
PADONA's 38th Annual Conference

It is my pleasure to welcome you to a week filled with education, networking, and meaningful connections. Our Board of Directors and staff have dedicated countless hours to planning an enriching experience for you.

Get ready to be inspired by our speaker panel, engage with peers, explore exhibitor offerings, and enjoy the beautiful ambiance of the "Sweetest Place on Earth." We're thrilled to have you here and look forward to an unforgettable week together!

Weekly Event Reminders

Tuesday

- **Conference Sessions Begin at 11:15 AM.**
- Breakout sessions will be held in **Garden Terrace East** and the **Castilian Room**.
- Feel free to attend any session of interest and move between rooms throughout the afternoon.
- Refreshments and a light snack will be available during the break at 1:30 and 4:30 PM.

Wednesday

- **Exhibit Hall & Break Exhibits** open during:
 - **Morning Break:** 10:00 – 11:00 AM
 - **Afternoon Session:** 3:30 – 5:00 PM
- Enjoy **snacks, beer, and wine** while networking with our vendors during the afternoon exhibit hours.

Thursday

- **Exhibit Hall & Break Exhibits** are open during both morning and afternoon breaks.
- **Scholarship Basket Raffle Drawing** at **4:15 PM** in the **Garden Terrace Lobby**. You do not have to be present to win; however, winners must collect baskets by the end of the conference.
- **Annual Celebration Party** begins at **6:30 PM** in the **Garden Terrace Ballroom** with a social hour.
 - Network with peers and business partners over **drinks and hors d'oeuvres**.
 - **Live band, "The Roustabouts"** will play from **7:30 – 10:30 PM**—come ready to unwind and enjoy!

Friday

- The **conference concludes at Noon**.
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Scavenger Hunt

Our attendee **Scavenger Hunt** is back! A scavenger hunt checklist is included in your registration materials, featuring several "clues" to search for throughout the conference. Completed checklists must be submitted by **Thursday at 4:00 PM**. Select participants will be awarded **gift cards valued between \$50 – \$250** at our **Celebration Party on Thursday**.

Conference Etiquette

To ensure a respectful and engaging learning environment, we kindly ask that you:

- **Silence your cellphones** and refrain from personal conversations during educational sessions.
- Be considerate of speakers and fellow attendees by minimizing disruptions.

Conference Materials & Schedule

All conference presentations, the full schedule, and other key details are available online at:

👉 padona.com/attendee-information/

The password is: P@DON@

Name Tags & Meal Access

Your **name tag** serves as **both your meal ticket and entry** into PADONA-sponsored events. Please wear it at all times. Breakfast and lunch times and locations are listed in the conference schedule.

Gift Basket Raffle

Everyone is invited to participate in our **Gift Basket Raffle!**

- Baskets are displayed in the **Overlook Room** throughout the conference.
- Raffle tickets can be obtained through donations, benefiting our **Scholarship Fund**.
- To participate, place your ticket in the bag corresponding to your chosen basket.
- Winners will be drawn **Thursday at 4:15 PM in the Garden Terrace Lobby** and they must collect their baskets by Noon on Friday.

Special Door Prizes

Attendees have the chance to win a **special door prize** after each educational session!

Education Credit Tracking

To receive **Nursing Continuing Professional Development** contact hours and **NHA** credit hours, session attendance will be tracked using **TWO methods**:

1. **Barcode Scanning** – Your name tag barcode will be scanned **when entering and exiting each session**. If you leave a session for more than **10 minutes**, you will not receive credit for that session.
2. **Session Codes** – A unique code will be announced **at both the beginning and end** of each session. To earn contact hours, you must enter **both** codes in the **post-conference evaluation**.

✓ **Tracking Tip:** Use the **CE/Contact Hour Form** in your registration packet to record session codes. Do not leave this form behind, as you will need it to complete the online evaluation.

Post-Conference Evaluation & Credit Hours

After the conference, you will receive an email with a **link to the 2026 Conference Evaluation** and instructions on obtaining your education credits. Missing a session code **or** being absent for more than 10 minutes will **disqualify** you from earning credits for that session.

Save the Date: 2027 Annual Conference!

PADONA's 39th Annual Conference will be held at **The Hotel Hershey from March 30 – April 2, 2027.**

A Heartfelt Thank You

Our work at PADONA wouldn't be possible without the dedication of many individuals. **A sincere thank you** to our **Board of Directors** and the entire **PADONA Team** for their year-round commitment to providing our members with invaluable resources, support, and service.

In closing, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering commitment and dedication to the seniors of our Commonwealth. PADONA deeply appreciates all that you do for your residents and staff, and we are honored to serve you as your association.

Thank you for being a part of this year's conference—I hope you have a rewarding and enjoyable experience!

Respectfully yours,



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CEO/President



PADONA represents post-acute nurses and professionals providing care for our seniors across Pennsylvania nursing facilities. We are committed to supporting our Commonwealth long-term care professionals in their quest to provide quality care and services. We offer valuable education and training programs provided by industry leaders.

Our vision is to develop post-acute professionals who advocate and demonstrate integrity, compassion, and competency in the care and services provided to our seniors.