State Chapter Power: From Promising Starts to Pandemic Impact

Most great things start with an idea, which is true for the Colorado Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine (CMDA). During a recent AMDA On-The-Go podcast on State Chapter Involvement & Engagement, current CMDA President Leslie Eber, MD, CMD, talked about the origins of the organization, how it has grown and expanded, and the key role it and other chapters play in COVID response and the post-pandemic future. Read more about the success of the CMDA chapter in engaging and responding to the needs of its members in this week's Weekly Round-Up Spotlight.

Listen to the podcast for more of Dr. Eber’s insights.
New This Week

- **Reframing Aging Webinar This Week:** As our country continues to grow older, our long-term care needs must follow suit—and the diverse health specialties our members represent have played a critical role in making that possible. But as more and more of us age, are our conversations within and about long-term care matching what we all want (and need) care to be? Get some answers during a webinar, How Can Reframing Aging Help Us Talk About Long-Term Care, on Wednesday, December 16, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM ET. [Register now.](#) As always, it is free to Society members.

- **Everything You Want to Know About Nursing Homes:** The [AHRQ ECHO National Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network](#) is holding a Training Center Collaborative Call, Everything You’ve Ever Wanted to Know About the Nursing Home Industry, on Tuesday, December 15, 2:00-3:00 PM ET. Society Executive Director Christopher E. Laxton, CAE, is one of the speakers. [Register and submit questions now.](#)

- **Vaccine Education Webinar on December 16:** Join the Society and the National Association of Health Care Assistants for a webinar on Tuesday, December 16, at 4:30 PM ET: COVID-19 in Long-Term Care and the COVID-19 Vaccine. It is designed for CNAs and other frontline staff. The panelists include several Society members. Topics will include the COVID-19 vaccine (what is it, how was it made, how was it tested, etc.), the definition of Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), and where to get accurate information about the vaccine. [Register now.](#)

- **Help AMDA Address the Workforce Shortage:** We need to drive clinicians and staff to PALTC settings. That's one of the reasons AMDA offers FREE e-
Did you miss any 2020 webinars? Don’t worry! They are all archived.

- **Recordings Available for Leadership Symposium:** The recordings for last month’s Leadership, Ethics & PALTC Symposium are now available and for sale. You can purchase the [entire program](#) or [individual sessions](#) here.

- **Arif Nazir Named Physician of the Year:** Arif Nazir, MD, FACP, CMD, AGSF, the Society’s immediate past president, has been named Kentucky’s Physician of the Year as part of this year’s MediStar Awards. The award recognizes a physician “who has shown outstanding leadership and vision and has contributed to their workplace leaving a last legacy.” Congratulations, Dr. Nazir!

- **Building Vaccination Confidence Subject of FMDA Journal Club:** The next meeting of the FMDA Journal Club, COVID-19 Impact: Building Vaccine Confidence, will be held this Wednesday, December 16, at 12:00 PM ET. Join host Diane Sanders-Cepeda, DO, CMD, for an update on current vaccines, a discussion of what we need to do to build vaccine confidence across the PALTC spectrum, and more. [Get additional information and register](#).

- **The Perfect Holiday Gift for Your Group:** Give the gift of AMDA membership! Take advantage of AMDA’s group membership benefits when you enroll a group of 5 or more individuals from your team. [Learn more](#).

**Don’t Forget**

- **COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit:** How you checked out AMDA’s new [COVID-19 Vaccine Education Toolkit](#) (Login Required to Access)? It includes: Strategies for Improving Staff and Resident Confidence in the COVID-19 Vaccines; Letter from Medical Director to Residents and Families About the COVID-19 Vaccines; Education Presentation for Medical Directors About the COVID-19 Vaccine (PowerPoint); Questions and Answers about the COVID-19 Vaccines for PALTC Staff, Patients, Residents and Family Members; and more. Please share the page with your colleagues. AMDA membership is not required to access the toolkit; however, you will need to create an account (which is free) if you don’t already have one.
• **Don’t miss the PALTC21 Early Bird Deadline:**
Register now for PALTC21, AMDA’s Annual Conference, being held virtually March 11-14, 2021. The early bird rate, which allows you to save $100, is available through December 22. Check out the full agenda here. [Register now](#) and join your Society colleagues online in March.

• **Core Curriculum Now Available On-Demand:** The Society’s Core Curriculum on Medical Direction in Post-Acute and Long-Term Care is the only program of its kind, offering comprehensive instruction on management and leadership within the PALTC setting. The Online Core, the first part of the three-part program, is now available on-demand so you can start and finish on your schedule. The Core Synthesis, the third part of the program, is offered in both in-person and virtual formats. [Learn more and register for the Core today](#).

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**In The News**

**PALTC News:**

From *McKnight's Long-Term Care News*: [AMDA’s new COVID vaccine PowerPoint can help answer resident, staff concerns](#)

From *Medical Xpress*: [Caregivers feeling the strain this tough holiday season](#)

From *NBC News*: [Nursing homes are a top priority for Covid vaccines. But vaccinating everyone won't be simple](#)

From *Medscape*: [Prioritize COVID-19 Vaccination in Both Types of Diabetes, Say Docs](#)

**Society Publications:**

From *Caring for the Ages*: [Advance Care Planning Video Intervention](#)

From *JAMDA*: [Burnout and Associated Factors Among Health Care Workers in Singapore During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
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