Special Article on AMDA’s Attending Physician Competencies
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Columbia, MD – The November 2014 issue of Annals of Long-Term Care includes a special article about AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine’s (AMDA) post-acute and long-term care (PA/LTC) attending physician competencies. The article, which outlines the competencies and reviews the rationale and processes behind their development, was written by AMDA Competencies Workgroup Co-Chairs and Past Presidents Paul Katz MD, CMD, and Matthew Wayne, MD, CMD; AMDA President Leonard Gelman, MD, CMD; Past AMDA President Jonathan Evans, MD, CMD; and AMDA Director of Professional Development Sheena Majette.

These competencies provide attending physicians practicing in PA/LTC with an evidence-based framework for the unique set of knowledge and skills necessary to facilitate quality outcomes in this setting. AMDA’s competencies fall under one of five general domains:

1. Foundation
2. Medical Care Delivery Process
3. Systems
4. Medical Knowledge
5. Personal Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement

As noted in the article, evidence linking nursing care to clinical quality has long been acknowledged. The link between physician care and quality is just now beginning to be defined. Dr. Katz commented that the development of the competencies “recognizes the unique skill set necessary to practice effectively in the PA/LTC setting. Through the development of an easily accessible curriculum, our hope is to provide clinicians with the knowledge necessary to sustain a viable and exciting nursing home practice. In the near future, we plan to use the competencies to craft new physician performance measures which will then help test the link between physician care and quality outcomes in the nursing home.”

An educational training curriculum to support the competencies is also currently being developed by a workgroup comprised of AMDA leadership and members.

View the full Annals of Long-Term Care article here. View more information about AMDA’s Attending Physician Competencies here.

AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine is the national professional association of medical directors, attending physicians, and other professionals practicing post-acute and long-term care medicine and committed to the continuous improvement of patient care. AMDA provides education, advocacy, information, and professional development to enable its members to deliver quality post-acute and long-term care.