

# MESSAGE FROM AMDA

**AMDA leadership continues to monitor the growing COVID-19 outbreak in the United States and has made the difficult decision to hold the meeting virtually rather than in Chicago.**

Various factors were taken into consideration, including:

- During this COVID-19 outbreak, medical directors and all clinical leaders and team members are needed in their facilities to provide care for their vulnerable residents and patients.
- With the increasing risks associated with travel, we cannot entertain the possibility that one or more of our attendees brings coronavirus back to their facility.
- Many (and a growing number) of agencies and organizations have placed travel restrictions on their associates, making it likely that many of our attendees would not be able to come to Chicago. For those who do travel, organizations are now requiring travelers to self-quarantine for 14 days on return, even with domestic travel.

**Here is what you need to know:**

1. The meeting will be held April 2-5 virtually. There will be no sessions in Chicago.
2. You do not need to take any action to register! Your registration will automatically transfer to the virtual meeting. You will receive an additional communication in the coming days with access instructions.
3. All hotel reservations within the Hyatt Regency Chicago group block will automatically be cancelled shortly and you will receive confirmation by email. If you would still like to stay at the Hyatt Regency Chicago during those dates, you can re-book a reservation at Hyatt.com, or by calling 800-233-1234. If you did not book within the AMDA hotel block, you should contact the hotel directly to cancel your reservation.
4. Don't forget to contact your airline to cancel your flights.
5. AMDA intends to proceed with the House of Delegates meeting as scheduled in a virtual form.

We ask for your patience and understanding as we work through the logistics of converting our incredible educational program into a virtual format. If you have any questions, please email [registration@paltc.org](mailto:registration@paltc.org).

**Here's why you should be excited:**

1. Attend the meeting from the comfort of your own home or office, while earning LIVE credits.
2. Gather some of your colleagues (or facility's interdisciplinary team) in a conference room to participate in sessions of interest. Show them the value of AMDA's educational content! *Note: CME can only be earned by the registered participant.*
3. Clinicians who haven't been able to attend the live meeting in the past can now attend virtually.

Thank you for your commitment to AMDA and our patient population. We look forward to delivering the latest clinical developments in geriatric medicine, best practices in medical direction, policy/regulatory updates, as well as practical tools to help implement new ideas in your practice setting.

Sincerely,



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