AMDA and ASCP Join Forces for Guidance on Monoclonal Antibody Treatments for COVID-19 in Long-Term Care

Several monoclonal antibodies (MAbs) received emergency use authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 infection in adults who have had positive results in direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing and those at high risk for progressing to severe COVID-19 and/or hospitalization. AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine and the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) recently collaborated on a readiness document, “Monoclonal Antibody Treatments in Senior Care Environments,” to help facilitate the safe use of these therapies and enable facilities to have appropriate access.

“Residents of skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) are ideal for these novel therapies and long-term care (LTC) pharmacies provide intravenous medications (IV) routinely in SNF environments,” the document states. The authors noted that these treatments are not without some risk, including the potential for severe reactions, including anaphylaxis. They stressed, “Monoclonal antibody treatment may only be administered in settings in which health care providers have immediate access to treat a severe infusion reaction, such as anaphylaxis, and the ability to activate the emergency medical system (EMS).” They added that post-acute and long-term care settings with access to such expertise and resources may be able to administer monoclonal antibody in their own facilities.

The document details the eligibility administration, and monitoring requirements for medical and nursing staffs. It also outlines the steps for long-term care pharmacies to acquire and provide the treatments to capable long-term care settings. Additionally, it addresses Medicare payments for MAbs COVID-19 infusion as well as billing for infusion administration. Resources in the document include a MAbs infusion order set, Medicare MAbs COVID-19 infusion program instructions, a MAbs consent form, and the Society’s patient eligibility checklist (this tool also can be downloaded through the new AMDA App).


With Fall Come New Opportunities

The webinar series from AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine offers the latest in cutting-edge programming for post-acute and long-term care practitioners, and this fall we have two you won’t want to miss as you plan for 2022 and practicing in a post-pandemic world:

• November 3: “Ensuring LTC Regulatory Adherence During a Pandemic: Lessons Learned From the Corporate Perspective.” Learn about how one organization providing ancillary support to the long-term care industry quickly mobilized to develop best care practices when faced with limited federal guidance. Participants will hear about effective crisis/pandemic preparation efforts, including how to quickly work to safeguard residents and staff. Presenters also will address the challenges of operationalizing safe work practices when faced with evolving best practices or a lack of clear direction.

• December 8: “In the Population Health World, Put Cutting-Edge Care Coordination in Your Toolkit.” This program will address the role and value of care coordination in a population health world (including a brief history and definition of population health), where PALTC practitioners follow their patients throughout the care continuum. It will walk participants through the creation and coordination of a care coordination team, including the skills, knowledge, and experience necessary for the team to be effective. Additionally, the presenters will discuss what communications, information, and data each team member will need and how to share roles and expectations and track outcomes and progress. Participants also will learn how to document, track, and analyze data to identify success.

As always, the Society’s webinars are free for members. Go to the AMDA Webinars site (https://bit.ly/3sCKu2) for more information or to register.

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This Year In Review in Long Term Care

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Dr. Angela Sanford, MD, CMD – St. Louis University
Dr. Milta Little, DO, CMD – Duke University (Moderator)

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Molta O. Little, DO, CMD; Julie Gammack, MD, CMD; and Angela Sanford, MD, CMD, open This Year in Review for Long-Term Care, an annual overview of recent high-impact research at the Society’s Annual Conference.

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July 16-18, 2021 Virtual Core Synthesis
Website: https://apex.paltc.org/local/catalog/view/product.php?productid=486

July 16-18, 2021 Georgia Medical Directors Association Summer Symposium
Savannah, GA
Email: perrykemp@gamda.org

July 22-25, 2021 Alabama Medical Directors Association Annual Conference
Miramar Beach, FL
https://almda.org/page/upcoming-events-1

July 30-31, 2021 Leadership and Management in Geriatrics (Virtual Event)
https://www.caltcm.org/

August 6-8, 2021 TGS/TMDA Annual Conference
Richardson, TX
Website: https://tgs.tmdaconference.org/

October 7-8, 2021 The Michigan Society for PALTC Meeting Annual Meeting
Thompsonville, MI
Website: https://mimdha.org/

October 15-17, 2021 Core Synthesis
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March 10-12, 2022 AMDA 2022 Annual Conference
Baltimore, MD
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Website: https://www.wamd.org/annual-meeting.html