

DAY 1 SESSION PREVIEW

September 11, 2024 (Wed)

KEYNOTE: A Frontline Focus on Emergency Preparedness and Compliance, "Think Like an Incident Commander" by Stan Szpytek, FLS - 8:10 am

Preparing LTC facilities for emergencies requires an "all-hands" approach, ensuring staff at all levels are trained to respond effectively. Frontline staff, who are always present during emergencies, must be able to manage crises in accordance with the facility's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). This session will emphasize the importance of a "front-line focus" on emergency management to ensure both compliance and readiness, even when leadership is not present.

A Comprehensive Approach to Pressure Injuries by Melissa Morgan - 09:15 am

The cost of pressure injuries is increasing due to treatment expenses, longer hospital stays, decreased reimbursement, and litigation. This session will cover the basics of a skin and wound care program, focusing on achieving positive clinical outcomes and reducing financial impact. Learn how to mitigate risks and control costs effectively.

Managing Food Waste and Costs in a Nursing Facility Kitchen by Cassandra Whitmore, RD, LMNT - 10:30 am

Managing costs has become even more crucial in recent years. This session will explore using regulations, standards of practice, and available tools to provide safe, high-quality food while effectively managing costs. We will share tips on reducing food waste and practical ideas you can implement immediately.

Minimizing Risk: Practical Strategies for Accident Prevention in Nursing Homes by Amy Miller - 1:15 pm

In this session, learners will understand regulatory requirements for avoiding accidents and injuries in skilled nursing facilities. The session will review recent examples of Immediate Jeopardies and provide resources for accident prevention and root cause analysis. Learners will also discuss applying just culture, case studies, and preparing internal plans of correction for past noncompliance.

A Regulatory Review of Enhanced Barrier Precautions by Hawley Hunt - 2:30 pm

Enhanced Barrier Precautions (EBP) were implemented by CMS on April 1, 2024. This session will review CDC guidance for EBP and how they align with §483.80, Infection Control regulations.

Fine Tuning the Facility Assessment: Understanding the Enhancements made to the Facility Assessment and how to Meet the New Requirements by Amy Miller and Hawley Hunt - 3:35 pm

Skilled Nursing Facilities have been doing Facility Assessments for years, but the CMS Minimum Staffing Rule of April 22, 2024, has significantly enhanced these requirements. This session will review the changes and guide you on completing an effective assessment. Additionally, it will cover how the assessment defines daily operations and establishes necessary competencies.

Offering 12 Continuing Education Hours

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