

**AMDA- THE SOCIETY FOR POST-ACUTE AND LONG-TERM CARE MEDICINE**

**RESOLUTION C24**

**SUBJECT:** EDUCATION AND TRAINING ON THE EVIDENCE-BASED  
DIAGNOSIS AND CLINICAL CARE OF OPIOID USE DISORDER IN SKILLED  
NURSING FACILITIES

**INTRODUCED BY:** TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF LONG-TERM CARE PHYSICIANS &  
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1 **WHEREAS**, Opioid use disorder (OUD) in older adults is one of the fastest growing  
2 health problems that continues to go underrecognized and undertreated. There is an  
3 increasing number of older adults with a history of OUD or on medications for OUD  
4 (MOUD; i.e., methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone) who are hospitalized and  
5 require discharge to skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), but face disproportionate harms  
6 when they are not able to access SNF care;

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8 **AND WHEREAS**, The stigmatization and marginalization of people with OUD and of  
9 those taking medications to treat OUD have resulted in little to no training in the  
10 management of this chronic disease. There is well-established evidence that education is  
11 an effective method of reducing stigma. Through destigmatizing education and training,  
12 front-line SNF providers can become more knowledgeable and effective in the  
13 management of OUD.

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15 **AND WHEREAS**, SNFs are facing historic staffing shortages and limited resources to  
16 care for the most vulnerable patients, including the increasing number of older adults  
17 with an addiction like opioid use disorder. Front-line SNF staff report being  
18 underprepared to care for older adults with OUD and lacking the resources to do so. More  
19 resources are needed to ensure that older adults with OUD have access to skilled nursing  
20 care and quality, evidence-based OUD treatment.

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22 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that AMDA-The Society for Post-Acute and Long-  
23 Term Care Medicine, together with likeminded professional organizations, develop  
24 destigmatizing education and training for clinicians, administrators, and frontline staff on  
25 the evidence-based principles of diagnosing and treating opioid use disorder (OUD);

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27 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that AMDA-The Society for Post-Acute and  
28 Long-Term Care Medicine develops such outputs as point-of-care clinical information  
29 products on the evidence-based clinical care of opioid use disorder (OUD), up to date  
30 regulatory guidelines, and the legal policies protecting OUD care in skilled nursing  
31 facilities;

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33 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that AMDA-The Society for Post-Acute and  
34 Long-Term Care Medicine encourage and facilitate skilled nursing facility attending  
35 physicians, advanced practice providers, and medical directors to play an active role in  
36 educating clinical practitioners, frontline staff, and leadership regarding opioid use  
37 disorder (OUD).

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41 **FISCAL NOTE:**

42 If passed by the House of Delegates and adopted as Society policy by the Board of  
43 Directors, the fiscal impact of this would be low to moderate. Some cost may be expected  
44 associated with the development of an educational program; other efforts would be  
45 incorporated into AMDA's existing and ongoing professional development and advocacy  
46 work.

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52 **RESOLUTION RESULTS: <FOR AMDA OFFICE ONLY>**

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