

# Alabama Medical Directors Association 2015 Annual Conference

July 30 - August 2

Linkside Conference Center  
Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort



## 2015 Annual Conference Agenda

### THURSDAY, JULY 30

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Registration

Reception with Exhibitors

### FRIDAY, JULY 31

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Advisory Committee Meeting of  
ALMDA's Board of Directors, ANHA  
and ADPH in the Terrace Room

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Registration

Breakfast with Exhibitors

9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.

Welcome

**Kendra Sheppard, MD**

Vice President, ALMDA

9:05 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

Recognition, Diagnosis and Progression  
of Dementia;

Treatment Approaches for Dementia

**David Geldmacher, MD**

Professor of Neurology

University of Alabama - Birmingham

*Learning Objective: Review the diagnosis  
and treatment (both pharmacologic and  
non-pharmacologic) of dementia.*

11:05 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

Morning Break with Exhibitors

11:35 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.

Value Creation in Healthcare Delivery

**Kurtis Eaton, MD, MBA**

Medical Director, Alabama and  
Tennessee

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*Learning Objective: Examine an alternative  
payment/care model for nursing home residents.*

12:35 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch and Membership Meeting

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Public Policy Update

**Alex Bardakh**

Director of Policy and Advocacy

AMDA

*Learning Objective: Review the current and  
future climate around fiscal policies in the nursing  
home environment.*

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Reducing Avoidable Hospitalizations in  
Nursing Home Residents

**Clare I. Hays, MD, CMD**

Associate Professor of Medicine

University of Alabama - Birmingham

*Learning Objective: Discuss the progress and  
pitfalls of nursing home transitions of long term  
residents as demonstrated in a CMS demonstration  
project.*

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast with Exhibitors

8:30 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.

Announcements

**Kendra Sheppard, MD**

Vice President, ALMDA

8:35 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

Dysphagia and Nutritional Concerns in  
Dementia

**David T. Hutchings, CCC-SLP.D**

Senior Managing Director of Therapy  
Services

Amedisys Home Healthcare

*Learning Objective: Examine the treatment of  
swallowing disorders in patients with dementia,  
particularly in the nursing home.*

10:35 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

Morning Break with Exhibitors

11:05 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

Choose Wisely Campaign

**Lisa Nichols, R.Ph., CGP**

Director of Consulting Services

Senior Care Pharmacy

*Learning Objectives: Review regulation regarding  
medications and discuss the appropriate use of  
medications in the older adult using the Choosing  
Wisely campaign.*

12:05 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.

Lunch

1:05 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.

Update on Pharmacy Issues in Long  
Term Care

**Lisa Nichols, R.Ph., CGP**

Director of Consulting Services

Senior Care Pharmacy

*Learning Objectives: Review role of a consultant  
pharmacist and the role of pharmacy for long term  
care facilities.*

2:05 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.

Alabama Medicaid Transformation  
Update

**Donald E. Williamson, MD**

State Health Officer

Alabama Department of Public  
Health

*Learning Objective: Obtain an update on  
Medicaid reform for the state of Alabama.*

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Strategies for Improving the Delivery  
of Mouth Care to Long Term Care  
Residents

**Rita Jablonski-Jaudon, PhD, CRNP**

Associate Professor

University of Alabama - Birmingham

*Learning Objective: Explore the benefits of oral  
hygiene in dementia patients residing in the  
nursing home.*

10:30 a.m.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Register online at  
[www.tinyurl.com/ALMDAconference](http://www.tinyurl.com/ALMDAconference).