

## Due to the Covid-19 Crisis, our offices are closed, and we are not available to receive mailed-in physical applications.

# Please submit applications via email or fax to:

cmd@paltc.org

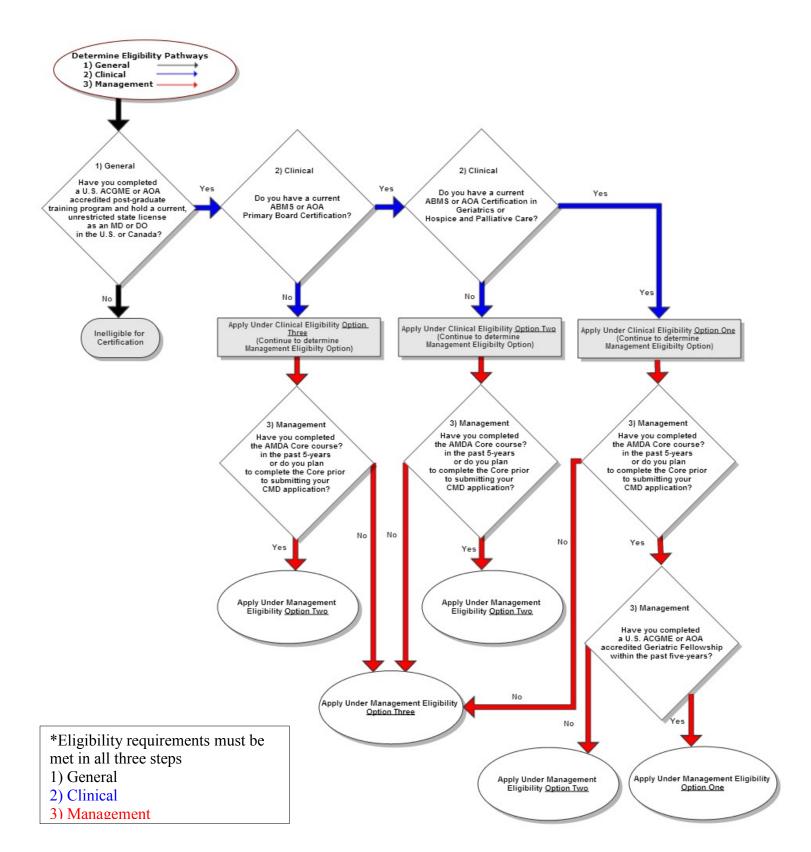
Fax: 888-249-6533

All applications will be received via a password protected format.

If you must pay by check, please send a check with the applicant's name to 10500 Little Patuxent Parkway Suite 210 Columbia, MD 21044



## Certified Medical Director Initial Certification Eligibility Pathways\*





## **Certified Medical Director (CMD) Initial Certification Application**

#### **Step One General Eligibility**

- Completion of a U.S. ACGME or AOA accredited post-graduate training program, or a Canadian Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons or College of Family Physicians accredited post-graduate training program; **OR** completion of relevant U.S. post-graduate training and successful attainment of U.S. state licensure to practice medicine<sup>1,2</sup>
- Current, unrestricted, state license as an MD or DO in the U.S. or an equivalent license to practice medicine in Canada
- Spend a minimum of 8 hours each month in service as a medical director in a post-acute and long-term care setting
- Completion of "AMDA's Core Curriculum on Medical Direction in Long Term Care" (or its equivalent<sup>3</sup>) within five (5) years of application
- Demonstrated current professional integrity, competence, training, and experience and moral character.

#### Select One Option each from Step Two and Step Three Select the Options that best Match your Experience and Education for each Step<sup>4</sup>

#### Step Two Clinical Education and Experience

#### **Option 1**

- Two (2) years of clinical practice in post-acute and long-term care within the past five (5) years AND
- Current ABMS or AOA Certification in a Primary Specialty <u>WITH EITHER</u>
  - Completion of an ACGME or AOA accredited fellowship in geriatrics or other relevant clinical program completed within the preceding five (5) years of application (e.g. pediatric, psychiatric, MR/DD)

#### OR

• ABMS Certificate of Added Qualifications in Geriatric Medicine or other equivalent certification (e.g., hospice, home care)

#### Option 2

- Three (3) years of clinical practice in post-acute and long-term care within the past five (5) years AND
- Current ABMS or AOA Certification in a Primary Specialty AND
- Sixty (60) hours of *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits<sup>TM</sup>*, AAFP-approved, or AOA-approved credits in Clinical Medicine relating to post-acute and long-term care in the preceding three (3) years. A minimum of 12 of these credits must come from live course-work. Up to 48 of these credits can come from self study activities.

#### **Option 3**

- Four (4) years of clinical practice in post-acute and long-term care within the past five (5) years AND
- Seventy-five (75) hours of AMA PRA Category 1 Credits<sup>TM</sup>, AAFP-approved, or AOA-approved credits in Clinical Medicine relating to post-acute and long-term care in the preceding three (3) years of application A minimum of 15 of these credits must come from live course-work. Up to 60 of these credits can come from self study activities

#### Step Three Medical Management Education and Experience<sup>5</sup>

#### **Option 1**

- Two (2) years post-fellowship, within a five-year period preceding CMD application submission, in the role of medical director or associate medical director in a post-acute and long-term care facility/setting <u>AND</u>
- Completion of a fellowship in geriatric medicine within the past five (5) years

#### Option 2

- Three (3) years, within a five-year period preceding CMD application submission, in the role of medical director or associate medical director in a post-acute and long-term care facility/setting <u>AND</u>
- 14 hours of approved CMD Management courses within five (5) years of application.

#### **Option 3**

- Four (4) years, within a five-year period preceding CMD application submission, in the role of medical director or associate medical director in a post-acute and long-term care facility/setting <u>AND</u>
- Completion of an Individualized Education Program (IEP) in post-acute and long-term care Medical Management equivalent to the Core Curriculum for a minimum of seventy-five (75) contact hours within five (5) years of application. A written plan for the IEP must be submitted and approved by the ABPLM Board of Directors prior to completion of the program and submission of the application (all IEP coursework must be reviewed and approved by the ABPLM Board of Directors)

<sup>1</sup>If you have not completed an accredited post-graduate training program, please submit a letter describing your post-graduate training in the U.S. for the Certification Board to consider.

<sup>2</sup>A candidate may submit a letter requesting a waiver of a requirement to explain his/her special circumstances for Certification Board consideration.

<sup>3</sup> The Core is an intensive course with comprehensive content specific to Medical Direction in the Long Term Care setting. In lieu of completing the Core and prior to submission of the certification application, certification candidates may submit an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), under Step Three, Option 3, to the ABPLM Board of Directors for review. After the Board determines if the proposed coursework constitutes an "equivalency", the candidate will be advised of the Board's decision. Historically, true equivalent coursework has been difficult to find. The ABPLM Board of Directors does not want to discourage experienced Medical Directors from exploring their own education histories to determine if they have completed equivalent studies and includes the language about equivalent coursework out of fairness.

<sup>4</sup>In addition to meeting eligibility under Step One, applicants must complete education and practice requirements under one option for Step Two <u>AND</u> one option for Step Three. Options for Step Two and Step Three are independent of each other. Select the option that best describes your education and experience under each Step.

<sup>5</sup>Applicants who do not hold an ABMS or AOA Certification in a Primary Specialty must apply under Option 3 for Step Two.

#### **Application Process**

- 1) Complete and sign the application form.
- 2) After meeting eligibility requirements; submit the application form with required documentation and the application review fee by April 1 or October 1.
- 3) Staff will review the application and send a letter of notification that:
  - (a) your application is complete for review at the next scheduled Board meeting, OR
  - (b) your application requires additional documentation/information with a due date that will take the date of the next scheduled Board meeting into consideration.
- 4) Application review meetings are held in June and December of each year. The Board will review the individual's professional qualifications and the information supporting the qualifications and criteria. The Board, at its discretion, may require completion of additional educational activity prior to awarding initial or recertification status.
- 5) Candidates will receive notification of their status by e-mail within four weeks of the Board meeting.
- 6) If you wish to have immediate notification of receipt of your application, send the Forms by Federal Express, UPS, or other courier that provides confirmation.

#### **Initial Certification Application Fees**

\$525 AMDA member \$625 Non-member

If you need assistance completing your certification application, or if you are not sure if you currently meet eligibility requirements, please e-mail or call our Director for a consultation at cmd@paltc.org, 410-740-9743.

## American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine INITIAL CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

## SECTION 1: GENERAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

STEP 1:							
Name:				MD	DO		
Date of Birth (required for lice	nse che	ck):		AMDA	Member? Yes No		
Street Address:							
City:			State:		Zip:		
Office Phone:			C	Office Fax:	:		
E-mail:							
United States ACGME Medica	l Schoo	l Graduat	te?	Yes	No		
Name of Medical School:							
Graduation Date:							
International Medical School G	iraduate	e?	Yes	No	USMLE Exam Flex		
Name of Medical School:							
Country:				Gradu	nation Date:		
Date of Legal Qualification to	practice	in the Ur	nited States	:			
<b>Post-Graduate Training</b>							
PGY 1 (or Internship)							
Institution:							
City:		Stat	e:	Co	ountry:		
Specialty:				Date Completed:			
PGY 2-3 (or Residency)							
Institution:							
City:		State:		Country	:		
Specialty:				Date Co	mpleted:		
	copy o	f your cu	rrent licen	se with e	xpiration date for your primary state of		
practice.							
State:	Licen				Expiration Date:		
State:	Licen				Expiration Date:		
Number of consecutive clinical	1	2	Ũ		ě		
Number of consecutive years N immediately preceding application			or Associat	e Medical	Director service in a long term care setting		
Total number of hours per mon	th you	serve as in	n the Role a	s Medical	l Director:		
	S	ECTION	2: OPTIC	N SELE	CTION		
Select One Option <u>Each</u> For S	Step Tv	vo And S	tep Three				
Select the Options that best N	latch y	our Expe	erience and	Education	on under <u>each</u> Option. See "Initial		
				ne under	which options you will apply.		
<b>STEP 2: CLINICAL MEDIC</b>	CINE E	LIGIBII	JTY				
I am applying under option:	[	One		Two	o Three		
STEP 3: MEDICAL MANA	GEME		GIBILITY				
I am applying under option:		One		Two	o Three		

## American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine INITIAL CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

	SECTION 3: VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY						
Educ	ation Eligibility (supply d	locumentation for each yes	responsesee	checklis	st page	4)	
1. D	o you hold a current ABM	S or AOA certificate in a prin	mary specialty?		yes	no	
N	lame of Board of Primary S	Specialty:					
E	xpiration date of current	certification:					
D	Pate of certification or most	recent recertification:					
	o you have a current Certifiquivalent certification in ho	ficate of Added Qualifications oppice or home care?	s in Geriatrics (	DR	] yes	no	
E	xpiration date of current	certification:				·	
D	Date of certification or most	recent recertification:					
3. Have you completed a Geriatric Fellowship within the past 5-years							
Y	ear you completed your Fe	ellowship:					
N	lame of Fellowship program	n:					
List t	he long term care facilitie	es in which you have provid	ed clinical serv	vices for	r all yea	rs of your Clinical	
exper		Attached additional pages if	necessary.				
(o. a	<b>Facility Name and</b> SNF, hospice, assisted livit			Dates o	f Empl	oyment	
(e.g.,	SINF, nospice, assisted invi	lig, nome care, other)	From:		To:		
Facili	ty 1 Name	Site of Service 1	(mm/dd/yy	vv)		(mm/dd/yyyy)	
Street	tAddress		City	State	1	Zip Code	
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Facili	ty 2 Name	Site of Service 2	(mm/dd/yy	yy)		(mm/dd/yyyy)	
	tAddress		City	State		Zip Code	
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Street	tAddress		City	State		Zip Code	
	ty Administrator's Name		Administrator	's Cont	act Pho	ne Number	
Numt	per of hours of service each	month as medical director:	Г		T		
Facili	ty 2 Name	Site of Service 2	From: (mm/dd/yy	yy)	То:	(mm/dd/yyyy)	
Street	t Address		City	State		Zip Code	
Facili	ty Administrator's Name		Administrator	s Cont	act Pho	ne Number	
Numb	per of hours of service each	month as medical director:					

#### SECTION 4: CODE OF CONDUCT SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT

This application MUST be signed by the Medical Director applicant only. Please read the statements below thoroughly before signing the application. By signing below, you agree to abide by the "ABPLM Code of Conduct" and attest to the truthfulness of all information provided by you in support of your application. Applications will not be processed without the candidate's signature.

The American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine (ABPLM) is dedicated to the delivery of competent, comprehensive and compassionate medical care to all people residing in post-acute and long-term care facilities. To further these goals, all Certified Medical Directors in Post-Acute and Long-Term Care (ABPLM CMD) shall:

- commit to the advancement of physician leadership and excellence in medical direction throughout the post-acute and long-term care continuum.
- maintain a commitment to life-long learning in both clinical and management education.
- uphold the ethics of the medical profession in all aspects of the care rendered.
- serve as a model of personal and professional integrity and skills.
- respect the law while recognizing the responsibility to seek changes in the law for the best interests of the people entrusted to their care.
- work diligently with all professional colleagues to create a milieu that fosters the highest attainable degree of care.
- place the competent, compassionate care of all their patients above any financial reward or inducements.
- advocate for all persons who reside in the facility.
- participate in those activities that contribute to an improved community.
- respect the individual's right to autonomy in decision making.
- strive to strengthen understanding of CMD expertise in the community, in part, through display of the acronym CMD per the Statement of Use declaration.

During the period of certification, I understand that I am required to notify in writing the ABPLM within 30 days of any adverse actions as listed below:

- Federal and state licensure and certification actions, including reprimands
- Adverse clinical privileges actions
- Adverse professional society membership actions
- Negative actions or findings by private accreditation organizations and peer review organizations
- Health care-related criminal convictions and civil judgments
- Exclusions from participation in a Federal or state health care program (including Medicare and Medicaid exclusions)
- Other adjudicated actions or decisions

I do hereby certify that the information submitted to ABPLM in this application (and the attached documentation) for certification or recertification is true, correct, and complete in all respects. I understand that information made part of this application may be verified by the ABPLM or its representatives by contacting the named facilities or institutions as well as national registries of licensure and other peer review groups for disciplinary or other activity, including but not limited to FACIS and the National Practitioner Data Bank. Further, I accept that misrepresentation of the information provided herein can result in the denial or loss of CMD certification. I further accept that failure to make notification of adverse actions as listed above may result in revocation of my CMD credential.

Candidate's Printed Name:

Candidate's Signature:

Date:

#### Fax or e-mail the completed application and application fee to:

cmd@paltc.org - Fax: 888-249-6533 Need assistance? Contact ABPLM at 410-740-9743

## American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine INITIAL CERTIFICATION APPLICATION CHECKLIST

# Before you mail your application to ABPLM, please use the checklist below to ensure that you have completed the sections pertinent to your individual education, practice, and experience and that you have enclosed all required documents in support of your application. Return this checklist with your application.

DUE DATES: April 1 for ABPLM Board's review in June October 1 for ABPLM Board's review in December

#### All applications received by the dates listed above must be complete in order to ensure timely review.

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- I have selected the option for Clinical Education and Experience under which I will apply
- I have selected the option for Management Education and Experience under which I will apply
- I have completed all information pertinent to one of the three Options for Clinical Education and Experience eligibility.
- I have completed all information pertinent to one of the three Options for Management Education and Experience eligibility.
- I have signed and dated the application.
- I have included payment of the application fee.

#### Documentation: I have enclosed the following required documentation

Verification of completion of PGY 1-3 program and/or Fellowship (as applicable)

Current State Medical License (required)

Current ABMS or AOA certificate in primary medical specialty (as applicable)

Current Certificate of Added Qualifications or equivalent (as applicable)

ABPLM Code of Conduct Signature page (required)

Practice Disclosure Form, pages (required)

CME certificates recording credit hours in Clinical Medicine education

CME and/or CMD certificates recording credit hours in Medical Management (required)

Employment Verification Form(s) (required)

Individualized Education Program (as applicable, Option 3 only)

## PAYMENT: Submit the non-refundable application fee of \$525 (for AMDA members) or \$625 (for non-members). Payment must accompany the application.

I have enclosed the amount of \$ through the payment option described below:								
Check payable to <b>ABPLM</b>	sterCard Visa	American Express Discover						
Card #:	Expiration Date:	Security # (3-4 digit code on back of card)						
Name as it appears on card:								
Billing Address as listed for card:								
Cardholder's Signature:		Date:						

## American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine FELLOWSHIP VERIFICATION FORM

Dear Program Director:

The American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine (ABPLM) administers a certification program for medical directors in long term care settings (ABPLM CMD). One option that is recognized toward the clinical education requirement is completion of an ACGME or AOA accredited fellowship in geriatrics, pediatrics, MR/DD, or other specialties dedicated to teaching about care for frail elders or children and young adults with chronic conditions and developmental delays. The ABPLM requests your signature on this form in verification that the physician named has completed, within the past 5 years, an accredited fellowship as described above.

Please return this form to the physician named below.	
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Graduate Fellow's Name:	
Fellowship Specialty:	Accredited by:
Name of Program Director:	
Name of Institution:	
Street Address:	
City:	State: Zip:
Long Term Care Facility Rotation:	
Facility Name:	
Number of Months' Experience:	Percentage of Time:
Facility Name:	
Number of Months' Experience:	Percentage of Time:
Total Length of Fellowship (in months):	From: To:
I attest that the Graduate Fellow named above con practical and didactic experience in a long term ca	

Program Director's Signature:	Date:
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## American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine PRACTICE DISCLOSURE FORM

qu	l certification candidates must complete and sign this practice disclosure form. Carefully read and answer each estion and supply information/documentation as instructed to do so in the shaded area after each answer. Attach ditional documentation as necessary.
1.	Are your hospital privileges and or nursing home privileges active and in good standing in all facilities in which you practice (i.e., not been denied, suspended, diminished, revoked or not renewed)?
	If your answer to this question is "No," please document the information on a separate sheet of paper.
2.	Are your memberships in professional organizations, or renewals thereof, active and in good standing (i.e., not been denied or subject to disciplinary or corrective action)? Yes No
	If your answer to this question is "No," please document the information on a separate sheet of paper.
3.	Is your professional license to practice active and in good standing in all states (i.e., has not been denied, limited, suspended, or revoked in any state)? $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No
	If your answer to this question is "No," please document the information on a separate sheet of paper.
4.	Have you ever been disciplined or formally accused of wrongdoing by your state licensure board or any other state licensing authority? Yes No
	If your answer to this question is "Yes," please document the information on a separate sheet of paper.
5.	Are you aware of any situation or circumstance which has ever or might in the future result in disciplinary activity, limitation of your professional licensure, or other sanction by your state licensure board or any other state licensing authority?
	Yes No
	If your answer to this question is "Yes," please document the information on a separate sheet of paper.
6.	Is your DEA registration number (Narcotics License) active and in good standing (i.e., not been denied, suspended, or revoked)? Yes No
	If your answer to this question is "No," please document the information on a separate sheet of paper.
7.	Do you have any current medical and/or psychiatric problems which would adversely affect your ability to practice your profession? Profession? Yes No
	If your answer to this question is "Yes," please document the information on a separate sheet of paper.
8.	Have you voluntarily resigned privileges while under investigation at a hospital or nursing home within the past six years?
	□Yes □No
	If your answer to this question is "Yes," please document the information on a separate sheet of paper. Please list all of the facilities for which you served as medical director, assistant medical director, or associate medical director in the past six years and your reason(s) for leaving.

I give permission to the American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine to complete a malpractice and licensure review using national data search resources.

Name (*please print*): \_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The ABPLM Board of Directors reviews applicants' file and conducts a FACIS search to establish current, unrestricted medical licensure. Approval of an application is based on demonstrated current professional integrity, competence, training, and experience and moral character. Decisions of the ABPLM Board are final.

### American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine EMPLOYMENT/EXPERIENCE VERIFICATION FORM

#### **Applicant Instructions**

Completion of this form is necessary to verify experience as a medical director or associate medical director.

- 1. Fill in your name on the line "Name of Medical Director."
- 2. The administrator(s) of the facility(ies) in which you currently serve must complete and sign the form to verify current employment/experience as a medical director or associate medical director.
- 3. Depending on the length of service needed to fulfill the certification requirements (as noted in your application,) the administrator(s) of the facility(s) you have served in the past may be required to verify your employment/experience as a medical director or associate medical director.
- 4. Copy this form as needed.
- 5. This completed form must accompany your application.

Dear Facility Administrator:

The American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine administers a certification program for medical directors in post-acute and long-term care settings. A requirement for certification is that the physician must serve as medical director in a long-term care setting. Employment/Experience verification is sought for the individual named below.

#### Please return this form to the Medical Director/Associate Medical Director named below.

Thank you,					
Board of Directors					
American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term	Care Me	dicine			
Name of Medical Director/Associate Medical D	irector _				
Name of Facility					
Type of Facility (e.g., SNF, hospice, subacute) _					
Street Address					
City	_State _		Zi <u>p</u>		
Dates of Employment/Experience: from		_to			
Number of Hours Service per Month as Medical	Directo	r/Associa	te Medic	cal Director	
Name of Administrator		_Phone (		_)	
Signature of Administrator					
	Date				

## American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OUTLINE INITIAL CERTIFICATION CLINICAL EDUCATION

## COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING IEP PAGES ONLY IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR CERTIFICATION UNDER OPTION 3

#### To the Applicant:

If you do not have ABMS or AOA Certification in a primary medical specialty, you must complete this documentation to record 75 continuing education hours in clinical medicine related to long term care.

Individualized programs must be approved by the ABPLM Board of Directors **prior** to submission of the completed application. This review of your intended program may save you from efforts that will not qualify for CMD or may encourage you as you move through the process.

Review the information below and submit an outline of your program for review by the ABPLM Board of Directors <u>before</u> you submit your completed application. A form is enclosed to record your clinical hours. Please use the form to give the Board the most complete summary of your plan. You may copy additional pages of the form as needed.

Activities that have been completed, activities in progress, and future activities may be considered. All activities must be completed within three years from the date of application. The enclosed education documentation forms provide space to relate the relevance of each learning activity to clinical issues in long-term.

Pre-approval of your plans by the ABPLM Board is intended to aid the process of completing the certification application. It does not necessarily guarantee the success of your completed certification application, which the ABPLM Board must review separately.

Name:			
Address:			
City:		State: Zip:	
Phone:	Fax:	E-mail:	

## American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OUTLINE INITIAL CERTIFICATION CLINICAL EDUCATION

**Accepted Education Activities** 

Complete the "CLINICAL MEDICINE CME DOCUMENTATION FORM"; list teaching, presentation topics and publication titles on that form. Record activities completed or scheduled within SIX (6) years of your current certification period.

**Continuing Education: 75 credit hours** 

- 1. Coursework and Self Study:
  - Self study should be limited to 80% of hours claimed.
  - Face to face (live) coursework has unlimited hours.
  - Up to 10 hours can be claimed from "Grand Rounds"

2.	Teaching clinical medicine in long term care: Teaching must be part of an ACGME or AOA post-	
	graduate program. Credit hours are provided once for repeated content.	
	Maximum number of hours to be considered for teaching	. 10*

- 3. Publications related to clinical medicine in long term care: up to a maximum of 5 articles at 2 credits per article.

*If you claim teaching hours, please complete the information requested here	*If y	you claim	teaching hour	s, please co	mplete the in	formation re	quested here
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Level of students: 
medical student 
resident/intern 
fellow 
practicing physician
other (please describe)

## American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine

## AMDA CORE CURRICULUM OBJECTIVES

- Develop practical skills needed to fulfill the role and responsibilities of the medical director.
- Identify the unique aspects of the long term care environment that impact the medical director's job.
- Describe the organizational responsibilities and dynamics of the medical director and the interdisciplinary team.
- Develop communication skills to deal with responsibilities for the interdisciplinary team, residents, and their families.
- Explain the resident care responsibilities of the medical director, including emergency care, quality management, family systems, and ethical considerations.
- Enhance leadership skills and team building towards a stronger role for the medical director with the interdisciplinary team.
- Develop human resource skills to deal with difficult situations and improve personal effectiveness in this area.
- Improve the medical director's ability to learn and practice in the evolving environment of health care delivery.
- Apply newly acquired knowledge to daily facility and practice activities.

## **Core Curriculum Topic Areas**

- 1. Overview of Long Term Care
- 2. Regulatory Environment
- 3. Medical Information Management
- 4. Infection Control
- 5. Employee Health & Safety
- 6. Resident's Rights
- 7. Financial Issues
- 8. Introduction to Medical Care Delivery Systems
- 9. Essential Health Information Tools in Medical Direction (MDS, RAI, OSCAR and others)
- 10. Medical Staff Oversight
- 11. Biomedical Ethics
- 12. Working with Families
- 13. Medical Director's Contract
- 14. Personality Profiles
- 15. Influencing Employee Behaviors
- 16. Quality Management and Risk Management
- 17. Integration of Systems Theory
- 18. Medical Directors Relationship to the Organization
- 19. Integration of Medical Director's Role and Development of Individualized Action Plans