Day 1: Friday, May 15, 2020

9:10 AM – 9:30 AM
Welcoming Remarks: What is Post-Acute Care?
PACS Lifetime Achievement Award
Co-Chairs: Diane L. Krasner, Catherine T. Milne

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM
Health Care Economics
PDPM: Where Are We?
Speakers: Mary Evans, Jeanine Maguire
The Patient-Driven Payment Model (PDPM), is intended to improve payment accuracy and encourages a more patient-driven care model. This session will summarize changes that come with PDPM and explore early financial results since its October 2019 debut. Special focus will be put on how PDPM has changed clinical practice for nursing, therapies and patients, as well as strategies for “survive and thrive” under PDPM.

10:55 AM – 11:25 AM
Health Care Economics
PDGM: Impact on Home Health
Speaker: Laurie L. McNichol
The home health industry is in the midst of major changes but there is no bigger change than the value-based payment system implemented earlier this year, Patient-Driven Groupings Model (PDGM). PDGM is intended to better align reimbursement with patient needs and may lead to more complex nursing in the home. This session will summarize the changes with PDGM and review its early financial impacts. It will also discuss how PDGM has changed practice for nursing, therapies, patients, and obtaining supplies/formulary adjustments, as well as strategies for “survive and thrive” and outcome/quality monitoring in the PDGM world. Best practices and success stories from Home Health/Hospice settings will also be shared.

11:25 AM – 12:00 PM
Health Care Economics
PDPM/PDGM: What Providers Bring to the Table
Speakers: Martha R. Kelso, Catherine T. Milne
The recent Patient-Driven Payment Model (PDPM)/Patient-Driven Groupings Model (PDGM)/Hospice reimbursement changes have made waves across the healthcare industry. This session will cover what Qualified Healthcare Plan (QHP) providers need to know about these new programs and what QHP wound care providers need to do differently. It will also examine whether or not QHP providers can manage their own quality measures in light of these new programs, how a QHP wound care provider enhances outcomes and affects reimbursement of the organizations in which they are managing patients.

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM
Interprofessional Practice & Preventive Legal Care
Interprofessional Practice & Transitions of Care Issues
Speakers: Janice M. Beitz, Laurie L. McNichol
Collaboration is key to successful interprofessional practice and smooth transitions of care. This session looks at what constitutes a wound team, interprofessional practice models, advantages/benefits and disadvantages/pitfalls, and take-home messages for practice. For transitions of care, the discussion will focus on common problems/issues, why transitions of care are more important than ever, strategies for improvement, and take-home messages for practice.
3:15 PM – 4:15 PM
Interprofessional Practice & Preventive Legal Care
Preventing Wound Care Litigation: Using a Standards of Care & Standards of Practice Approach
Speakers: Diane L. Krasner, Lee C. Ruotsi
Legal action can be an unfortunate consequence of providing healthcare, including the care of patients with wounds in any setting. This session will explore wound care standards of practice, including documentation, consults/referrals, ethics and more, as provide an overview on wound care standards of care. Leave with strategies for preventing wound care litigation and take-home messages for practice.

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Interprofessional Practice & Preventive Legal Care
Panel: Case Presentations and Discussions
Moderator: Diane L. Krasner
Speakers: Janice M. Beitz, Laurie L. McNichol, Lee C. Ruotsi
Join this discussion and have your questions about wound litigation and preventive legal care answered during this faculty-led panel, which will examine good and bad examples of interprofessional care and transitions of care, as well as plaintiff and defense wound cases.

Day 2: Saturday, May 16, 2020

9:10 AM – 9:30 AM
PACS Day 2 Welcome & Corstrata Post-Acute Care Clinician Excellence Award
Co-Chairs: Diane L. Krasner, Catherine T. Milne

9:30 AM – 10:15 AM
Clinical Issues in Post-Acute Care Settings
PDPM/PDGM: Lessons for the Wound Team from Physical Therapy
Speaker: Jeanine Maguire
Frailty, pressure ulcers/injuries, and other conditions commonly encountered in the post-acute care setting are best treated through a collaborative team care approach. Physical Therapists will continue to be vital team members as we transition from the current payment model to the PDPM/PDGM world. This session will offer functional frailty assessment pearls, explore the role of physical therapy in collaborative wound rounds, and outline approaches for teaching other team members to be “pseudo-therapists” so they can identify red flags that call for greater therapy involvement. It will also discuss the role of traditional and adjunctive therapies and who should and should not provide them in the changing reimbursement environment.

10:15 AM – 10:45 AM
Clinical Issues in Post-Acute Care Settings
Cellulitis: When To Treat vs Send to Acute Care?
Speakers: Janice M. Beitz, Mary Evans
Cellulitis is one of most frequent causes for hospital readmission from the post-acute care setting, making it a priority for post-acute care team members to be able to accurately identify and diagnose cellulitis to implement the current standard of care. This session will offer criteria for what can and cannot be treated in the post-acute care setting, explain the legal implications of treating in place, and provide clinical pearls to enhance the ability to do so. The potential impact of transferring the patient to acute care on the patient, facility quality measures, and future referrals will also be discussed.

10:55 AM – 11:30 AM
Clinical Issues in Post-Acute Care Settings
Diagnostic Technology: What’s Out There and Why You Should Be an Early Adopter
Speaker: Catherine T. Milne
As the old saying goes, “knowledge is power.” This is increasingly true in health care, as new technologies and advances in diagnostics and treatments are pushing the envelope of what is possible. This session will identify several challenges associated with implementing cutting-edge diagnostic and therapeutic modalities in the post-acute care setting, explain how these can be overcome, and outline the benefits of new technologies such as point-of-care testing, infrared light, pressure/positioning sensors, bacterial bioburden testing, sub-epidermal moisture monitors, wound assessment devices, and more.

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Clinical Issues in Post-Acute Care Settings
Technology Use in the Post-Acute Setting: A Panel Discussion
Moderator: Catherine T. Milne
Speakers: Janice M. Beitz, Mary Evans, Martha R. Kelso, Jeanine Maguire
Panel members will discuss their own experiences with diagnostic technology in the post-acute care setting and relay pitfalls to implementation and benefits they’ve seen. Join the discussion and have your questions about current technology and devices answered by faculty, who will also describe the impact of technology on their practice.

2:10 PM – 3:10 PM
Palliative Wound Care & Avoidable/Unavoidable Wounds
Avoidable vs Unavoidable Pressure Ulcers/Injuries & Wounds
Speakers: Laurie L. McNichol, Lee C. Ruotsi
Pressure ulcers/injuries are common across health care settings and have a significant impact on patient morbidity, mortality, and quality of life. The question of whether a pressure ulcer/injury developed by a patient was “avoidable” or “unavoidable” carries potentially serious clinical and legal implications. This session will discuss what qualifies as an “avoidable” or “unavoidable” pressure injury and how terms can be misused; review current CMS, NPUAP, and WOCN definitions and documents; and provide risk management pointers on how to address these concepts in your documentation and communication.

3:10 PM – 4:10 PM
Palliative Wound Care & Avoidable/Unavoidable Wounds
End-of-Life Wounds & Palliative Wound Care
Speakers: Diane L. Krasner, Martha R. Kelso
Wound care at the end of life should focus on alleviating as much as possible pain, discomfort, odor, and other factors, while always centering the patient’s dignity and care preferences. This session will provide an overview of the terms and history of this evolving field of care and discuss the current state of the field in terms of approaches and principles of care. Because it is important to get it right for patients and families, this session will also provide detailed examples of treatment goals and outcomes and discuss the incorporation of palliative wound care pathways into treatment decision making.

4:20 PM – 4:45 PM
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Faculty will present their most memorable and challenging cases of avoidable, unavoidable, end-of-life, and palliative wound patients, sharing their experienced-based insights and knowledge from daily practice, as well as answer questions from the audience.

4:45 PM – 5:00 PM
Closing Remarks
Co-Chairs: Catherine T. Milne