



CMS 2012 Tri-Regional PACE CONFERENCE

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TRANSCRIPT

Closing Remarks

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I wanted to give a little summary of today's events and thank you all for coming, and thank all the speakers and panelists who came today. I think that we also have to give thanks to the wonderful staff who makes all this hard work look so easy.

And thanks to all of you because the conference wouldn't be a conference without this tremendous turnout that we've had today. And we've had a very successful Day 1; and Day 2, I expect, will be at least as successful, if not more so. And tomorrow we do have an early start at 8:30 a.m. in the morning. So please remember to come on time. You don't want to miss it.

Earlier when we had the stories and I was just sitting in the back there and I was told to kind sit back and listen to these stories and I thought if there was a book – I was kind of like really looking forward to a story, but not the same kind of story that we were told. I expected like a storybook story. And since last Friday was Dr. Seuss's birthday, I thought that it might be time to summarize today's activities maybe in a little bit of verse. So here goes; and forgive me, Dr. Seuss.

You are the PACE plans.
You care for the old.
You hydrate the elderly for infection control.

You report to enforce any elder abuse;
Whether rural or urban, there is no excuse.
Palliative end-of-life care based on preference,
A good death with dignity, the right frame of reference.

You are the PACE plans.
You shared moving stories.
Now go out and network,
And thank you for coming.