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SOCIETY FOR POST-ACUTE AND  
LONG-TERM CARE MEDICINE

**FALL SYMPOSIUM & ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA\***  
**Saturday, November 4, 2023**  
**Beechwood Hotel and Conference Center . Worcester, MA**

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| 7:30 – 8:30 AM   | Registration and breakfast – Exhibit Hall OPEN   |
| 8:30 – 10:00 AM  | <b><i>Calamity: ‘The State Surveyors are Here’- How to Make the Survey a Beneficial Experience for Facility Staff and Leadership</i></b> (panel discussion):<br><br>Moderator, Asif Merchant, MD, CMD<br>Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ellen Casey, RD, LNHA, Senior Executive Director, The Greens of Cannondale &amp; Wilton Meadows</li><li>• Christine Regan, RN, Business Development/Marketing Manager, PACT – Primary Care</li></ul> |
| 10:00 – 10:30 AM | <b><i>Psychological Needs During Short Rehabilitation Stays: Impact on Staff Wellness, Coping and Readmission Rates</i></b><br>Presenter: Evan Plys, Ph.D.   |
| 10:30 – 11:00 AM | Mid-Morning Coffee Break – Exhibit Hall OPEN   |
| 11:00 – 11:30 AM | <b><i>Psychopharmacologic Management of Behavioral Disorders in Patients with Dementia</i></b><br>Presenters: Zahra S. Sheikh, MD, MPH, CMD, Associate Professor, UMass Chan Medical School<br>Erika Zimmons, DO , Assistant Professor, UMass Chan Medical School  |
| 11:30 – 12:30 PM | <b><i>Frailty: How to Recognize It and What to Do About It</i></b><br>Presenter: Sandra Shi, MD  |
| 12:30 – 1:00 PM  | Lunch and Business Meeting   |
| 1:00 – 1:45 PM   | Small Group Moderated Break-Out Session  |
| 1:45 – 2:00 PM   | Mid-Afternoon Coffee Break   |
| 2:00 – 3:00 PM   | <b><i>Opiates, Substance Use Disorders and Suboxone Prescribing in Nursing Facilities</i></b><br>Presenter: Lauren Majors, NP  |
| 3:00 PM          | Meeting adjourns   |

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