



Assisted Living Consult can be a tool to help enhance quality and improve outcomes in your facility. Each issue presents learning opportunities for providers and the related care team. Copy this section and have your staff read the articles and test their knowledge by answering the questions below. Please note that each article title appears in color, with specific related questions below.

Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures 2008

- All people who have Alzheimer's disease and other dementias will eventually need end-of-life care unless they die suddenly of another cause.
 - True
 - False
- How many more hospital stays do people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias have compared with other older people?
 - The same number
 - Two times as many
 - Three times as many
 - Fewer
- On average, what percentage of older hospitalized patients have Alzheimer's disease or other dementias?
 - 10%
 - 25%
 - 50%
 - 75%

Five Steps to Improved Event Reporting

- Residents of AL facilities are typically happy to be transferred to a facility that can provide higher levels of care when the need arises.
 - True
 - False
- Which of the following is the 5-step process for event reporting?
 - Evaluation, notification, investigation, intervention, resolution
 - Investigation, evaluation, notification, intervention, resolution
 - Evaluation, investigation, notification, intervention, resolution
 - Notification, evaluation, investigation, intervention, resolution

Privacy in Practice: Long-term Care Adapts to HIPAA

- The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 places restrictions on the scope of information that a healthcare entity, excluding LTC facilities, may release about its residents.
 - True
 - False
- Many covered entities have implemented business practices in the name of privacy that have no basis in the law.
 - True
 - False
- Facilities must follow a set list of requirements to ensure that the personal health information of a resident is being used appropriately.
 - True
 - False

"Slow Medicine" ...? Why Not Palliative Care?

- Slow medicine is a partnership between physician and patient to plan ahead in which of the following areas (select all that apply):
 - Establishing goals for care
 - Embracing the patient's values
 - Understanding preferences for treatment
 - Resisting the imperative to treat when comfort and support are both appropriate
- More than 50% of all people die in a/the:
 - Home
 - LTC facility
 - Hospital
- Noncancer diagnoses now account for over 50% of all hospice admissions.
 - True
 - False

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Please see Answer Key below.

1. a	2. c	3. b	4. b	5. a	6. b
7. a	8. a	9. a, b, c, d	10. c	11. a	
Answer Key					