

CMSA-SCC HOLIDAY MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026

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Breakfast and Learn Event

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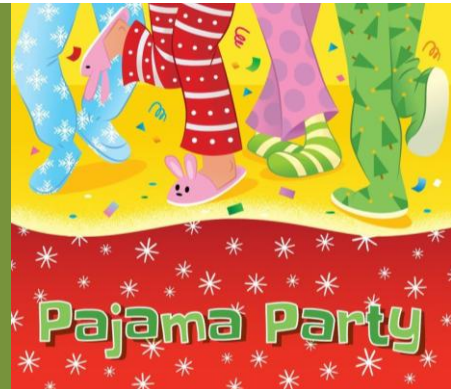


Location: The Grand Long Beach
4101 E. Willow Street
Long Beach, CA 90815
(562-580-3739)

**Breakfast and 3 Contact Hours for
Nurses and CCM
Start Time: 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

*THE KIND OF MEETING
YOU CAN JUST 'WAKE
UP AND GO'!*

*Come dressed in your
favorite holiday PJ
(optional) and join us for
breakfast!*



*Thank you for another fantastic year of participation, partnership, and support. In the spirit of **Gratitude and Giving**, we invite you to join us at The Grand to celebrate the close of 2026 and the arrival of 2027. **Please bring a new or gently used children's holiday book to our meeting.** Participation is optional; we will donate these books to a local children's service organization to help spread warmth, hope, and a love of reading this holiday season. --Yours truly, CMSA-SCC Board*

Presenters and Topics:

TITLE: Microprocessor Control in Prosthetics and Orthotics



Presenter: Chris Doerger, MPT, Certified Prosthetist with Ottobock

The purpose of this session is for participants to understand technology, identify patients, support rehabilitation and care plans, insurance coverage (pricing, coding), and practical aspects of use (maintenance, costs, etc). Microprocessor control has made recent advancements in technology and insurance coverage. This brief presentation reviews the current state of technology in prosthetics and orthotics (O&P), its application to patient care and rehabilitation, Medicare updates, and the practical implications of daily microprocessor technology use for patients. By the end of this presentation, the learner will have a better understanding of microprocessor technology as the new standard of care in O&P.

Learning Outcomes: At the end of this presentation, attendees will be able to:

1. Describe the positive feedback loop and its relevance to microprocessor technology in O&P.
2. List at least two clinical indications for the use of microprocessor technology in prosthetic patients.
3. List at least one clinical indication for the use of microprocessor technology in orthotic patients.
4. Briefly explain why Medicare increased microprocessor knee coverage to a wider patient population.
5. List at least three maintenance functions that a patient or health professional may need to include when considering a comprehensive care plan.

TITLE: Emotional Adjustment Strategies for Individuals Experiencing Vision Loss



Presenter: Miriam Hermoso, MSW, ASW, Jeremy Hill, MSW, ASW, and Hannah Thomson, MSW, LCSW, from Braille Institute

This session explores emotional and social adjustment for individuals experiencing vision loss and techniques to help increase coping and resiliency. With more than 7 million people in

the United States living with vision loss, understanding emotional impacts and support strategies is an important treatment consideration in holistic case management services. Presenters will focus on emotional recovery issues, including adjusting to a new vision loss diagnosis and impacts on identity, navigating isolation, and seeking social engagement. Presenters will discuss targeted support for regaining independent living skills, including resources related to reading support, low vision occupational therapy, adaptive technology training, and tools for daily living. Emotional and functional recovery for vision loss promotes cognitive health, independence, and quality of life. It is an important treatment consideration to improve client outcomes.

Learning Outcomes: By the end of this session, attendees will be able to:

1. Develop a deeper understanding of the emotional impacts of visual impairments and blindness.
2. Recognize appropriate engagement etiquette, awareness, and sensitivity to adjustment issues.
3. Explore strategies to support affected individuals in emotional and psychosocial recovery.

TITLE: Advancing Continuity of Care in Hepatic Encephalopathy

Presenter: Nancy Skinner, RN, CCM, CMGT-BC, ACM-RN, CMCN, FCM



Today, the delivery of healthcare interventions may become fragmented without a consistent focus on fostering an efficient transition of patient care as the patient experiences his or her unique patient journey. Patients may be challenged by an inability to comprehensively understand their diagnosis, implement all aspects of the continuing care plan or, even, realize which provider will guide their care as they transition through the healthcare continuum. One group that may experience many of these challenges are those who have been diagnosed with hepatic encephalopathy (HE). This presentation

will focus not only on the challenges faced by patients diagnosed with HE but also on the steps the transitional care team might employ to effectively manage this complex brain dysfunction and support the patient throughout their healthcare journey.

Learning Outcomes: At the end of this presentation, attendees will be able to:

1. Discuss the disease burden associated with a diagnosis of hepatic encephalopathy (HE) including signs and symptoms, risk of recurrence, and the emotional and financial stress experienced by patients, families and caregivers.
2. Consider the economic impact of hepatic encephalopathy on the healthcare delivery system.
3. Review established Standards for Transitions of Care and specific steps for implementing those Standards in patients diagnosed with hepatic encephalopathy.

AGENDA (NOV. 19, 2026):

Registration/Breakfast:	7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Presentation:	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (Chris Doerger)
Break/Networking:	9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Presentation:	9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. (Miriam H., Jeremy H., and Hannah T.)
Break/Networking:	10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Presentation:	10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Nancy Skinner)

Target Audience: RN, LVN, CCM, and other allied health care professionals

CMSA-SCC is an approved provider of the California BRN. Provider # CEP 14032, for three contact hours.
CCMC for three CCM Continuing Education Hours—Activity Code (pending); Approval Code (pending)

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February 18, 2027

Location: To be Announced