



## July 2017 Commitment to Care Quality Topic

### Coming Soon THCA Clinical Resource Center; a website for all your long-term care education and clinical needs

#### What IF?

With so many changes in the long term care profession with NEW Requirements of Participation from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and NEW State changes sure to follow, it is getting more and more challenging to keep up. What IF clinicians had a one stop online resource to go to with the most up to date communication from CMS, Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)/Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC); clinical best practices and American Medical Director (AMDA) Guidelines at their fingertips?

#### What is the THCA Clinical Resource Center (CRC)?

The CRC is a website designed to provide key information about clinical care for staff working in skilled nursing facilities (SNFs). The site was originally designed by the Center for Health Systems Research and Analysis (CHSRA) at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. The project was jointly sponsored by Wisconsin long term care stakeholders and funded through civil money penalties (CMPs). THCA secured CMPs to fund a pilot here in Texas to build the THCA EF CRC to assist Texas providers in accessing the same valuable content as the original Wisconsin site, but with a Texas Twist.



## Who can access the Texas CRC?

The Texas pilot allows for a limited number of users, so initially THCA is opening registration up only to THCA members. Should the maximum users not be filled by members, then THCA will open registration up to the entire state. We are hoping that THCA Members will take advantage of the opportunity to register for and regularly use the valuable information on the site.

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*When I first came to work as a DON in a NF it would take me hours to research a particular regulation or requirement or find a simple in service to educate my staff on diabetes care, I wish we had the THCA EF Clinical Resource Center back then!*

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## What is available on the CRC website?

The following Care Area Modules and the Training Modules are currently available on the CRC website, as well as full copies of the AMDA Clinical Practice Guides and other tools and resources from [AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine](#). The website is not intended as an exhaustive listing of all resources; the key content identified has been selected by a diverse group of professionals working in long-term care. To facilitate ease of use, each care area module is organized using a framework that provides tools, guidelines, related Federal and State regulations and additional resources for learning.

### Care Area Modules:

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Challenging Behaviors	Dehydration & Fluid Maintenance
Dementia & Distressed Behaviors	Depression in the Elderly
Diabetes Management	Falls & Fall Risk
Infection Prevention	Nutrition
Pain Management	Person-Centered Care
Pressure Ulcer Prevention & Treatment	Restraints
Transitions in Care	Urinary Incontinence

## Training Modules:

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1. Review of the Care Process: Getting to the Root of the Matter
2. Identifying and Responding to the Changes in Resident Condition (ICRC): The Impact of Effective Communication between the Licensed Nurse and Medical Provider
3. Resident-Directed Care Planning
4. Building Relationships Within a Clinical/Cultural Environment
5. Infection Prevention and Control Within a Clinical/Cultural Environment
6. Use of Antipsychotic Drugs

## When can I register for the Texas CRC?

As mentioned before, THCA Members will have the first opportunity to register for the CRC. There is a limited number of users during the three year pilot. Onsite registration for the site will be available at the THCA 2017 Summer Conference & Resource Fair.



During the vendor fairs THCA Members will be able come to the THCA CRC booth and fill out the online registration so they can have access to all that the CRC offers. If you haven't registered for Summer Conference [click here](#).

If you can't make it to the summer conference; afterward, an email will go out to all member facilities with a code specific for their facility. Registration will be first come first serve to the site. As mentioned if THCA members don't take advantage of registering, the opportunity will be opened to non-members. If you have questions about the CRC in the meantime don't hesitate to contact me, I'm here to help!

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