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

7:30 – 8:30 AM  Registration and breakfast – Exhibit Hall OPEN

8:30 – 10:00 AM  
Calamity: ‘The State Surveyors are Here’- How to Make the Survey a Beneficial Experience for Facility Staff and Leadership (panel discussion):

Moderator, Asif Merchant, MD, CMD
Panelists:
• Ellen Casey, RD, LNHA, Senior Executive Director, The Greens of Cannondale & Wilton Meadows
• Christine Regan, RN, Business Development/Marketing Manager, PACT – Primary Care

10:00 – 10:30 AM  Psychological Needs During Short Rehabilitation Stays: Impact on Staff Wellness, Coping and Readmission Rates
Presenter: Evan Plys, Ph.D.

10:30 – 11:00 AM  Mid-Morning Coffee Break – Exhibit Hall OPEN

11:00 – 11:30 AM  Psychopharmacologic Management of Behavioral Disorders in Patients with Dementia
Presenters: Zahra S. Sheikh, MD, MPH, CMD, Associate Professor, UMass Chan Medical School
Erika Zimmons, DO , Assistant Professor, UMass Chan Medical School

11:30 – 12:30 PM  Frailty: How to Recognize It and What to Do About It
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  Opiates, Substance Use Disorders and Suboxone Prescribing in Nursing Facilities
Presenter: Lauren Majors, NP

3:00 PM  Meeting adjourns

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