The Society supports the entire interdisciplinary team and provides educational activities to be of value to all professionals practicing in the PA/LTC continuum.

**EDUCATIONAL NEEDS:**
The Society welcomes submissions on all topics pertinent to PA/LTC medicine and medical direction. Based on the latest educational needs analysis conducted by Annual Conference Program Planning Subcommittee, the following topics have been identified as areas of focus:

- Advance Care Planning Skills
- Advanced Medical Direction
- Advanced Quality Management Skills
- Anticoagulation Therapy
- Assisted Living
- Avoiding Provider Burnout
- Care of the Resident with Dementia (Antipsychotics Dose Reduction, Non-Pharmacological Treatments for Behavioral Symptoms of Dementia, The Role of Neuroimaging)
- Care of Younger Resident Populations
- Caring for the Patient in PA/LTC with Medically Complex Needs (Dialysis, LVAD, BiPAP, Post-Transplant)
- Clinical Updates (for Introductory and Advanced Levels)
  
  **Evaluation and Treatment Approaches for Common Conditions and Symptoms:**
  - Abdominal pain
  - Chest pain
  - Congestive Heart Failure
  - COPD
  - Dementia
  - Depression and Anxiety
  - Dermatology
  - Diabetes
  - Fever
  - Diarrhea
  - GI bleed
  - Head trauma
  - Morbid Obesity
  - Neurological Diseases
  - Oral Health
  - Pain Management
  - Respiratory Tract Infection
  - Shortness of breath
  - Sleep Issues
  - Wound Care

- Conducting Research in the LTC Setting
- Cultural Humility
- Determining Medical Necessity for Therapy
- Effective Communication with Patients, Staff, Families and Caregivers
- End-of-Life/Hospice – Controversies and Updates
- Home Care
- Infections in the Nursing Home (including Multidrug Resistance Organisms)
- Infection Control (Antibiotic Stewardship, Isolation Control Issues, Managing Outbreaks)
- Innovative Programs in PA/LTC
- Leadership in PA/LTC Setting
- Managing Patients with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Palliative Care
- PA/LTC Practice Models
- Policy Issues (Alternative Payment Models, Chronic Care Management, MACRO, Quality Measures)
- Post-Acute Rehabilitation
- Preventive Health Care
- Prognostication and How to Use it in Medical Decision Making
- Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI)
- Risk Management
- Rural Care Issues/Challenges
- Sexual Health in the Nursing Home
- Technology (Apps, EHR, Social Media, Telehealth)
- Transitional Care/Reducing Hospitalizations