

MMDA's 33rd Annual Conference Agenda, Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026

Empowering PALTC for Today's Challenges Leveraging AI, Policy & Clinical Updates in Your Practice

- 7:30-8:30 am **Registration** – Coffee and Continental Breakfast with Sponsors
- 8:30-8:35 am **Welcome: Fatima Naqvi, MD, CMD** – President, MMDA; Elisa Gil-Pires, MD, FACP, CMD; Chair, Education Committee, VP, MMDA; Karen Cousins, MD, CMD; Co-Chair, Education Committee; Jason Basile, MHA, NHA, CRCFA; Executive Director, Ingleside at Rock Creek
- 8:35-9:35 am **Session #1 – Legislative & Public Policy Update (1.0)**
Alex Bardakh, MPP, CAE, PLC; Senior Director, Advocacy and Strategic Partnerships, Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association.
Moderator: Fatima Naqvi, MD, CMD
- 9:35-10:35 am **Session #2 – Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis vs. Multiple Sclerosis: Approaches to Management at PALTC – Two Patients, One Admission, Divergent Destinies (1.0)**
Dominique Luong Vinh, MD, MBA, CMD; Adjunct Assistant Professor, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Faculty
Moderator: Elisa Gil-Pires, MD, CMD
- 10:35-11 am **Visit with Exhibitors**
- 11-11:45 am **Session #3 – Update From the Office of Health Care Quality, Maryland Dept. of Health (0.75)**
Josie Ogaitis, RN, MS; Chief Nursing Officer, Office of Health Care Quality
Moderator: Sadia Baqai, MD, CMD
- 11:45 am-12:15 pm **Session #4 – Literature Review (0.5)**
Pavetri Dwivedi, DO, MPH
Moderator: Ziad Mirza, MD, CMD
- 12:15-1 pm **Exhibit Time/Lunch & Annual Business Meeting – Dr. Fatima Naqvi, President, MMDA**
Presentation of Awards
- 1-2 pm **Session #5 – Use of AI in Nursing Homes (1.0)**
Steven Buslovich, MD, MSHCPM; Chief Medical Officer, PointClickCare
Michael Healey, Vice President, Health Products, Saisystems Health & Digital
Moderator: Karen Cousins, DO, CMD
- 2-2:45 pm **Session #6 – Miriam Bennet and Joan Carpenter, Grant & Research Opportunities (0.75)**
Moderator: Tahira Lodhi, MD, CMD
- 2:45-3 pm **Visit with Exhibitors**
- 3-4:30 pm **Session #7 – Effective Goals of Care Conversations (1.5)**
David S. Wu, Senior Advisor, Education & Outreach, Gilchrist, Columbia, MD
Moderator: Fatima Sheikh, MD, CMD
- 4:30-5:30 pm **Session #8 – Knowing Your Legal Role & Responsibility in Certifying Guardianships (1.0)**
Christopher M. McNally, Esq.; Partner, Bodie, Friddell & Grenzer, P.C.
Moderator: Scott Haswell, MD, CMD
- 5:30 pm **Closing Remarks/Door Prizes/Adjourn**

Speakers and topics are subject to change without notice.