



AAPACN 2023 CONFERENCE

April 19-21, 2023 | Las Vegas, NV



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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
POST-ACUTE CARE NURSING

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WE'RE BETTING ON YOU!

For the AAPACN 2023 Conference, we'll be back in Las Vegas! After exploring many location options, we specifically chose the Tropicana for the following:

- **LOCATION!** The AAPACN room block is in the tower directly above the conference center, which means **no long walks through a smoky casino**. The elevator will drop you right at the AAPACN registration area.
- **LOCATION!** AAPACN conducts a thorough cost analysis every year, comparing hotel rates, flight availability, and pricing to and from numerous cities. The Tropicana and Las Vegas are **budget-friendly** options.
- **LOCATION!** The Tropicana is right on the strip with **easy access** to dining and entertainment options after the end of each conference day.

CHANGE, CHANGE, AND MORE CHANGE.

2022 was a year of change for nurse leaders with the updated language in Appendix PP in the State Operations Manual, and 2023 will be a year of change with the new MDS in October. Whether you're a NAC, DNS, administrator, or therapist, you understand that collaboration and coordination across the IDT will be the keys to ongoing success during times of change and transition. In just two and half days at the AAPACN 2023 Conference, you'll get a head start on developing an action plan to review and update your systems and policies. Topics include:

- Understanding recent survey changes and potential revenue losses
- Avoiding immediate jeopardy citations
- Mitigating potential revenue losses
- Creating person-centered care plans
- Rethinking communication and documentation methods
- Improving medication therapy and delivery processes
- Monitoring PDPM performance
- Understanding nurse civility and its impact on staff retention

REAL CONNECTIONS. LASTING IMPACT.

Knowledge and information isn't all you'll take away from the conference. You'll build your community of support and make lasting friendships when attending the many different social and networking events, including the Secret Agent 00-PAC Mystery Party and Reception, the Meet and Greet Breakfast, and the Solution Central Around the World Reception.

SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

PRECONFERENCE AND CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**Schedule subject to change. All times are listed in Pacific Daylight Time.*

PRECONFERENCE

**Monday,
April 17, 2023**

Noon - 6 pm
Registration Desk Open

**Tuesday,
April 18, 2023**

6:30 am - 8 pm
Registration and Information Desk Open

6:30 - 7:30 am
Preconference Workshop Breakfast (QCP Workshop Only)

7:30 am - 5:30 pm
Two-Day Workshop: QCP Workshop

Noon - 1 pm
Preconference Workshop Lunch (QCP Workshop Only)

1:30 - 5:30 pm
Two-Day Workshop: RAC-CT Recertification Workshop

**Wednesday,
April 19, 2023**

6:30 am - 8 pm
Registration and Information Desk Open

6:30 - 7:30 am
Preconference Workshop Breakfast (QCP and RAC-CT Recert)

7 am - 3 pm
Two-Day Workshop: QCP

7:30 - 11:30 am
Two-Day Workshop: RAC-CT Recertification

Noon - 1 pm
Preconference Workshop Lunch (QCP Only)

CONFERENCE BEGINS

**Wednesday,
April 19, 2023**

3 - 3:45 pm
Optional Event: First-Timer Meet and Greet

4 - 5:30 pm
Welcome, AAPACN Education Foundation Scholarships Presentation, and Opening Catalyst Session

6 - 8 pm
Opening Reception in the Havana Room
Secret Agent 00-PAC: A Night of Mystery and Reception

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Thursday, April 20, 2023

7 am - 6 pm
Registration and Information Desk Open

7 - 8 am
Meet and Greet Breakfast in Solution Central

8:15 - 9:45 am
Breakout Sessions

10 - 11:30 am
Breakout Sessions

Noon - 1:30 pm
Product Theater Lunch

1:45 - 3 pm
Breakout Sessions

3 - 3:30 pm
Afternoon Snacks and Refreshments

3:30 - 5 pm
AAPACN Awards Presentation and Catalyst Panel Discussion

5:30 - 7:30 pm
Around the World Reception in Solution Central

Friday, April 21, 2023

6 - 7 am
AAPACN Education Foundation FUNdraiser Walk

6:30 am - 12:30 pm
Registration and Information Desk Open

7 - 8 am
Wake Up Continental Breakfast

8:15 - 9:30 am
Breakout Sessions

9:45 - 11:15 am
Breakout Sessions

11:30 am - 1 pm
Closing Catalyst Session
2023 Update from CMS (invited)

AAPACN EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Tuesday,
April 18

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Wednesday,
April 19

QAPI Certified Professional (QCP®) Workshop

Taught by Barbara Bates, MSN, DNS-MT, QCP-MT, Independent Consulting, MDS Consultants, and MedNet Compliance, and Linda Winston, RN, MSN, BS, RAC-CT, RAC-CTA, DNS-MT, QCP-MT, Independent Nurse Consultant and Educator

An effective quality assurance and process improvement (QAPI) program will take you beyond compliance and enable your facility to truly transform the care you provide residents. To implement QAPI strategies in post-acute care effectively, you need strong nurse leadership. As a QAPI Certified Professional (QCP®), you have shown that you have the knowledge and experience to lead your team in complying with the new regulations. The QCP certification is designed for licensed professionals with two years of experience who are directors of nursing services, QAPI managers, nursing facility administrators, nurse managers, social services directors, activities directors, or staff development directors. The prep workshop is optional for earning the QCP certification but is designed to help you prepare for the exam.

Topics Include:

- QAPI Design and Scope for Skilled Nursing Facilities
- QAPI Governance and Leadership for Skilled Nursing Facilities
- QAPI Feedback, Data Systems, and Monitoring for Skilled Nursing Facilities
- QAPI Performance Improvement Projects for Skilled Nursing Facilities
- QAPI Systematic Analysis and Systemic Action for Skilled Nursing Facilities

The two-day QCP Workshop provides 15 nursing CEs.



AAPACN EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Tuesday,
April 18

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Wednesday,
April 19

RAC-CT® Recertification Workshop

Taught by Jennifer LaBay, RN, RAC-MT, RAC-MTA, CRC, AAPACN and Jessie McGill, RN, RAC-MT, AAPACN

This workshop is designed for individuals who have already earned their RAC-CT certification for MDS 3.0 and are within six months of their expiration date. AAPACN Master Teachers, Jennifer LeBay and Jessie McGill, will guide you through all of the RAI/MDS updates over the past two years, including the FY 2022 Guidelines. This workshop also covers the nuance of common coding errors that you could be making, preparing you to perform more accurate assessments and deliver better care. Following this workshop, you'll be able to:

- Promote person-centered care and honor resident voice and choice with knowledge of how MDS 3.0 integrates with survey, resident care, finances, and publicly reported information
- Synthesize Quality Measure data into care plans and interventions to improve resident outcomes
- Understand how to correctly code activities of daily living (ADLs) on the MDS 3.0 and avoid common coding errors
- Tackle the challenges of the recent RAI User's Manual updates head-on by understanding the most significant changes to SNF PPS
- Discover solutions to PPS scheduled and unscheduled assessment challenges with case study driven learning

The RAC-CT Recertification workshop provides 8 nursing CEs.



AAPACN CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

ICON KEY Breakout Session Type	 NAC Topics	 DNS Topics	 Leadership Topics	 Catalyst Sessions
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Wednesday, April 19, 2023

6:30 am - 8 pm

Registration and Information Desk Open

3 - 3:45 pm

Optional Event: First-Timer Meet and Greet

Mingle with other first-time conference attendees in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. This is a great opportunity to connect with other members to begin networking and making new friends. The First-Timer Meet and Greet also gives you the chance to talk with AAPACN experts, board members, and staff and to have some fun at the same time. It's the perfect event to kick-off your conference experience.

4 - 5:30pm



Welcome, AAPACN Education Foundation Scholarships Presentation, and Opening Catalyst Session

Gracefully Address Workplace Bullies, Without Risking Your Career

Tammy Dunnett, MN BN, Communication Coach, Relationship Revolution

Nurses can provide compassionate and heart-centered care when they have a psychologically safe workplace. The reality is workplace bullying affects more than 60% of nurses on a regular basis, creating toxic environments that put nursing practice and patient outcomes at risk. This session is designed to inspire nursing clinicians, educators, and leaders to have more courageous conversations and provide the tools and resources needed to confidently handle difficult conversations, so they can smile more at work.

Congratulations 2023 AAPACN Education Foundation Scholarship Winners

Before the Opening Catalyst Session, we'll honor the recipients of the 2023 AAPACN Education Foundation Scholarships, including: Advancing Nurse Leadership in Post-Acute Care Scholarship, Elevating Post-Acute Care Nursing Scholarship, Lighting the Way for Post-Acute Care Nursing Scholarship, and Frontline Heroes in Post-Acute Care Scholarship. [Learn more](#) about the AAPACN Education Foundation scholarships.

Wednesday, April 19, 2023



6 - 8 pm

Opening Reception in the Havana Room

Secret Agent 00-PAC: A Night of Mystery Party and Reception

Following the Opening Catalyst Session, gather in the Havana Room for an interactive secret agent themed mystery party with food, drinks, and prizes. Join other attendees and Conference Solution Providers to help you crack the code you'll need for a chance to win one of two \$250 prizes. This fun environment will help kickstart your conference networking.

Thursday, April 20, 2023

7 am - 6 pm

Registration and Information Desk Open

7 - 8 am

Meet and Greet Breakfast in Solution Central

Start the first full day of conference enjoying a boxed breakfast and engaging conversation with Conference Solution Providers. Continue discussions you started the night before or make new connections. Use this as an opportunity to share the challenges you face as post-acute care professionals.

8:15 - 9:45 am

Breakout Sessions

1.1		CHANGE IS COMING IN SPADEs
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Joel VanEaton, BSN, RN, RAC-CTA, MT, Broad River Rehab, AAPACN Education Foundation board member

MDS V1.18.11 will be effective Oct. 1, 2023. Much of the change to this revised MDS is to accommodate new Standardized Patient Assessment Data Elements (SPADEs). Understanding these new items and their place in the SNF QRP is a critical skill that providers need to develop in an ever-expanding value-based payment post-acute care. Following this session, you'll be able to:

- Understand the objectives of the IMPACT act related to SPADEs
- Identify the new elements related to SPADEs in MDS 3.0 vs. 1.18
- Define the Transfer of Health Information QM's Specifications
- Recognize the SNF QRP compliance pitfalls.

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8:15 - 9:45 am
Breakout Sessions

1.2		SURVEY READINESS IN THE SEA OF CHAOS
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Carol Hill, MSN, RN, RAC-MT, RAC-MTA, DNS-MT, QCP-MT, CPC, Hill Educational Services Inc., and Rene House, RN, BSN, QCP, Mitchell-Hollingsworth: Nursing & Rehab Center

It's difficult to focus on being survey ready when you are just trying to make it through the day. New regulations, staffing challenges, and disruptions to supply chains have forced long-term care facilities to focus on the moment rather than planning for the future. Changes in survey frequencies have resulted in our old adage, "we are in our survey window," becoming how can we be prepared for a survey at all times. During this session, you will explore approaches to help you become "Survey Ready" in a sea of chaos.

Following this session, you'll be able to:

- Identify ways to use key elements from the Survey Pathways to be "Survey Ready"
- Recall three opportunities to develop partnerships with peers to be "Survey Ready"
- List two tools that will help a facility prepare to be "Survey Ready"
- Recognize two challenges a facility could face when trying to become "Survey Ready"

1.3	 	REACHING FOR THE STARS - OBTAINING YOUR BEST QUALITY STAR RATING
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Tracy Montag, BSN, RN, RAC-MT, and Stephanie Kessler, RAC-CT, CHP, both with RKL LLP

The Five-Star Quality Rating System is complex, making it difficult for providers to manage their stars while focusing on quality of care and keeping up with the changes impacting the rating. During this informative session, you will focus on the details of each of the three components related to the rating with strategies on how you and your team can work together to reach your best quality rating. Following this session, you'll be able to:

- Identify each of the current and future components of the Five-Star Quality Rating System
- Analyze the Quality Measures of the rating system and articulate how to improve them
- Evaluate current processes in place and how to improve them

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8:15 - 9:45 am
Breakout Sessions

1.4		AAPACN HOT TOPIC SESSION
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Denise Winzeler, BSN, RN, LNHA, DNS-MT, QCP-MT, AAPACN

Changes and challenges arise quickly in post-acute care. The conference schedule has been purposely designed to adapt to the changing needs of attendees. During this session, AAPACN nurse expert, Denise Winzeler, will tackle an emerging hot topic facing nurse leaders. Refer to the updated schedule for the topic announcement prior to conference.

10 - 11:30 am
Breakout Sessions

2.1		KEEP YOUR ICD-10-CM PROCESSES UP TO DATE
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Carol Maher, RN-BC, RAC-MT, RAC-MTA, CPC, Hansen Hunter & Co

Nursing homes often struggle to keep the resident diagnosis codes up to date. Diagnosis lists housed in electronic records often include many diagnoses that are no longer active for the residents. During this session, the speaker will focus on strategies to keep the diagnosis lists and resident face sheets up to date. The speaker will also cover tips for updating diagnosis codes when there are ICD-10-CM coding changes each year and when ICD-10-CM coding guidelines change. Choosing primary diagnoses and changing primary diagnoses during the resident's stay will also be discussed along with how and why to query the physician when diagnoses require a higher degree of specificity. Following this session, you'll be able to:

- State when ICD-10-CM codes are updated each year
- Explain how and when to query a physician related to diagnosis coding
- List two strategies to keep ICD-10-CM codes updated when the codes and guidelines change annually
- Report how an unspecified code can impact a Medicare claim



2.2		DON'T CRY OVER SPILLED MILK. CLEAN UP THE MESS!
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Michelle Synakowski, RAC-MT, RAC-MTA, ProSynk Healthcare Compliance Services, LLC

Many immediate jeopardy survey deficiencies can be avoided if there is a swift thorough response to adverse events when they occur. Many times there is a delay in the response, or the team does not thoroughly examine the situation with an expansive root cause analysis strategy to effectively develop a plan of corrective action and quality improvement plan. During this session, you will delve into examples of deficiencies frequently cited at immediate jeopardy level, review root cause analysis strategies, and examine quality improvement strategies for ongoing compliance. Following this session, you'll be able to:

- Identify the most frequently cited deficiencies at immediate jeopardy level
- Understand why prompt thorough intervention is key to avoiding severity of deficiency
- Describe the process of root cause analysis for adverse events
- Explain the use of the quality improvement committee as a defense mechanism

2.3	 	NURSE BULLYING – COULD THIS BE A REASON THEY ARE LEAVING?
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Barbara Bates, MSN, DNS-MT, QCP-MT, Independent Consulting, MDS Consultants, and MedNet Compliance, and Linda Winston, RN, MSN, BS, RAC-CT, RAC-CTA, DNS-MT, QCP-MT, Independent Nurse Consultant and Educator

The nursing staff crisis has been a catalyst to create a focus on why nurses or other healthcare workers, such as nurse aides, have become unhappy with their work environments, suffered burn out, and chosen to leave the healthcare field. Increased concern that workforce bullying may be a cause requires the industry to recognize, understand, and address this issue. According to the Joint Commission, the Workplace Bullying Institute estimates that 65.6 million U.S. workers have been directly impacted by or witness to bullying. During this session, the speakers will define workplace bullying related to healthcare staff, identify causes, and address interventions to help in alleviating the issue. Following this session, you'll be able to:

- Understand three types of workplace bullying identified in healthcare settings
- Recognize potential signs that workplace bullying may be occurring
- Identify two intervention strategies to address workplace bullying

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10 - 11:30 am
Breakout Sessions

2.4		OPERATIONALIZING OCT. 1, 2023, MDS CHANGES
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Maureen McCarthy, RN, BS, RAC-MT, QCP-MT, DNS-MT, RAC-MTA, Celtic Consulting, AAPACN board member

The countdown to massive MDS changes is on! Updates effective Oct. 1, 2023, will force providers to rethink methods of communication and documentation to capture information for MDS version 1.18.11. Significant changes will impact Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement. Join this session to review major changes to the MDS and the related facility processes needed to ensure information is captured. Proactive nurse leaders will be better prepared for the transition and mitigate potential revenue losses.

Following this session, you'll be able to:

- Identify at least 15 significant changes to the MDS 3.0 version 1.18.11
- Examine and detail changes to interdisciplinary processes required to capture new MDS items
- Discuss the potential impact MDS changes can have on SNF Five-Star ratings and Quality Measures

Noon - 1:30 pm
Product Theater Lunch

Enjoy lunch with colleagues and other conference attendees while learning about new research findings or a product or service that could help create efficiencies in your job.



3.1		NAVIGATING CLAIM APPEALS WITH MEDICARE ADVANTAGE
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Elissa Bovee, HealthPRO Heritage

The last thing a provider wants to experience is having to pay back monies for care provided by their hard-working professionals. CMS contractors and Managed care payors have begun to open the web of PDPM claims. Census and partnership with Advantage plans is feeling different these days as compared to pre-PDPM and pre-pandemic times. SNF providers are becoming more proficient in understanding the waivers and updated PDPM system, yet simultaneously they are being expected to assemble documentation and defend the billing of PDPM claims. The new payment model allows for nursing services to have a greater influence on the daily rate, which in turn will spur more scrutiny by reviewers of the medial record to support the coding and billing. As teams are communicating on diagnosis and care delivery for MDS coding, we need to consider if the medical record is fully supportive of the billed level of care. During this session, the speaker will address the dissection of the HIPPS codes for responding to contractor HELP letters and denials including nursing classifications, NTA services, as well as Functional Assessment reporting. Project management along with coding and clinical opportunities will also be discussed. Following this session, you'll be able to:

- Understand contract considerations with MA plans to keep the clinical team apprised
- Recognize how to proactively reduce managed care denials related to nursing
- Implement steps for updating the ADR team at your site to effectively manage the process

3.2		TARGETING THE “BUGS” IN YOUR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM
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Laurie Laxton, RN, BSN, RAC-CT, CCFA, CMAS, IP-BC, QCP, Inovalon

Infection control is a heavily targeted area for survey and monetary penalties. During this session, you will explore the mechanisms of a robust infection prevention and control program, ways to prevent hefty fines, and you will discuss the basic components of good antimicrobial stewardship. Following this session, you'll be able to:

- Identify at least five main goals of an effective IPC program
- Recognize three monetary penalties tied to infection control within a SNF
- Describe two objectives of an antimicrobial stewardship program
- Understand various types of training methods to achieve desired staff outcomes

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1:45 - 3 pm
Breakout Sessions

3.3



PERSON-CENTERED CARE PLANNING IS A DREAM

Melanie Tribe-Scott, BSN, RN, RAC-MT, RAC-MTA, QCP, DNS-CT, AAPACN Education Foundation board member, and Alicia Cantinieri, MBA, BSN, RN, RAC-MT, RAC-CTA, QCP, DNS-CT, both with Zimmet Healthcare Services Group, LLC

More than one-third of adults in the United States report getting fewer than seven hours of sleep in a 24-hour period. High-quality sleep is essential for cognitive and physical functioning, especially for our residents who are already at risk for decline. Noise, lighting, unfamiliar environments, changes in routine, and even bed size contribute to difficulty sleeping. Person-centered care planning focuses on each resident's needs, including sleep hygiene. During this session, the speakers will discuss using person-centered care planning to improve the quality of sleep for your residents. Following this session, you'll be able to:

- Recognize the sleeping environment disruptions common in skilled nursing facilities
- Identify the negative outcomes associated with sleep deprivation
- Discuss person-centered interventions to promote high-quality sleep

3.4



10 REASONS TO CARE ABOUT CMS SPOTLIGHT ON HEALTH EQUITY

Ellen Strunk, PT, MS, GCS, ACEEAA, CHC, RAC-CT, Rehab Resources & Consulting, Inc.

CMS is moving quickly to incorporate elements of health equity into its SNF QRP and VBP programs. Over the last two years, CMS has begun to add new quality measures into the SNF VBP and is seeking provider input on how to assess provider performance at reducing health disparities. With the adoption of more assessment-based elements to capture social determinants of health and social risk factors, accurately completing the MDS takes on new meaning. During this session, the speaker will provide 10 reasons why SNF providers, including MDS coordinators, should care about accurately assessing the new items. Following this session, you'll be able to:

- Define the SDOH data elements for the SNF MDS
- Recognize the impact SDOH have at the individual and community levels
- Explain how SDOH might be used to stratify SNF QRP and VBP measures
- Assemble a plan for integrating SDOH information into their practice.

Thursday, April 20, 2023

3 - 3:30 pm

Afternoon Break with Snacks and Refreshments

3:30 - 5 pm

AAPACN Awards Presentation and Catalyst Panel Discussion

Speakers for the Catalyst Panel Discussion will be announced soon.

Celebrate the 2023 AAPACN Award Winners

Just before the Catalyst Panel Discussion, AAPACN will present the 2023 Awards for outstanding members who demonstrate excellence in AAPACN's core values of:

- Integrity
- Inspiration
- Innovation
- Influence
- Impact

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Around the World Reception in Solution Central

Continuing the fun of the secret agent mystery party, join other attendees for themed food and drinks with Conference Solution Providers. Exchange your passport tickets obtained the night before for fun swag, and learn more about the products and services our Solution Providers offer that can help you do your job more efficiently and effectively.



Friday, April 21, 2023

6 - 7 am

AAPACN Education Foundation FUNdraiser Walk

Wake up and get moving!

Start your day by walking to raise money for nursing scholarships by participating in the annual FUNdraiser Walk. Join with colleagues as a team or just enjoy a morning walk with new AAPACN friends. Registration is \$25 per person and all proceeds directly support AAPACN Education Foundation scholarships. Support the future of post-acute care nursing by helping colleagues achieve their education dreams. You can register for the FUNdraiser Walk when you register for conference, or you can register on-site. Not a morning person? Choose the “Sleep in” option and donate \$30 to the AAPACN Education Foundation.



6:30 am - 12:30 pm

Registration and Information Desk Open

7 - 8 am

Wake Up Continental Breakfast

8:15 - 9:30 am

Breakout Sessions

4.1		AAPACN HOT TOPIC
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Jessie McGill, RN, RAC-MT, RAC-CTA, AAPACN

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8:15 - 9:30 am
Breakout Sessions

4.2		BEYOND MEDICATION REGIMEN REVIEWS: QUALITY MEASURE FOCUSED CONSULTING
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Bethany Bramwell, RPh, BCGP, Guardian Pharmacy of the Heartland

Ensuring quality and improving outcomes in the post-acute and long-term care setting is a team effort. Due to their complexity, medication therapy and delivery processes should be continuously monitored and improved. Pharmacists play an integral role in preventing and managing medication errors and adverse events and can have a direct impact on quality and outcome measures. Consultant pharmacists should broaden their responsibilities in skilled nursing facilities beyond medication regimen reviews by taking on roles in quality and performance improvement projects. During this session, the speaker will review the specific quality and outcome measures on which an engaged consultant pharmacist can have a direct impact and discuss types of interventions aimed at improving SNF Quality Measures. Following this session, you'll be able to:

- Review the similarities between common geriatric syndromes and the CMS Quality Measures
- Identify the quality and outcome measures on which a consultant pharmacist can have a direct impact
- Discuss the role of the consultant pharmacist in multidisciplinary initiatives aimed at improving quality
- Analyze evidence-based interventions for common geriatric syndromes.

4.3	 	BOO! DON'T LET CASPER REPORT SPOOK YOU: UNDERSTANDING YOUR CASPER REPORT
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Veronica Birch, MBA, BSN, LNHA, RN-BC, NE-BC, RAC-CT, DNS-CT, QCP, Gem Healthcare Consulting

The Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reporting, also known as the CASPER report, is an important and vital tool for skilled nursing facilities. These reports help identify issues for quality improvement and issues for survey. They show the facility percentage, as well as how the facility compares with other facilities in their state and in the nation for Quality Measures. With this report driving many programs, including Five-Star and survey, it is important to understand how to interpret the data to improve quality and survey outcomes. Following this session, you'll be able to:

- Understand how and when the CASPER report is generated and calculated for your facility
- Interpret what your facility's performance means when compared to state and national averages
- Identify how to use the CASPER report to develop systems to address quality performance and improvement

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8:15 - 9:30 am
Breakout Sessions

4.4		OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING: PDPM MISSED OPPORTUNITIES AND AUDIT RISKS
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Stacy Baker, OTR/L, CHC, RAC-CT, Proactive Medical Review, and Christine Twombly, RN-BC, RAC-MT, RAC-MTA, HCRM, CHC, PMR Consultant

Through the challenges of the past few years, a focus on Medicare systems management and MDS accuracy has been a lower priority in many cases. In this session, we'll explore MDS 3.0 FY2023 updates that impact PDPM and examine top areas of missed opportunity identified through PDPM audits. Proactive Medicare auditors share insights on what IDT members can do to drive successful PDPM outcomes without having to reinvent the wheel. Emphasis will be placed on improving processes to gather necessary data for correctly capturing information impacting reimbursement accuracy and to strengthen supportive documentation. Discussion will include avoiding common MDS coding errors to promote and maintain MDS and PDPM precision with extensive case study examples of common errors, including the financial implications. Following this session, you'll be able to:

- Review PDPM MDS 3.0 FY2023 updates
- Understand common areas of missed reimbursement opportunity and strategies for strengthening support
- Identify interdisciplinary assessment strategies to maximize data gathering and communication

9:45 - 11:15 am
Breakout Sessions

5.1		AAPACN HOT TOPIC
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Jennifer LaBay, RN, RAC-MT, RAC-MTA, CRC, AAPACN

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9:45 - 11:15 am
Breakout Sessions

5.2		AAPACN HOT TOPIC
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Alexis Roam, MSN, RN-BC, DNS-CT, QCP, AAPACN

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5.3	 	AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO THE PATIENT DRIVEN PAYMENT MODEL
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Sherri Robbins, RN, LNHA, RAC-CTA, CLNC, and Julie Bilyeu, both with BKD LLP

As the industry emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic, many senior living organizations find themselves struggling financially, wondering where they should shift their focus to positively improve their operations. During this interactive session, you will learn how organizations can shift their focus back to monitoring and understanding their PDPM performance and the different roles your interdisciplinary team plays. The speakers will also provide clinical, billing, and financial perspectives that will identify common missed opportunities and best practices under PDPM. Following this session, you'll be able to:

- Discuss key changes to interdisciplinary procedures under PDPM
- Provide tools to help improve processes around gathering and capturing data on the MDS
- Highlight common missed opportunities under PDPM and present real-life examples of the reimbursement
- Understand key metrics that can be used to determine performance



Friday,
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9:45 - 11:15 am
Breakout Sessions

5.4		RESIDENT AND FAMILY EXPECTATIONS MANAGEMENT - QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
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Rebecca Adelman, Adelman Law Firm PLLC

During this session, the speaker will explore and provide resources and best practices for setting and managing resident and family expectations in the senior living community. Unrealistic expectations, unmet needs, and diverse pre-admission experiences are risk and claim drivers. Improving the quality of care through family partnerships in caregiving also supports person-centered care. Families and residents should have a clear, communicative understanding of care goals. Managing expectations along the continuum of care reduces risk vulnerabilities, increases resources available for education, training, and services, and creates a team-approach to quality improvement initiatives. Properly educating staff and families about expectations through best practices will result in improved quality of care, family satisfaction, staff retention, increased resources, and reduced risk and liability. Best practices and tools shared in this session include the Resident and Family Insight Survey used to obtain information about key areas such as communication, family systems, and goals of care. The speaker will also present education, training, and implementation topics for the facility staff that can change the culture, improve quality of care and family engagement, and reduce losses. Following this session, you'll be able to:

- Create customized risk management solutions through a formal program beginning at admission to reduce vulnerabilities
- Develop training for effective family and patient communication
- Prepare protocols for managing the ongoing process of discussion and complete documentation
- Improve compliance for Phase 3 through education and training programs

11:30 am - 1 pm

Closing Catalyst Session

2023 Update from CMS (invited)

Join representatives from CMS as they share valuable information about the current national initiatives that impact the everyday care of nursing home residents and the staff that care for them. CMS will cover topics such as MDS assessment, Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM), Five-Quality Rating System, the Quality Reporting Program, and the federal survey process. Don't miss this much anticipated annual conference highlight.

Continuing Education

The AAPACN 2023 Conference is eligible for up to 11.50 CEs.

The American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing (AAPACN) is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

AAPACN works in conjunction with the National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB) to provide nursing home administrators continuing education. Official NAB approval is pending.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Information

Please register online at AAPACN.org.

COVID-19 Safety Policy

At this time, attendees are not required to provide proof of vaccination to attend the AAPACN 2023 Conference; however, please check our [COVID-19 Safety Policy](#) page often as we will continue to monitor and evaluate the situation to determine the need for any change in our Safety Policy.

Your conference registration includes

All educational sessions, conference materials, Wednesday's opening reception, lunch on Thursday and breakfast on Thursday and Friday, all refreshment breaks, and online access to the AAPACN Conference Community. *Note: The preconference workshops and FUNdraiser Walk require additional registration fees.*

Your preconference workshop registration includes

The two-day QCP workshop registration includes access to certification exams and breakfast and lunch each day. The two-day RAC-CT Recertification workshop registration includes access to certification exams and breakfast on Wednesday.

Important Dates

March 26, 2023

Discounted hotel rate is available through this date; however, rooms at this rate are at a first-come, first-served basis. Please book early to ensure your spot.

March 26, 2023

Early-bird discount ends at 11:59 pm MT.

April 10, 2023

Pre-registration deadline. All registrations after this date must be handled on-site and higher fees will apply.

Payment Information

AAPACN accepts Visa, MasterCard, and American Express. If a check payment is accompanying your registration, please make the check out to AAPACN. We are unable to process registration forms received without payment. Please mail your registration form with payment to:

400 S Colorado Blvd, Ste 500, Denver, CO 80246

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Cancellation and Transfers

For all preconference workshops and conference, cancellations and/or attendee substitutions must be submitted in writing to the AAPACN office via email to memberexperience@AAPACN.org. All cancellations received by April 10, 2023, will be refunded in full, less a \$50 cancellation fee. After April 10, 2023, no refunds will be issued except in case of emergency or a visit from State Surveyors. Registration fees cannot be transferred to other AAPACN programs.

Commercial Support/Conflict of Interest

Commercial support provided to AAPACN by exhibitors and/or sponsor has in no way influenced or biased the content of the educational activities and conference sessions. AAPACN does not endorse or promote commercial products or services within its educational programs that are awarded continuing nursing education.

AAPACN does a thorough evaluation when developing and implementing an educational activity to ensure that planning committee members, speakers, and presenters do not have conflicts of interest; if a conflict of interest is identified, it is resolved and disclosed to all participants prior to the beginning of the activity.

Membership

You must be an AAPACN member at the time of registration to qualify for the member rate. Individual membership is non-transferable; it is based on the individual and not the organization unless your organization is part of AAPACN's organizational membership program. Any attendee substitutions must also be AAPACN members at the time of the registration, or the non-member rate will be assessed. You may join AAPACN at the time of your registration by adding a membership option. Full payment for registration and membership must accompany your registration.

Educational Session Changes

The agenda disclosed is preliminary. The final agenda and educational offerings may be subject to change. Please consult the conference mobile app for final session schedules or visit AAPACN.org for updates to the schedule. Click [here](#) for further information on ANCC accreditation.

Recording and Photo Release

By attending the AAPACN Conference, you are entering an area where photography, audio, and video recording may occur. Your registration for the AAPACN Conference constitutes your consent to be photographed, filmed, and/or otherwise recorded and to the release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction of any and all recorded media of your appearance, voice, and name for any purpose whatsoever in perpetuity in connection with the AAPACN Conference and its initiatives, including, by way of example only, use on websites, in social media, news, and advertising.



TRAVEL AND HOTEL INFORMATION

HOST HOTEL INFORMATION



Tropicana Las Vegas
3801 Las Vegas Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Make your hotel and travel plans early. All conference events will be held onsite at the Tropicana Las Vegas. AAPACN has secured a block of discounted rooms located directly above the conference center, which will avoid the need to walk through a smokey casino. AAPACN Conference attendees can reserve a room at the rate of \$146 per night plus associated local taxes and fees. In addition, there is a resort fee of \$30 per night plus associated local taxes which includes high speed internet access in your guestroom, two (2) bottles of water, fitness center, resort pool, guest parking, local calls, and 1-800 calls. Hotel guests also receive discount offers from Zero 1 Off Road Adventures (20% off trips with promo code: TROPLV!) and Glow Spa (\$30 off any services over \$140 and 20% off all retail products). A charge of \$15 will be added for each guest over double occupancy with a maximum of four guests per room.

You can book directly into the discounted room block by clicking [here](#) or by calling the hotel's reservation line at 855-516-1092 and mentioning the AAPACN 2023 Conference Discounted Room Rate. Check-in time at the hotel is 3 pm and check-out time is 11 am.

AAPACN's block of rooms will only be available through Sunday, March 26 and are on a first-come, first-served basis. Please book early to ensure your spot in the discounted room block.

GETTING TO LAS VEGAS

Flying

Harry Reid International Airport (formerly known as McCarran; airport code: LAS) is conveniently located approximately two miles from the Tropicana Las Vegas.

A cab ride to the hotel will cost approximately \$12- \$17 each way.

Lyft and Uber are both currently allowed to pick up at the airport. The estimate for one person is \$13 one way not including tip. Be aware of surge pricing where it can cost you double to triple the amount depending on the times, and please be aware that regulations regarding ride-sharing services are subject to change. Additionally, please note that Lyft and Uber drop off and pick up across the casino from the hotel registration desk.

Driving

Self-parking is complimentary for guests of the Tropicana Las Vegas.



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Registration Form

Full Name			Credentials			
Job Title		Organization		Telephone		Email Address
Address	Home	Work	City	State	Zip	
I am a current member. My member number is _____						

Will there need to be any special accommodations made for you to fully participate in any conference sessions?

Do you have any special dietary requirements (kosher, vegan, gluten-free, allergies, etc.)?

***Required:** Who should we contact in case of an emergency? Please provide first name, last name, and telephone number.

***Required:** Would you like to receive information from companies exhibiting or sponsoring this year's conference? Yes No
By selecting yes, you are giving your consent for these companies to email you.

How did you hear about the conference? Please check all that apply. Email Ad in Nursing Publication Direct Mail
Online Ad Facebook/Social Media AAPACN Website Friend or Co-worker Other

REGISTRATION FEES

AAPACN CONFERENCE		MEMBER	NON-MEMBER	AAPACN PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS		MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
Early Bird	Register By March 26, 2023	\$499	\$835	QCP Workshop (15 CE's) April 18-19, 2023		\$585	\$785
Standard	Register Between March 27 - April 10, 2023	\$549	\$835	RAC-CT Recertification Workshop (8 CE's) April 18-19, 2023		\$280	\$480
On-Site	Register After April 10, 2023	\$599	\$885				
OPTIONAL EVENTS							
FUNdraiser Walk		I'm Walking \$25	I'm Sleeping In \$30				
Conference Total							
AAPACN MEMBERSHIP							
One-Year AAPACN Membership		\$158					
Two-Year AAPACN Membership		\$258		Conference Total			
One-Year Full-Time Student Membership		\$50		Preconference Workshop Total			
AAPACN Member Number				Membership Total			
Membership Total				Total Payment			

BREAKOUT SESSION SCHEDULE

Please select which breakout sessions and events you plan on attending by checking the box next to each session.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023

3 – 3:45 pm

Optional Event
First-Timer Meet and Greet

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

8:15 – 9:45 am

Breakout Sessions

- 1.1 **Change is Coming in S.P.A.D.Es**
Joel VanEaton, BSN, RN, RAC-CTA, MT, Broad River Rehab
- 1.2 **Survey Readiness in the Sea of Chaos**
Carol Hill, MSN, RN, RAC-MT, RAC-MTA, DNS-MT, QCP-MT, CPC, Hill Educational Services Inc., and Rene House, RN, BSN, QCP, Mitchell-Hollingsworth: Nursing & Rehab Center
- 1.3 **Reaching for the Stars – Obtaining Your Best Quality Star Rating**
Tracy Montag, BSN, RN, RAC-MT, and Stephanie Kessler, RAC-CT, CHP, both with RKL LLP
- 1.4 **AAPACN Hot Topic Session**
Denise Winzeler, BSN, RN, LNHA, DNS-MT, QCP-MT, AAPACN

10 – 11:30 am

Breakout Sessions

- 2.1 **Keep Your ICD-10-CM Processes Up to Date**
Carol Maher, RN-BC, RAC-MT, RAC-MTA, CPC, Hansen Hunter & Co
- 2.2 **Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk. Clean Up the Mess!**
Michelle Synakowski, RAC-MT, RAC-MTA, ProSynk Healthcare Compliance Services, LLC
- 2.3 **Nurse Bullying – Could This Be a Reason They are Leaving?**
Barbara Bates, MSN, DNS-MT, QCP-MT, Independent Consulting, MDS Consultants, and MedNet Compliance, and Linda Winston, RN, MSN, BS, RAC-CT, RAC-CTA, DNS-MT, QCP-MT, Independent Nurse Consultant and Educator
- 2.4 **Operationalizing Oct. 1, 2023 MDS Changes**
Maureen McCarthy, RN, BS, RAC-MT, QCP-MT, DNS-MT, RAC-MTA, Celtic Consulting

1:45 – 3 pm

Breakout Sessions

- 3.1 **Navigating Claim Appeals with Medicare Advantage**
Elissa Bovee, HealthPRO Heritage

- 3.2 **Targeting the “Bugs” in Your Infection Prevention and Control Program**

Laurie Laxton, RN, BSN, RAC-CT, CCFA, CMAS, IP-BC, QCP, Inovalon

- 3.3 **Person-Centered Care Planning is a Dream**

Melanie Tribe-Scott, BSN, RN, RAC-MT, RAC-MTA, QCP, DNS-CT, and Alicia Cantinieri, MBA, BSN, RN, RAC-MT, RAC-CTA, QCP, DNS-CT, both with Zimmet Healthcare Services Group, LLC

- 3.4 **10 Reasons to Care About CMS Spotlight on Health Equity**

Ellen Strunk, PT, MS, GCS, ACEEAA, CHC, RAC-CT, Rehab Resources & Consulting, Inc.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023

8:15 – 9:30 am

Breakout Sessions

- 4.1 **AAPACN Hot Topic**
Jessie McGill, RN, RAC-MT, RAC-CTA, AAPACN
- 4.2 **Beyond Medication Regimen Reviews: Quality Measure Focused Consulting**
Bethany Bramwell, RPh, BCGP, Guardian Pharmacy of the Heartland
- 4.3 **BOO! Don't Let CASPER Report Spook You: Understanding Your CASPER Report**
Veronica Birch, MBA, BSN, LNHA, RN-BC, NE-BC, RAC-CT, DNS-CT, QCP, Gem Healthcare Consulting
- 4.4 **Opportunity is Knocking: PDPM Missed Opportunities and Audit Risks**
Stacy Baker, OTR/L, CHC, RAC-CT, Proactive Medical Review, and Christine Twombly, RN-BC, RAC-MT, RAC-MTA, HCRM, CHC, PMR Consultant

9:45 – 11:15 am

Breakout Sessions

- 5.1 **AAPACN Hot Topic**
Jennifer LaBay, RN, RAC-MT, RAC-MTA, CRC, AAPACN
- 5.2 **AAPACN Hot Topic**
Alexis Roam, MSN, RN-BC, DNS-CT, QCP, AAPACN
- 5.3 **An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Patient Driven Payment Model**
Sherri Robbins, RN, LNHA, RAC-CTA, CLNC, and Julie Bilyeu, both with BKD LLP
- 5.4 **Resident and Family Expectations Management – Quality Improvement and Risk Management**
Rebecca Adelman, Adelman Law Firm PLLC

PAYMENT METHOD

Registration forms received without payment cannot be processed.

Check Enclosed

Payable to AAPACN, postmarked by April 10, 2023

Credit Card

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