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Objectives

- What are the roles & functions of a Medical Director?
- How do these roles & functions differ in the Assisted Living setting?
- Why should an AL have a Medical Director?
- How do I find a Medical Director?





What is a Medical Director?

Four Main Roles:

- 1. Physician Leadership
- 2. Patient Care: Clinical Leadership
- 3. Quality of Care
- 4. Education, Information & Communication

Functions of the Medical Director

- Administrative
- Professional Services
- Quality Assurance
- Education
- **■** Employee Health

- Community
- Rights of Individuals
- Social, Regulatory, Political and

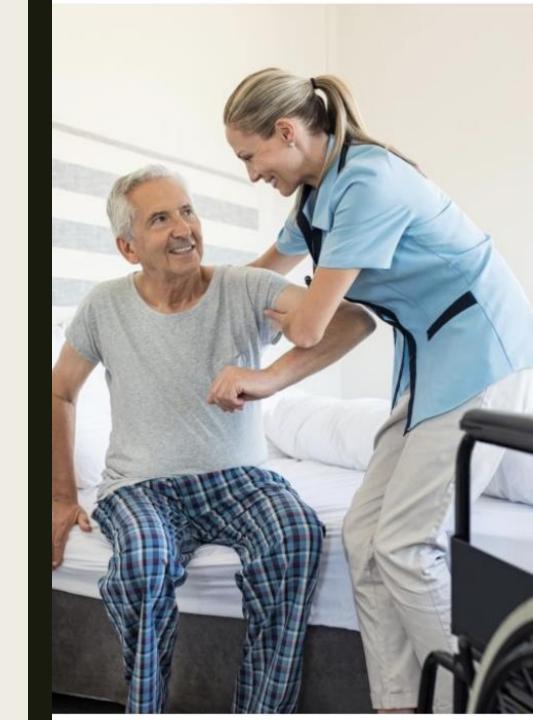
Economic Factors

Person-Directed Care



Assisted Living Evolving

- People staying home longer with services
- More frail at move-in
 - Need more hands-on care
 - More medical comorbidities and complexity
- Higher care expectations
 - Care needs
 - Clinical care
- Growth of in-house provider market



Assisted Living Medical Director

- Medical Oversight
- Policies and Procedures
- QA Review
- Emergency Treatment
- Transfers of Care

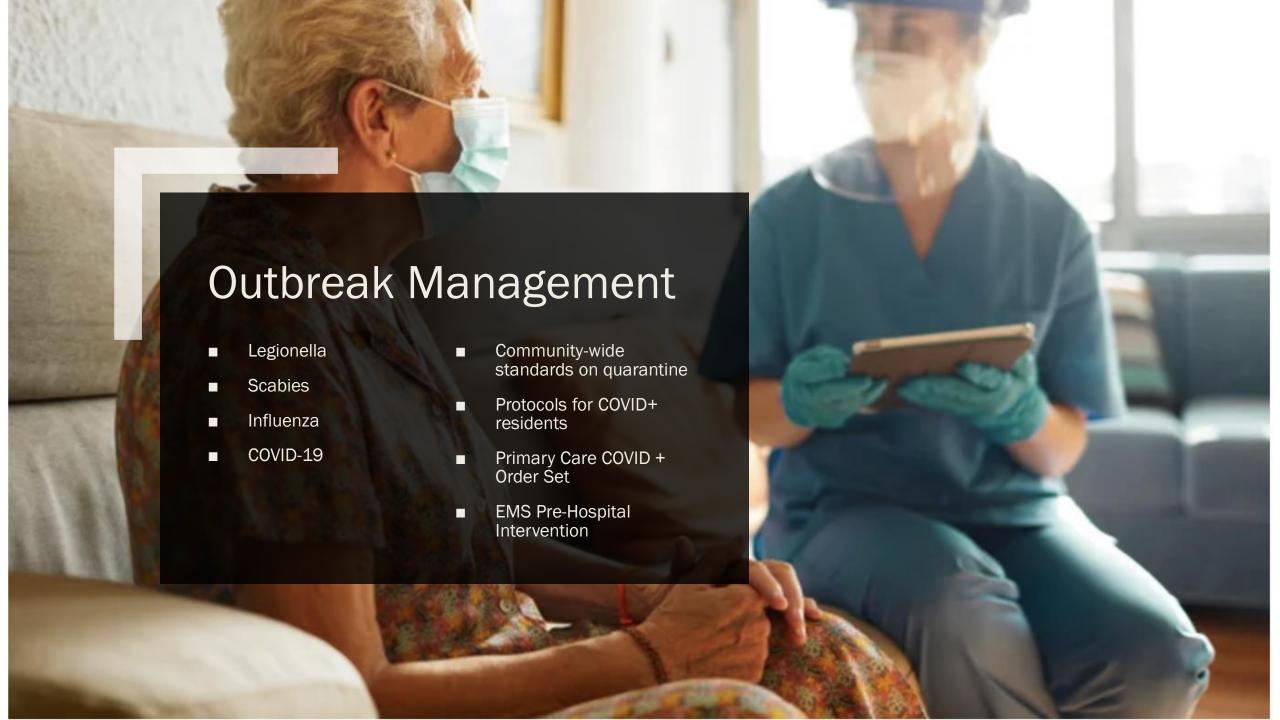
- QAPI Meeting Attendance
- Medical Representation in the Community
- Staff In-service
- Drug Irregularities Review
- Lab Director Coverage

Assisted Living Medical Director

- Behavior management
- Family concerns
- PCP consultation
- Transitions of care liaison
- State regulation interpretation
- Lab director review

Assisted Living Medical Director

- Provided insight and expertise that improved care
- Family involvement/interventions
- Extended the length of stay
- Reviewed incident reports & policies/procedures
- Residents/families respond better to information coming from a medical expert
- Reviewed resident appropriateness for AL and consideration of higher level of care
- Awareness of how other local ALs operate



Assisted Living Medical Director; Outbreak Management

- Pandemic specific benefits from medical direction
- Infection control policy creation and review
- Family reassurance that difficult changes were needed for safety
- Ordering and review of mandatory staff testing
- Guidance on quarantine procedures
- Ordering and guidance on resident testing

WHERE DO I FIND ONE OF THESE?



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Thank You

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