are today
2. Define opioid conversions and how it impacts physician practice
3. Gain an understanding of recent literature review on opioids

Session Objectives

Session 110

Balancing Productivity vs Quality-A Fool's Errand?
Paul Katz MD, CMD

Learning Objectives

1. Understand the genesis of the current "value proposition" for nursing home medical providers
2. Assign realistic time intervals necessary to fulfill the roles and responsibilities of medical prividers in the nursing home
3. Utilize new quality measures that reflect medical provider skills and what matters most to individual patients

Session 111

CKD and Age Friendly Approach to Diabetes - Session 113
Naushira Pandya, MD

Learning Objectives

1. Understand the development of CKD and diabetes-related kidney disease in older adults
2. Implement appropriate screening and diagnostic tools, as well as evidence-based management
3. Participants will be able to apply therapeutic strategies to prevent hypoglycemia and simplify treatment
4. Apply the 4M concepts of age friendly health care to older adults living with diabetes in post-acute

Session 112

Managing Multimorbidity in the PALTC Setting
Ariel Cole, MD, CMD, FAAFP

Learning Objectives

1. Understand the definition and associated risks of multimorbidity.
2. Review why most clinical practice guidelines are not appropriate for older adults with multimorbidity
3. Apply the 5 guiding principles for evaluating older adults with multimorbidity in managing their care
4. Plan to overcome typical challenges with multimorbid patients in the PALTC setting

Session 113

Pneumonia in the PA/LTC Setting: Diagnosis, Management, and Prevention
Gaurav Kiri, MD

Learning Objectives

1. To discuss the importance of treating pneumonia, the number one infectious cause of death for post-acute and long-term care settings
2. To discuss strategies for early diagnosis, proper management, and reducing the recurrence/occurrence of pneumonia in the long-term care setting
3. To discuss the revised ATS 2025 recommendations for diagnosis and treatment of pneumonia

Session Objectives

Session 114

Help! I've Fallen and I Can't Get Up
Brianna Wynne, MD, FAAFP / David LeVine, MD, CMD

Learning Objectives
1. Discuss risk factors that can increase falls in our geriatric patients and interventions available
2. Describe how gait assessment can help with clinical diagnosis
3. describe the application of root cause analysis
4. promote interdisciplinary collaboration to enhance patient safety

Session 115

A Review in the Management of Rheumatoid Arthritis in the Long-Term Care Setting
Saurav Kiri, MS4

Learning Objectives
1. Understanding etiology of rheumatoid arthritis
2. develop a differential diagnosis for rheumatoid arthritis
3. Learn key elements in treatment of rheumatoid arthritis.

Session 116

Chemistry of Care, Mastering Neurochemicals and Psychopharmacology
Parikshit Deshmukh, MD

Learning Objectives
1. Identify key neurochemicals and define their specific roles in modulating mood, cognition, and behavior.
2. Correlate neuroreceptor activity and neuroanatomy with the clinical manifestation of psychiatric symptoms.
3. Analyze the diverse mechanisms of action (MOA) for major classes of psychopharmacological agents.
4. Recognize and Mitigate common side effects and adverse reactions associated with psychotropic medications.

Poster Presenters

Check out these incredible Presenters and their research:

Samantha Bartolone, DO
Progression From Multinodular Goiter to an Autonomously Functioning T3-secreting Hot Nodule in an Older Adult: Case report

Jose Rivera Sepulveda
From Gastrointestinal Symptoms to Endocarditis: An Unusual Presentation of Streptococcus pyogenes Bacteremia

Jake Devasia
Evaluating Patient Engagement in MyPAIN and Pain Manager Clinical Apps that Support Pain Management at the University of Florida Health

Liz Nunez, MD
Beyond Tardive Dyskinesia: SSRI-Linked Oral Movements in an Older Adult with Dementia

Schedule

Please join our Presenters in **Floridian D-F** at the following days/times:

Friday, October 30th

Grand Opening of Trade Show and Poster Presenters
1:45pm - 2:50pm

Saturday, October 31st

Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall with Trade Show and Poster Presentations
Sponsored by VITAS Healthcare
7:00am - 8:00am

Break in Exhibit Hall with Trade Show and Poster Presentations
Sponsored by VITAS Healthcare
10:40am - 11:40am

Conference Faculty

Ariel Cole, MD, FAAFP, CMD

Dr. Cole received her medical degree from the University of South Florida in Tampa and completed her residency and fellowship training at Florida Hospital, now AdventHealth. As part of her role as director of the Geriatric Fellowship, Dr. Cole supervises medical students, residents, and geriatric fellows in the care of elderly patients in outpatient settings and nursing homes. She oversees a Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment Clinic where elder patients and their caregivers meet with an interdisciplinary team to evaluate their medical, functional, and psychosocial status.

Dr. Cole is the Orlando campus Clerkship Director for Geriatrics at the Florida State University (FSU) College of Medicine. Dr. Cole is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Geriatrics Society, and the American Medical Directors Association. She is Board Certified in Family Medicine and Geriatric Medicine and is a Certified Medical Director.

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In 2016, he co-founded Balanced Wellbeing LLC with his wife, where he currently serves as CEO and Medical Director. Under his ownership and leadership, Balanced Wellbeing grew from serving 15 facilities with 2 clinicians and 3 ancillary staff members in 2016 to currently servicing over 450 facilities (including 200+ nursing homes, 200+ assisted living facilities, 30+ group homes, 5 clinics, hospitals, and addiction rehabilitation centers) with its 130+ full-time healthcare providers (psychiatrists and psychologists).

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Deborah Franklin is the Sr. Director of Quality Affairs for Florida Health Care Association. Prior to that she was Director of Operations of not-for-profit company, which operated the Hawthorne Village retirement communities in Florida. She has a Master of Health Care Administration. She is past president of FHCA and has received the Legislative award, Administrator of the Year award and the Circle of Excellence Award. Deborah has successfully opened several new facilities, oversaw remodels and expansions along with turn-round of troubled facilities. Deborah has been involved with advocacy for the seniors in Florida for over thirty years which includes Hillsborough County Indigent Health Care Advisory Board, Senate appointee to Department of Elder Affairs Advisory Committee, Governor's Transition Team for Department of Elder Affairs and Lieutenant Governor's Health Care Planning Council.

Conference Faculty

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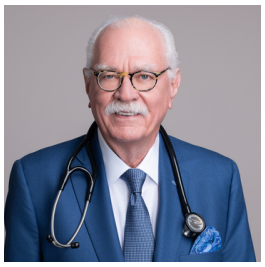

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Saurav Kiri is a 4th year medical student at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine (class of 2027). He graduated from New College of Florida with a B.A. in Cellular and Molecular Biology with minors in Mathematics and Chemistry. In addition to serving on the FMDA Education Committee, he has also previously served as chair of the Student Leadership Council of the Florida Geriatrics Society. His primary interests include the fields of Internal Medicine and Neurology.

Conference Faculty

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Kenya Rivas, MD, FAAFP, CMD serves as a Team Lead Medical Director for Home & Community Care Transitions at OPTUM. She is responsible for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Management of the Geriatric members and for creating educational content in Geriatrics as she serves as a Co-Chair for the Education Committee. She works collaboratively with different groups across the state to improve the quality of life of the Geriatric population. Dr. Rivas completed her Family Medicine Residency and the Geriatric Fellowship program at AdventHealth, Orlando, Florida in 2009, joining the Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine after completing her Fellowship program. During her tenure at the University setting, she served as an Assistant Professor in Geriatrics. Dr Rivas is an active member of the Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association (PALTmed), where she serves as the Chair of the Workgroup for the Education Committee. Dr Rivas remains an active member for the Florida Medical Director Association, FMDA where she served as the Vice-President elected for 2026..

Conference Faculty

Kimberly R. Smoak, MSH, QIDP
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Ms. Smoak is also the State Survey Agency Director for the State of Florida and holds a Master of Science in Health with a program emphasis in Aging Studies. She is also a Qualified Intellectual Disability Professional (QIDP). In 2009 and 2017, she received Survey & Certification Achievement Awards, presented by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, for her work in Survey and Certification.

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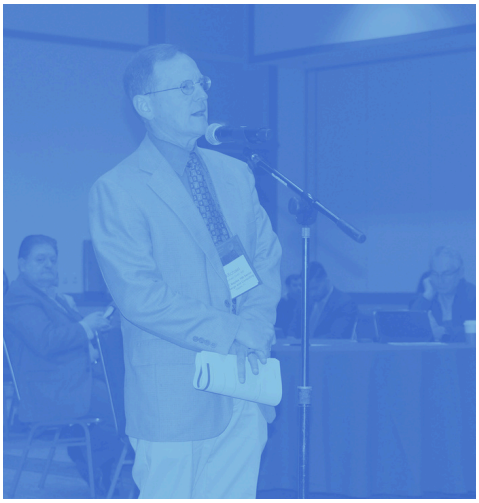

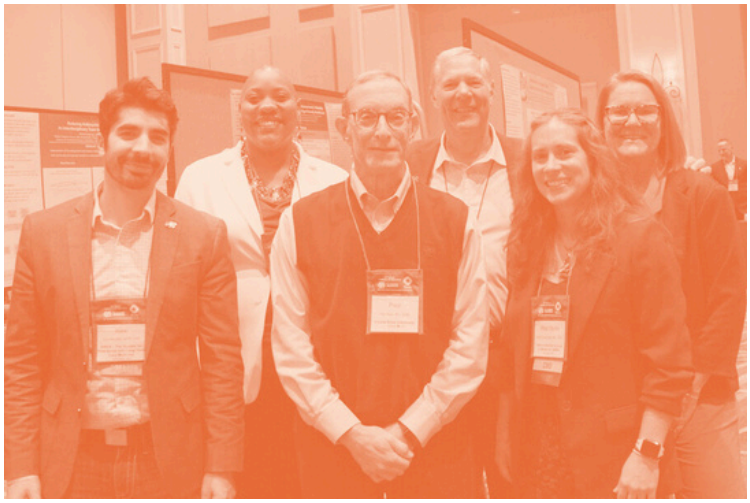

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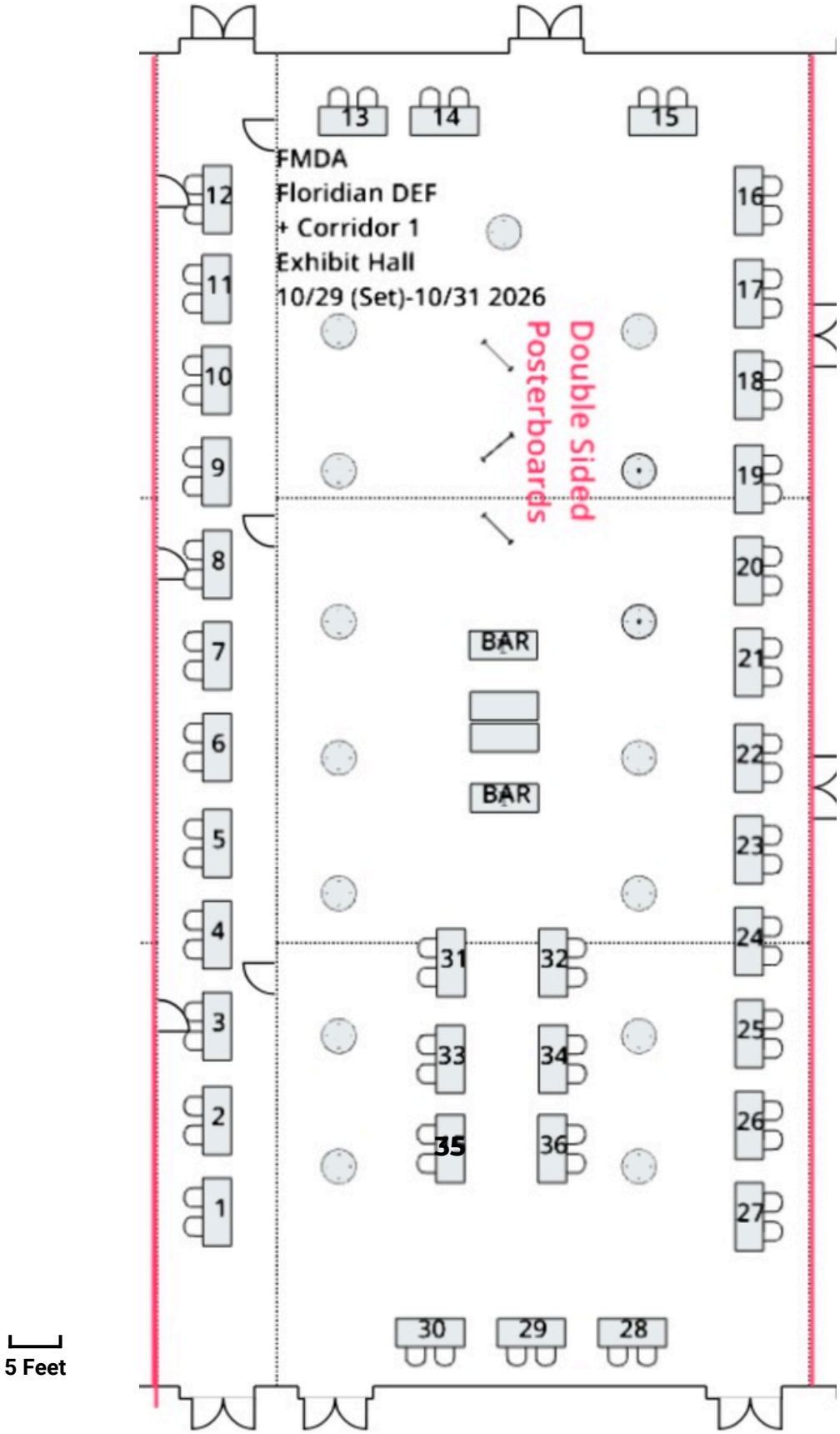

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A hospice pioneer since 1978, VITAS® Healthcare is the nation's leading provider of end-of-life care. Patient-centered, comfort-focused care by an interdisciplinary VITAS team reduces hospital readmissions, length of stay, and overall healthcare costs while improving quality metrics and patient satisfaction. Call 800.93.VITAS. Visit VITAS.com. Download the mobile referral app at VITASapp.com.

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On behalf of the The Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine (FMDA), the Florida Geriatrics Society (FGS), Florida Chapters – Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (FL-GAPNA), and the National Association Directors of Nursing Administration (NADONA), thank you to all our Exhibitors!

We value you as industry experts, and know that you provide our attendees with valuable knowledge and insights they might not find elsewhere. Thank you for participating in our 35th Annual Conference!

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What matters most:

National Care at Home Month

National Care at Home Month highlights the importance of home-based care as a compassionate option for patients with advanced illness.

At **VITAS® Healthcare**, we act as an extension of your care team, providing expert hospice care that enhances quality of life and aligns with patient goals. Together, we can ensure every patient receives the dignity, comfort and support they deserve — at home.

VITAS offers:

- 24/7/365 availability for admissions and clinical support
- Advanced illness expertise, including cardiac care certified by the American Heart Association
- Personalized care plans and disease-specific protocols
- Programs to address unique patient populations such as veterans
- High-acuity care and complex modalities
- Free clinical education, including CME/CE webinars

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Friday, October 30th

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Speaker: Meenakshi Patel, MD
Susan Scanland, MSN, CRNP, GNP-BC

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Being Mindful of Movements: Tackling Tardive Dyskinesia in Long-Term Care

Speaker: Michelle Scargle, MD

Saturday, October 31st

Otsuka Pharmaceuticals 11:45am-12:45pm Floridian C

Agitation Associated With Dementia Due to Alzheimer's Disease: Impact and Symptom Identification In PALTC
Speaker: Joel I. Kirson, MD

Parkinsons Program. 11:45am - 12:45pm. Floridian B

Unpacking Parkinson's Disease Psychosis: Rapid detection and Management in Long-Term Care
Speaker: Jun Yu, MD, MS

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