

GNES December 2, 2021 Fall Symposium Speakers



Steven Levenson, MD, CMD

Dr. Steven Levenson is widely recognized for his pioneering work in medical direction and efforts to improve long-term care. He has spent 43 years providing and overseeing long-term and post-acute care, serving as medical director in 22 different nursing homes in Maryland, and reviewing and guiding care in facilities in 25 different states. He has authored or co-authored more than 80 articles and four books, including *Medical Direction in Long-term Care* and the *Subacute and Transitional Care Handbook*. Over the past 30 years, he has been involved extensively in activities to improve the implementation of the OBRA '87 regulations and guidance. He is a Past President of the American Medical Directors Association (AMDA), 2006-2007.



Michael Wasserman, MD, CMD

Dr. Michael Wasserman is a geriatrician who has been a tireless advocate for vulnerable older adults during the COVID-19 pandemic, with multiple peer-reviewed publications and television appearances. He served as a member of the National Academy of Science's "A Framework for Equitable Allocation of Vaccine for the Novel Coronavirus" Committee and was a member of California's Community Vaccine Advisory Committee. He is Editor-in-Chief of Springer's upcoming textbook, *Geriatric Medicine: A Person-Centered Evidence Based Approach*. He previously served as Chief Executive Officer overseeing the largest nursing home chain in California. In 2001 he co-founded Senior Care of Colorado, which became the largest privately owned primary care geriatrics practice in the country, before selling it in 2010. Springer published his books, "The Business of Geriatrics," and "Primary Care for Older Adults: Models and Challenges" in 2016 and 2017. Dr. Wasserman was President and Chief Medical Officer for GeriMed of America, a Geriatric Medical Management Company.



David Chess, MD

Dr. David Chess is a Geriatrician, Internist, and Entrepreneur with 35 years of experience working to improve care for patients. He has focused his career on understanding the necessary elements required to meaningfully connect with people and move them to a better level of health with a specific interest in system design. Combining a deep respect for people, with an understanding of the limitations of our current health care system, David has created novel health care companies, providing alternative, patient friendly, and value creating approaches to care. Dr. Chess received his Medical Degree from Creighton University School of Medicine and completed his Internal Medicine Internship and Residency at Albert Einstein School of Medicine.



Nancy Madeiros, RN, MBA, Six Sigma Black Belt

Nancy Madeiros is a skilled strategist, facilitator, and consultant whose insights are founded on 30 years of experience within the healthcare field. Nancy began her career as a medical/surgical nurse, expanding into management with a focus on operational excellence and customer service. After becoming a Six Sigma Black Belt, she began work as a quality manager in Emergency Services – later working as a practice performance improvement specialist across physician practices. She is currently the Chief Operating Officer of 27 Degrees Consulting, and co-host of a health and wellness podcast: *The 27th Degree with Chris and Nancy*.