

COVID-19 Rapid Response Network for Nursing Homes Week 9
Theme of the Week: Advanced Care Planning during COVID-19
June 29 – July 2, 2020

<p>Data Minute Takeaways:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standardized reporting of events and better coordination of information across settings may prevent adverse events as patients transition from hospitalizations to long-term care facilities. • 4 Barriers to ACP during COVID-19: 1) Staff discomfort with ACP conversation; 2) Lack of staff time; 3) Need to revisit existing ACPs; and 4) Lack of access to family members/care partners who would be involved in care planning, due to curtailed visitation. • Many more things and populations are being impacted by COVID-19 than you may hear about in the healthcare sphere, for example, mail-in voting for the Navajo Nation. • Don't forget to keep checking the CDC's webpage Preparing for COVID-19 in Nursing Home's for updates!
<p>Policy Update Takeaways:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS may now cover voluntary Advance Care Planning under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System. • AMDA has released an Advance Care Plan Tool: Managing Acute Respiratory Distress During the COVID-19 Pandemic. • ADVault and AMDA have partnered to offer the AMDA ACP Toolkit to providers utilizing ADVault's Facilitated Advance Care Planning Collaborate™ solution.
<p>Best Practice Takeaways:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These five phrases often matter most to people saying final goodbyes: please forgive me, I forgive you, thank you, I love you, and goodbye. • Respecting Choices has put together a list of resources, tools, and materials to support and inform treatment decisions and assist in having proactive care planning conversations within the context of COVID-19. • Use the POST Program to document treatment preferences as medical orders which will transfer with the resident across treatment settings. • MyDirectives can help residents create an advance care plan so family and doctors can make decisions that honor their wishes on their behalf.
<p>One Good Thing Highlights:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Tiffani A.: "Making tie-dye shirts with my son over the weekend!" • From Carol S.: "Played frisbee with the neighbor's dog this morning." • From Alice B.: "Looking forward to time at the beach this summer (with social distancing...)" • From Evelyn D.: "Got home in time yesterday to walk the dogs, workout and cook dinner!"