

## NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATION



## Awards Open to NPs, PAs

Two of AMDA's top awards, which honor practitioners who display exemplary leadership and innovation, are now open to nurse practitioners and physician assistants.

"You never expect something like this, but you certainly appreciate it when you get it," said J. Kenneth Brubaker, MD, CMD, 2015 recipient of the William Dodd Founder's Award.

The Dodd Award, named after AMDA's founder, William Dodd, recognizes contributions to building AMDA's organizational strength, image, and mission, enhance the Society's reputation, and advance goals enabling AMDA to improve patient care. The James Pattee Award for Excellence in Education, named after the practitioner considered to be the "father" of the Core Curriculum in Medical Direction, recognizes significant contributions to AMDA's efforts to advance education



specific to PA/LTC physician practice, and to promote Society leadership via educational endeavors within the care continuum.

As Dr. Brubaker observed, winning these awards is a true honor that validates the commitment and passion of AMDA members who make a difference for their patients, colleagues, teams, and communities.

You can show a colleague that his or her work has had a powerful impact on you and others. The deadline for nominations for 2016 awards is Nov. 9, 2015. Awards will be presented at AMDA's 2016 annual conference. For more information on the Dodd Award, visit [www.amdafoundation.org/index.php/our-work/recognize-awards/william-dodd-founder-s-award](http://www.amdafoundation.org/index.php/our-work/recognize-awards/william-dodd-founder-s-award). For details about the Pattee Award, visit [www.amdafoundation.org/index.php/our-work/recognize-awards/james-pattee-award-for-excellence](http://www.amdafoundation.org/index.php/our-work/recognize-awards/james-pattee-award-for-excellence).

## Foundation Futures Program Calls for New Applicants

Anyone who questions the value of the AMDA Foundation Futures program need only talk to Rebecca King-Tucker, MD, CMD. "In rural Montana [where she lived at the time], it was hard to find mentors. So I was really excited about participating in the Futures program and connecting with people there — other fellows and certified medical directors."

She wasn't disappointed. "I was impressed with the incredible amount of thought that goes into the Futures Program. They bring together a top-notch group of experts to provide an incredible snapshot of post-acute and long-term care."

The Futures program, which brings fellows and residents to the AMDA annual conference for a special 1-day introduction to PA/LTC medicine and medical direction, is a popular initiative that fills up quickly every year. In addition to participation in the 1-day Futures program, participants receive a full registration for the AMDA annual

conference and a 1-year AMDA membership. Futures participants receiving a full scholarship also receive complementary transportation to and from the meeting, plus 4 nights of lodging.

Dr. King-Tucker was grateful for the AMDA membership that came with her Futures participation, and she quickly discovered AMDA's value. "Questions would arise at my facility, and I was able to get evidence-based, proven answers and information from AMDA," she said. She added that she is still struggling with issues such as care transitions and bundled payments, and is pleased that "AMDA has been out ahead on these issues and has related tools and information." Now, Dr. King-Tucker said, "AMDA is my group. It is more important than any other organization I belong to."

The AMDA Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2015 Futures program, scheduled for March 17, 2016, in Orlando, FL. For more information, go to [www.amdafoundation.org/index.php/our-work/futures](http://www.amdafoundation.org/index.php/our-work/futures).

## AMDA Joins Workgroup

AMDA has been appointed to the National Quality Forum MAP Post-Acute Care/Long-Term Care Workgroup, which will provide input on matters related to the selection and coordination of measures for post-acute care and long-term care providers, in-

cluding hospices, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, long-term care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and home health care. AMDA will appoint an organizational representative to serve on the work group and will participate for a 3-year term (2015-2018).

## Advanced Course Provides Unique Group Dynamic

The Advanced Curriculum on Medical Direction in Long-Term Care is different every iteration, and the agenda is based on participant feedback, insights from AMDA education committee members and others, and hot topics that arise on the national stage.

Last year course chair Laura Trice, MD, CMD, started the program by urging attendees to put away technological devices and to really pay attention to their colleagues and faculty members. "Several people came to me during the weekend and thanked me for doing

this," Dr. Tice said. "I intend to start the October program the same way."

Areas of focus for the upcoming course including billing and coding updates, falls prevention, immunizations, managing ethical dilemmas, nutrition, payment reform, pharmacology update, PA/LTC practice management, shared decision-making, and transitions of care.

The course is scheduled for October 2-4, 2015, in St. Louis. For registration information, go to [www.amda.com/education/advanced/info.cfm#registration](http://www.amda.com/education/advanced/info.cfm#registration).

## Don't Miss These Events

### September 19, 2015 Virginia Medical Directors Association Annual Conference

Virginia Beach, VA  
Contact: Angel Rivera  
Phone: 757-889-4383  
Email: [ARivera@LongTermCareofVA.com](mailto:ARivera@LongTermCareofVA.com)  
Website: [www.vamda.org/conference.html](http://www.vamda.org/conference.html)

September 23, 2015  
AMDA Live Webinar:  
Cultural Diversity in PA/LTC  
Contact: AMDA Registrar  
Phone: 410-992-3116  
Email: [registration@amda.com](mailto:registration@amda.com)  
Website: [www.amda.com/cmedirect/#web](http://www.amda.com/cmedirect/#web)

October 2-4, 2015  
AMDA Advanced Curriculum on Medical Direction in LTC  
St. Louis, MO  
Contact: AMDA Registrar  
Phone: 410-992-3116  
Email: [registration@amda.com](mailto:registration@amda.com)  
Website: [www.amda.com/education/advanced/index.cfm](http://www.amda.com/education/advanced/index.cfm)

October 9-10, 2015  
The Wisconsin Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine Annual Meeting  
Madison, WI  
Email: [karenmiller.rio@gmail.com](mailto:karenmiller.rio@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.wamd.org/annual-meeting.html](http://www.wamd.org/annual-meeting.html)

October 10-11, 2015  
Michigan Medical Directors Association Educational Conference  
Traverse City, MI  
Email: [michiganmda@gmail.com](mailto:michiganmda@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.mimda.org/attendees/](http://www.mimda.org/attendees/)

October 16-17, 2015  
The Pennsylvania Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine Annual Educational Symposium  
Hershey, PA  
Website: [www.pamda.org/upcoming-symposium/](http://www.pamda.org/upcoming-symposium/)

### October 22-25, 2015 FAMDA Best Care Practices in the Geriatrics Continuum

Lake Buena Vista, FL  
Website: [www.bestcarepractices.org/index3.html](http://www.bestcarepractices.org/index3.html)

October 23-25, 2015  
State of Ohio Long-Term Care Conference  
Dublin, OH  
Phone: 517-410-3474  
Email: [ohiomda@gmail.com](mailto:ohiomda@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.ohioamda.org/conference.html](http://www.ohioamda.org/conference.html)

November 5-8, 2015  
AMDA Core Curriculum on Medical Direction in Long-Term Care Medicine Part II  
Philadelphia, PA  
Contact: AMDA Registrar  
Phone: 410-992-3116  
Email: [registration@amda.com](mailto:registration@amda.com)  
Website: [www.amda.com/education/core/index.cfm](http://www.amda.com/education/core/index.cfm)

December 9, 2015  
AMDA Live Webinar:  
The Role of the Physician in Person-Centered Care  
Contact: AMDA Registrar  
Phone: 410-992-3116  
Email: [registration@amda.com](mailto:registration@amda.com)  
Website: [www.amda.com/cmedirect/#web](http://www.amda.com/cmedirect/#web)

March 17-20, 2016  
AMDA - The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine Annual Conference 2016  
Orlando, FL  
Contact: AMDA Registrar  
Phone: 410-992-3116  
Email: [registration@amda.com](mailto:registration@amda.com)  
Website: [www.paltcmedicine.org](http://www.paltcmedicine.org)