



# Georgia Medical Directors Association

# **MEMBERSHIP GUIDE**

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## ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

The Georgia Medical Directors Association (GMDA) is a state chapter of The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine (AMDA). GMDA is dedicated to the unique professional interests of medical directors, facilities, and associated professionals in Georgia's long-term care industry.

The purpose of GMDA is to represent members in the issues, values, causes, and concerns important to your practice and profession, and to work together to protect quality patient care in Georgia. GMDA provides education and resources to Medical Directors and the interdisciplinary team to keep everyone up-to-date on current issues and developments impacting the industry in order to effectively address clinical, professional, administrative, ethical, and public policy issues in long-term care.

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

### **Annual CME/CE Symposia**

Professional education on current issues in long-term care. Held annually in winter and summer.

### **Support Network**

Valuable opportunities for expanding your professional contacts and peer discussion.

### **Representation & Advocacy**

Become part of the collective voice for long-term care. We represent your professional interests through representation, education, and advocacy on behalf of physicians and industry professionals. We also collaborate with AMDA on issues at the federal level that impact our profession.

### **Communications & Resources**

Stay informed about current issues in long-term care through regular e-mail alerts, online resources, and a central Executive Office.

### **Leadership Opportunities**

Opportunities for leadership and involvement in the strategic direction of the organization.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

General Member	\$125
Facility Member	\$200
NP/RN/PA Member	\$75
Associate Member	\$100
Fellow/Resident	\$35
Student Member	fee waived

## **MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

### **General Member**

Any licensed physician who has an interest in or whose professional medical services are provided in full or in part within a long-term care facility. Membership in this category is not limited to Medical Directors. Members in this category shall receive full voting privileges and are eligible to hold office.

### **Nurse Practitioner / Registered Nurse / Physicians Assistant**

Any licensed Nurse Practitioner (NP), Registered Nurse (RN), or Physicians Assistant (PA) who has an interest in or whose professional services are provided in full or in part within a long-term care facility. NP/RN/PA members may attend meetings of the membership and may speak thereat, but shall not have voting privileges. One NP/RN/PA member serves on the Board of Directors in an advisory capacity.

### **Facility Member**

A long-term care facility may join as an entity, whereas the benefits of active membership would apply for multiple individuals on staff at one facility who are involved in the clinical or administrative functions of that facility.

A non-physician facility member may include, for example, the Director of Nursing, Owner, and/or Chief Administrator. Only the physician member is eligible to vote and hold office. All individuals under a facility membership may register for symposia at the member rate. A facility membership may include either:

- 1 physician + 1 non-physician OR
- 3 non-physicians

### **Associate Member**

Granted to any individual, group, or organization interested in long-term-care medicine and participating in or promoting the affairs of the GMDA. Associate members may attend meetings of the membership and may speak thereat, but shall have no voting privileges and are not eligible to hold office.

### **Fellow/Resident Member**

Any physician enrolled in a Geriatric Fellowship program or Internal/Family Medicine program who has an interest in long-term care medicine.

### **Student Member**

Any student enrolled in medical, physician assistant, nursing, or pharmacy school who has an interest in geriatric/long-term care medicine.

## **APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP**

To apply for membership in the GMDA, please submit your completed membership application with payment to:

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*Note: Pending applicants may register for the Winter/Summer Symposia at the corresponding member rate.*

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & TERMINATION**

The annual GMDA membership term extends from January 1-December 31 each year.

Initial membership renewal notices will be mailed in September for the upcoming calendar year. Follow-up notices will be sent to unpaid members monthly, up until the summer meeting.

Members who have not renewed their membership by January 31<sup>st</sup> will be granted a grace period through May 31<sup>st</sup>. During this time, unpaid members will be contacted and encouraged to renew by the Executive Office and Board of Directors. If a member fails to renew by the conclusion of the summer meeting, they will be dropped from the membership roster.

Members who were dropped for non-payment of dues may reinstate their membership by submitting a new application and applicable dues payment.

## **MEMBERSHIP POLICIES**

Policies or actions concerning membership are subject to change at any time by the GMDA Board of Directors.