

Transforming Nursing Home Care Together (TNT) Program

Unit 1, Week# 5: Questions and Answers

Didactic Session: 08/03/22

Question: What does ICAR stand for?

Answer: ICAR stands for Infection Control Assessment and Response.

Question: What should we use for hand hygiene adherence? Should we use the adherence monitoring tool from HSAG or the one that was shared during the didactic session 5?

Answer: We usually recommend using the one from CDPH:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/MonitoringAdherenceToHCPracticesThatPreventInfection.aspx>

Question: Can you share the regulation about the medical director certification for nursing homes?

Answer: The California Assembly Bill 749, issued 10/07/2021:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB749

This bill would prohibit a skilled nursing facility from contracting with a person as a medical director if the person is not, or will not be within 5 years of the date of initial hire as the facility's medical director, certified by the American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine, or an equivalent organization as determined by the department, as a Certified Medical Director. Under the bill, a medical director already employed in a skilled nursing facility as of January 1, 2022, would have until January 1, 2027, to become a Certified Medical Director. More information on how SNFs should comply with this regulation can be found in CDPH AFL 21-46: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-46.aspx>, which state that all SNFs should report to CDPH no later than June 30, 2022 the name and certification status of the facility's medical director.

Question: Is a post-session evaluation quiz required after Small Group sessions?

Answer: No, there are no post-session evaluation quizzes for Small Group sessions. Post-session evaluation quizzes are only required after the didactic sessions on Wednesdays 1:30pm-2:30pm if you want to receive credit for your attendance and receive a Certificate of Completion or Continuing Education Units.

Small Group Session: 08/05/22

Question: If I missed one of the live didactic sessions, can I still take the post-session evaluation quiz?

Answer: Yes, you can still take the post-session evaluation quiz as long as you watched the recording.

Watching the recording and successfully passing the quiz will still make you eligible to receive a certificate of completion or CEUs. However, in order to receive credit for the facility attendance, at least one of the three Designated Participants must be present during 18 out of 23 live didactic sessions over the 8-month period.