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SAVE THE DATE

INHAA Conference

Thursday, June 14 – Friday, June 15, 2018

CLINICAL ISSUES

and

THE STANDARD OF CARE

Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria

Clinical Issues Surveyors are Concentrating On
Quality Assurance Performance Improvement (QAPI) Review

Front Line Pharmacy Issues

Infection Control and the Survey Process

RCS -1 and Nursing Documentation

Coordinating Written and Electronic Documentation

BROCHURE COMING NEXT MONTH

INHAA MEMBER RECOGNITION IN 2018

The INHAA Board of Directors would like to express their gratitude to our members throughout this year. At the March, 2018 seminar, all attending members with ten plus consecutive years of membership received a voucher for free attendance at the June or August 2018 seminar. INHAA gave out 30 vouchers to Gold members in attendance.

In June of 2018 we will draw four names from all the registered and attending members at that seminar and they will each receive a free voucher for the August, 2018 seminar. Lastly, two names will be drawn in August to receive a free voucher to our annual convention in November, 2018. The vouchers are non-transferrable and prior registration will be required to ensure that we are able to plan accordingly to meet the needs of all the members attending the seminars.

We appreciate each one of our members! There will be other surprises too so check out the upcoming seminar dates on our website www.inhaa.org and register today! We look forward to seeing you at the June 14-15 INHAA Conference.

LTC FACILITY ADVISORY BOARD

Did you know that INHAA has representation on the IDPH LTC Facility Advisory Board? INHAA is a provider association member of the IDPH LTC Facility Advisory Board, which entitles INHAA to have voting privileges. In accordance with Section 2-204 of the Nursing Home Care Act, members of this board are appointed by IDPH. Meetings are held quarterly in Springfield with additional meeting sites in Chicago, Peoria, and Bellwood connecting via videoconferencing. The purpose of this board is to review proposed legislation before it goes to public comment. Since this board is advisory in nature, IDPH is not obligated to follow the board's recommendation. However, in the event that IDPH fails to follow the advice of the board, the IDPH must disclose a written explanation of the reason to the board.

Active involvement in the LTC Facility Advisory Board is an excellent forum for INHAA to advocate for our industry...and that is a good thing for *our members* and our industry.

LTC MONTHLY OCCUPIED BED PROVIDER ASSESSMENT

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) issued the following notice February 28. *The Illinois Comptroller's Office has issued warrants for October 2017 long term care services. The following assessment payment will be due **March 15, 2018.***

*The Monthly Occupied Bed Provider Assessment for long term care providers for the January 2018 assessment period/October 2017 reporting period is due **March 15, 2018.***

The Department continues to monitor long term care pending claims at the Comptroller's Office. Providers will be notified of extensions and/or revised due dates via the website, and are encouraged to sign up for e-mail notifications at the link below.

<https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalProviders/notices/Pages/ProviderEmailSubscribe.aspx>

INTEGRATING INFECTION PREVENTION PROGRAMS IN HOSPITALS & SNF

Studies have shown that when hospitals and nursing homes integrate infection control programs, tools, testing and solutions, the rate of infections decreases. According to the article, hospitals should explore incorporating nursing facilities into their infection prevention risk assessment and control strategy. Because nursing facilities often have limited personnel, leveraging tools and expertise from their regional hospital partners is a potential pragmatic solution. Since infections remain a major cause of readmission of patients from nursing facilities to hospitals, meaningful collaborations within an ACO structure have the potential to improve quality of care, patient satisfaction, and may result in fewer readmissions, reduced costs, and contained transmission of pathogens. The time is right to capitalize on the important changes in care delivery including integration to overcome these barriers and breakdown existing silos.

LIMITS ON OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS

A bipartisan group of senators introduced legislation Tuesday that would set a three-day initial prescribing limit for Medicare beneficiaries on opioids for acute pain, and increase recovery services and availability for addicts. In 2016 there was an exception made for long term care but this recent legislation only exempts hospice. Pharmacists argued that some nursing home residents suffer from intense and constant pain and having this limit will affect treatment. Legislators were concerned since one in three Medicare beneficiaries have an opioid prescriptions and overdose deaths have increased by 28% from 2015 to 2016. The link to the article is [here](#).

STUDY REDUCES AMYLOID PLAQUES IN MICE

In a [study](#) published by the Cleveland Clinic in the *Journal of Experimental Medicine*, reducing an enzyme (BACE1) which helps with amyloid plaque formation in the brains of mice either reduced or eliminated the plaque. It is not clear if reducing this enzyme in humans will have the same effect, but it is a very promising discovery. Mice who were genetically prone to disease never got the disease and those who already had the disease show a reversal.

EMPLOYMENT ALLEY

ADMINISTRATOR

Illinois Veterans Home - Manteno is looking for a highly motivated candidate to supervise the overall operational needs of the Skilled Facility. Candidate must be licensed by the State of Illinois with 3 - 5 years' experience working in a skilled facility as the Administrator or Assistant Administrator. Has good working knowledge of State and Federal requirements and the survey process. Effective communication, organizational and leadership skills. Interested candidates should email a resume to H. R:

jeri.gull_i2@illinois.gov

ADMINISTRATORS

Generations Healthcare Network (a long term care consultant company) is looking for Licensed Administrators. Generations provides consultant services to skilled nursing facilities in Chicago, Chicago Suburbs, Byron, Rock Island, Illinois and Auburn, Indiana. Our Website: www.generationshealthcarenetwork.com Qualifications: Licensed Administrator in Illinois with proven leadership and management in the post-acute/long-term care arena.

ADMINISTRATOR

Our 5-star facility has a rewarding opportunity for an experienced Administrator or an RN with 5 years previous management experience. This individual must have proven leadership abilities in team building, customer service, best practices and the ability to adapt to the changing senior care profession. We are a Medicare-certified facility and we are quality oriented, well-respected, and well-established. If you possess strong interpersonal skills to lead employees, deliver customer service effectively, and enjoy the many opportunities of today's post-acute care field, please send your resume to: P.O. Box 3188, Bloomington, IL, 61702- 3188 Attn: Admin Position

INTERIM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Licensed nursing home administrator offers interim and consulting services to facilities with needs. My services allow management to conduct a search for a qualified administrator while the facility is operated competently. References. Harry Poole 1-618-806-2125.
HPoole1947@gmail.com

REGISTERED NURSE (RN) Children's Habilitation Center • Harvey, IL (708) 596-2220

Full-Time Day / Part Time Nights

Experience - Up to 3year(s) Degree - 4 Year Degree

Healthcare – Health Services

Job Description/ Requirements: Responsible for the quality of care rendered of medically fragile pediatrics and adults while on duty including use of proper procedures, charting, treatments, dispensing of medications, etc. and is available, should the need arise, to provide direct care.

Bonus incentive offered Directs the activities of Staff Nurses and Team Assistants. Contact: **Annette Murray DON / Annette.m@childhabcenter.com** or **Erica Dent DON Strategist / Erica.d@childhabcenter.com**

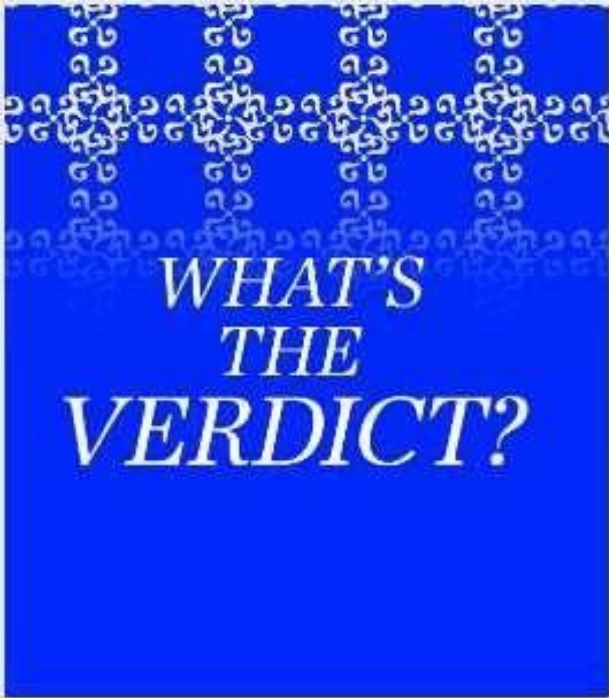
Employment Alley is published monthly for members and business members. The cost for non-members is \$30 a month - \$50 for two months - \$70 for three months. A business member listing is \$25 for one month - \$40 for two months - \$55 for three months. Send your approximate 55-word ad and payment to INHAA, PO Box 483, North Aurora, IL 60542, or fax it to 708-248-8078. For further information, call Susan Gardiner at 708-800-6161.

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