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Dear Colleagues,

Organizations like ours, the **Greater New England Society for Post-acute and Long-Term Care (GNES-PALTC)**, are needed more than ever as we strive for excellence in the practice of our medical specialty while we face a variety of challenges. We did not anticipate the Covid 19 epidemic and the sudden and dramatic impact it has had on our lives, nor did we expect the ongoing effect the epidemic has had on our practices. Our society and its leadership rose to the occasion early in the pandemic by providing moral support and education for a disease with a devastating impact on our communities. Together we are facing the aftermath of the crisis which includes staff shortages, ongoing infection risk, declining efficacy of our pharmacologic tools and emergent variants whose impact remains uncertain. GNES-PALTC remains committed to help keep you our members abreast of an ever-changing science.

Declining reimbursement by insurers, particularly by Medicare, compounds the difficulty of our work. In an alliance with our national partners including AMDA and the AMA, we are offering support for reimbursement changes that will provide financial stability for our practices and which will reward the value of medical care provided to our patients.

I am asking you to renew your membership in GNES for 2023. Join us for our regional and national educational meetings where you will be rewarded with excellent educational activities and opportunities for collegiality and sharing in finding solutions for the challenges we all face in our professional lives. **Our Society's membership dues remain unchanged for 2023: \$100/year for physician members and \$75/year for Interdisciplinary Members (RN's, NP's, PA's and Pharmacists)**

If you are also a member of The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine (AMDA), you can renew your national and regional dues at the same time through AMDA. **To renew directly through GNES-PALTC,** visit: <https://gnes-paltec.org/node/11064>

Sincerely,

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President, **GNES-PALTC**