



## Continuing Education Activity

**Activity Number:** WE-E09052012

**Title:** National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes

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Date: September 5, 2012  
Estimated Time: 1 Hour  
Course Format: In-person Presentation  
Course Fee: Free

**Activity Goal/Description:** The overall goal of this activity is to inform CMS staff, contractors and others about policies developed by CMS, new trends in health care, and the constantly evolving medical industry. This informational series will provide the foundation for the participant to support health care policy and program development, implementation and review at a level of excellence.

**Target Audience:** Physicians and other Health Care Professionals

**Activity Learning Objective:** By the end of the presentation, you should be able to identify the components of the CMS Initiative to improve behavioral health and reduce the use of antipsychotic medications for nursing home resident and identify the causes, symptoms and prevalence of dementia.

### Instructions for Participation and Credit:

In order to receive continuing education credit, participants must:

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3. Successfully complete the course by passing the post activity assessment, which is located at the end of the post activity evaluation

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**Authors and Disclosures:**

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Dr. Steven Levenson (developer/presenter) has worked in nursing homes as a physician and medical director almost daily for the past 34 years. He is a pioneer in the field of long-term care medical direction. I published the first book anywhere on how to be a long-term care medical director. As a medical director, he has been responsible for providing and/or directing the care of many thousands of residents and patients. This has included diagnosis and management of a vast spectrum of medical illnesses, behavior problems and psychiatric disorders, and functional and psychosocial issues. As a medical director, he has conducted many thousands of care reviews and investigations of appropriateness of care.

He has been involved in various consultative and advisory capacities with HCFA / CMS since 1988 related to the OBRA regulations and nursing home care. In the early 1990s, he was on the advisory group that worked with Sam Kidder to develop the initial surveyor guidance related to unnecessary medications including psychopharmacological medications. Subsequently, in the late 1990s, he has worked with Helen Deere Powell and others to update F329 guidance and do national surveyor training. Throughout the 2000s, he was substantially involved in helping write all of the TAG revisions starting with Pressure

Ulcers and including the major F329 update in 2006. Again, Dr. Levenson helped develop and provided national CMS surveyor training as well as surveyor training in a number of states.

Dr. Susan M. Levy (developer/presenter) joined the full time medical staff at Levindale Hebrew Geriatric Center and Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland December 1998 as the Vice President of Medical Affairs. Dr. Levy graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine and completed her Internal Medicine residency at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. She completed a Geriatric Medicine fellowship at The Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City. Dr. Levy is a member of the American Medical Directors Association and is a Certified Medical Director since 1996. She has participated in and/or chaired the Pain, COPD, Infection and the Health Care Maintenance CPG. She recently assisted with the revision of the Urinary Incontinence CPG. Dr. Levy is board certified in Internal Medicine and has her Certificate of Added Qualifications in Geriatric Medicine. She holds a faculty appointment at the The Johns Hopkins University as an Instructor in Medicine. She served as the President of the Maryland Medical Directors Association from 2004-2008 and is currently on the AMDA Board of Directors. She is a longstanding member of AGS.

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