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- Stroll across the famous and stunning Charles Bridge
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- The Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe
- Notre Dame Cathedral and Sacré-Coeur Basilica
- The Louvre and other famous museums
- Palais Garnier - Opera National de Paris
- Much, much more!

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- Bariatrics
- Cardiovascular
- Dermatology
- Ear, Nose, Throat
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- Geriatrics
- Infectious Disease
- Men’s Health
- Neurology
- Obesity
- Oncology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedics
- Pain Management
- Psychiatry
- Pulmonology
- Rheumatology
- Sports Medicine
- Vascular
- Women’s Health

DATES AND LOCATIONS

2015

- **May 25-28**
  Barcelona, Spain
  Majestic Hotel & Spa
  Barcelona
  Starting at 209€ per night Single Room
  Starting at 329€ per night Double Room
  Each additional breakfast 34€ per person

- **May 29-31**
  Las Vegas, NV
  The Cosmopolitan
  Starting at 221€ per night

- **June 7-11**
  Oahu, HI
  Aulani, A Disney Resort & Spa
  Starting at 399€ per night

- **June 25-28**
  Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada
  The Fairmont Chateau
  Lake Louise
  Starting at 369€ per night

- **July 13-16**
  Prague, Czech Republic
  InterContinental Prague
  Starting at 175€ per night Single Classic Room
  Starting at 185€ per night Double Classic Room
  Each additional breakfast 27€ per person

- **August 6-9**
  Washington, D.C.
  Mandarin Oriental, Washington, D.C.
  Starting at 250€ per night

- **August 16-20**
  Maui, HI
  Grand Wailea, A Waldorf Astoria Resort
  Starting at 225€ per night

- **September 11-13**
  Walt Disney World® Resort, FL
  Disney’s Grand Floridian Resort & Spa
  Starting at 259€ per night

- **October 11-15**
  Walt Disney World® Resort, FL
  Disney’s Grand Floridian Resort & Spa
  Starting at 299€ per night

- **October 18-22**
  Kauai, HI
  The St. Regis Princeville Resort
  Starting at 339€ per night

- **October 19-22**
  Paris, France
  InterContinental Paris Le Grand
  Starting at 340€ per night Single Room
  Starting at 365€ per night Double Room
  Each additional breakfast 10€ per person

Hotel rates subject to change, visit www.mer.org for details. ■ 3-Day Conference. ■ 4-Day Conference. ■ 5-Day Conference.
**DATES AND LOCATIONS**

- **November 5-8**
  Nevis, W.I.
  Four Seasons Resort Nevis
  Pinney’s Beach
  Starting at $325 per night

- **November 19-22**
  Key West, FL
  Casa Marina, A Waldorf Astoria Resort
  Starting at $309 per night

- **December 3-6**
  Peninsula Papagayo, Costa Rica
  Four Seasons Resort Costa Rica at Peninsula Papagayo
  Starting at $395 per night

- **December 13-17**
  Oahu, HI
  Aulani, A Disney Resort & Spa
  Starting at $319 per night

- **December 28-30**
  Las Vegas, NV
  The Cosmopolitan
  Starting at $169 per night

**2016**

- **January 28-31**
  Key West, FL
  Casa Marina, A Waldorf Astoria Resort
  Starting at $379 per night

- **February 7-11**
  Maui, HI
  Grand Wailea, A Waldorf Astoria Resort
  Starting at $295 per night

- **February 11-14**
  St. Maarten, Sint Maarten
  The Westin St. Maarten Dawn Beach Resort & Spa
  Starting at $349 per night

- **February 25-28**
  Key West, FL
  Casa Marina, A Waldorf Astoria Resort
  Starting at $449 per night

- **March 13-17**
  Walt Disney World® Resort, FL
  Disney’s Grand Floridian Resort & Spa
  Starting at $329 per night

- **March 20-24**
  Waikoloa, HI
  Hilton Waikoloa Village
  Starting at $299 per night

- **March 24-27**
  St. Maarten, Sint Maarten
  The Westin St. Maarten Dawn Beach Resort & Spa
  Starting at $345 per night

- **May 25-28, 2015**
  Barcelona, Spain
  - Cardiovascular
  - Pulmonology
  - Neurology
  - Infectious Disease

- **May 29-31, 2015**
  Las Vegas, NV
  - Rheumatology
  - Orthopedics
  - Pain Management

- **June 7-11, 2015**
  Oahu, HI
  - Oncology
  - Neurology
  - Rheumatology
  - Psychiatry

- **June 25-28, 2015**
  Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada
  - Endocrinology
  - Obesity
  - Vascular
  - Gastroenterology

- **July 13-16, 2015**
  Prague, Czech Republic
  - Psychiatry
  - Pain Management
  - Orthopedics
  - Rheumatology

- **August 6-9, 2015**
  Washington, D.C.
  - Rheumatology
  - Pulmonology
  - Dermatology
  - Cardiovascular

- **August 16-20, 2015**
  Maui, HI
  - Endocrinology
  - Orthopedics
  - Neurology
  - Dermatology

- **September 11-13, 2015**
  Walt Disney World® Resort, FL
  - Rheumatology
  - Vascular
  - Oncology

- **October 11-15, 2015**
  Walt Disney World® Resort, FL
  - Neurology
  - Geriatrics
  - Dermatology
  - Orthopedics

- **October 18-22, 2015**
  Kauai, HI
  - Orthopedics
  - Cardiovascular
  - Pulmonology

- **October 19-22, 2015**
  Paris, France
  - Dermatology
  - Barriatics
  - Endocrinology
  - Psychiatry

- **November 5-8, 2015**
  Nevis, W.I.
  - Pulmonology
  - Cardiovascular
  - Neurology
  - Dermatology

- **November 19-22, 2015**
  Key West, FL
  - Ear, Nose, Throat
  - Oncology
  - Infectious Disease
  - Geriatrics

- **December 3-6, 2015**
  Peninsula Papagayo, Costa Rica
  - Gastroenterology
  - Vascular
  - Pain Management

- **December 13-17, 2015**
  Oahu, HI
  - Infectious Disease
  - Dermatology
  - Orthopedics

- **December 28-30, 2015**
  Las Vegas, NV
  - Neurology
  - Endocrinology
  - Cardiovascular

- **January 28-31, 2016**
  Key West, FL
  - Cardiovascular
  - Legal
  - Oncology
  - Vascular

- **February 7-11, 2016**
  Maui, HI
  - Dermatology
  - Infectious Disease
  - Neurology
  - Psychiatry

- **February 11-14, 2016**
  St. Maarten, Sint Maarten
  - Orthopedics
  - Pain Management
  - Rheumatology
  - Sports Medicine

- **February 25-28, 2016**
  Key West, FL
  - Cardiovascular
  - Gastroenterology
  - Neurology
  - Psychiatry

- **March 13-17, 2016**
  Walt Disney World® Resort, FL
  - Ear, Nose, Throat
  - Gastroenterology
  - Men’s Health
  - Women’s Health

- **March 20-24, 2016**
  Waikoloa, HI
  - Cardiovascular
  - Endocrinology
  - Pulmonology

- **March 24-27, 2016**
  St. Maarten, Sint Maarten
  - Endocrinology
  - Geriatrics
  - Infectious Disease
  - Psychiatry

**3-Day Conference**
**4-Day Conference**
**5-Day Conference**

Visit www.mer.org for complete session titles and learning objectives for each meeting.
WOMEN’S HEALTH FOR PRIMARY CARE

Upon completion of this program, participants should be better able to:
- Distinguish between ovulatory and anovulatory uterine bleeding and other menstrual abnormalities and select appropriate treatment options
- Explain the process of menopausal transition (climacteric) and describe the potential risks/benefits of HRT options, especially in relation to breast cancer and cardiovascular disease
- Describe the management of HPV infection and abnormal pap smear results
- Identify current strategies for diagnosing and managing osteoporosis, thyroid disorders and obese patients
- Discuss the symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of chronic fatigue syndrome
- Recognize and manage common symptoms of depression and other psychiatric disorders in women

PROGRAM (WOMEN’S HEALTH)

DAY ONE (8:00 AM - 12:40 PM)
- Abnormal Uterine Bleeding
- Menopausal Transition and Hormone Replacement Therapy
- Breast Cancer Screening
- Osteoporosis
- Managing Obesity
- Case Presentations

DAY TWO (8:00 AM - 12:40 PM)
- Thyroid Disorders in Women
- Depression in Women
- Other Psychiatric Disorders
- Management of Abnormal Pap Smears
- Management of High-Risk HPV Infections
- Case Presentations

DAY THREE (8:00 AM - 10:00 AM)
- Anxiety Disorders
- Case Presentations

Dates and Locations

2015
- June 19-21
  Lake George, NY
  The Sagamore Resort
  Updates in Women’s Health
  Starting at $239 per night
- July 17-19
  Las Vegas, NV
  The Cosmopolitan
  Updates in Women’s Health
  Starting at $199 per night
- August 7-9
  Walt Disney World® Resort, FL
  Disney’s Yacht & Beach Club Resorts
  Updates in Women’s Health
  Starting at $235 per night

2016
- February 19-21
  Las Vegas, NV
  Caesars Palace
  Updates in Women’s Health
  Starting at $159 per night

Hotel rates subject to change, visit www.mer.org for details. ▪ 3-Day Conference.
DATES AND LOCATIONS

Men’s Health content will be offered in these locations:

2015

- **May 22-24**
  Walt Disney World® Resort, FL
  Disney’s Yacht & Beach Club Resorts
  Updates in Women’s/Men’s Health
  Starting at $299 per night

- **October 16-18***
  New York, NY
  New York Marriott Marquis
  Updates in Women’s/Men’s Health
  Starting at $359 per night

*Note: Topics vary by location. Please see www.mer.org for individual conference agendas.*

MEN’S HEALTH FOR PRIMARY CARE

Upon completion of this program, participants should be better able to:

- Differentiate between and treat benign prostate conditions and prostate cancers
- Discuss medical management of male sexual health including sexual function, fertility and infertility,
- Council patients regarding androgen replacement
- List common sexually transmitted diseases
- Describe disorders of male hypogonadism

TOPICS (MEN’S HEALTH)

- Male Maligancies (testes and prostate)
- Benign Prostatic Conditions
- Prostate Cancer Screening and Treatment
- Family Planning: Fertility, Infertility, Vasectomy
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Androgen Replacement, Sexual Function and Dysfunction
- Male Hypogonadism and Testosterone Therapy
- Endocrine Breast Disorders in Men (Gynecomastia)

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CARDIO/PULMONARY MEDICINE FOR PRIMARY CARE

Upon completion of this program, participants should be better able to:

- Describe current diagnostic approaches to hypertension, congestive heart failure, arrhythmias, ACS and CAD
- Discuss treatment strategies reflective of current evidence-based medicine for hypertension, congestive heart failure, arrhythmias, ACS and CAD
- Identify the pathophysiology and diagnostic approach of asthma, COPD and common respiratory infections
- Design treatment strategies reflective of current evidence-based medicine for asthma, COPD and common respiratory infections

PROGRAM

DAY ONE (8:00 AM - 12:40 PM)
- Asthma
- Controversies in the Treatment of Common Respiratory Infections
- Workup of Patients with Suspected CAD: Which Tests for Which Patients
- Acute Coronary Syndromes: Initial Workup and Treatment
- Case Presentations: (Cardiology)

DAY TWO (8:00 AM - 12:40 PM)
- Arrhythmia Management for the Primary Care Physician
- Hypertension Update
- Congestive Heart Failure
- Everything You Need to Know About COPD
- Case Presentations: (Pulmonary)

DAY THREE (8:00 AM - 10:00 AM)
- Primary and Secondary Prevention of CAD
- Case Studies

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DATES AND LOCATIONS

2015
- June 25-28*
  Disneyland® Resort, CA
  Disney’s Grand Californian Hotel & Spa
  Starting at $262 per night
- August 13-16*
  San Diego, CA
  Hotel del Coronado
  Starting at $299 per night
- August 28-30
  Monterey, CA
  Monterey Marriott
  Starting at $279 per night
- November 20-22
  Las Vegas, NV
  The Cosmopolitan
  Starting at $199 per night
- December 10-13*
  Key West, FL
  Casa Marina, A Waldorf Astoria Resort
  Starting at $269 per night

2016
- February 4-7*
  Nassau, Bahamas
  Atlantis Paradise Island Resort
  $169 Beach Tower
  $199 Coral Tower
  $239 Royal Tower
  $429 Cove Suites
- March 4-6
  Las Vegas, NV
  Bellagio
  Starting at $189 per night

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NEUROLOGY AND PSYCHIATRIC MEDICINE FOR PRIMARY CARE

NEUROLOGY LEARNING OBJECTIVES
Upon completion of this program, participants should be better able to:
- Review a neurological exam
- Explain the differential diagnosis of seizures and the clinical pharmacology of anti-epileptic drugs
- Distinguish dementia from delirium, as well as recognize the neurological changes of normal aging
- Discuss developments in diagnostic technology and stroke management
- Assess and manage vascular and non-vascular headaches and migraines

PSYCHIATRY LEARNING OBJECTIVES
Upon completion of this program, participants should be better able to:
- Review diagnosis and treatment (pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic) of substance abuse, anxiety disorders, and ADHD in adults
- Discuss mood stabilizing psychosocial and pharmacologic treatments of bipolar disorder as well as frequent co-morbid psychiatric disorders
- Describe common obstacles to coping with chronic illness and understand strategies that facilitate medication adherence, including the role of self-concept in adapting
- Identify and set limits with problematic patients and use tools to manage personal reactions
- Review risk factors and patients at risk for suicide and violence and intervene to make timely referrals to combat hopelessness

PROGRAM

NEUROLOGY
- Neurological exam
- Back pain
- Epilepsy
- Paroxysmal disorders
- Sleep disorders
- Alzheimer’s disease
- Parkinson’s disease
- Cerebrovascular disorders
- Headaches & migraines
- Dizziness & vertigo

PSYCHIATRY
- Adult ADHD
- Bipolar disorders
- Adherence
- The difficult patient
- Depression
- Substance abuse
- Anxiety disorders
- Suicide & violence

DATES AND LOCATIONS

2015
- May 14-17*  
  Key West, FL  
  Casa Marina, A Waldorf Astoria Resort  
  Neuro/Psych Medicine for Primary Care  
  Starting at $299 per night
- July 23-26*  
  Mackinac Island, MI  
  Grand Hotel  
  Neuro/Psych Medicine for Primary Care  
  $430 Cat I  
  $530 Cat II  
  $670 Cat III  
  Rates based on Double Occupancy  
  Daily rates include full breakfast and dinner
- August 14-16  
  Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada  
  Marriott Gateway on the Falls  
  Neurology for Primary Care  
  Starting at $220 per night
- October 16-18  
  Charleston, SC  
  Francis Marion Hotel  
  Neurology for Primary Care  
  Starting at $265 per night
- October 30-November 1  
  Las Vegas, NV  
  The Venetian  
  Neuro/Psych Medicine for Primary Care  
  Starting at $209 per night
- November 19-22*  
  Disneyland® Resort, CA  
  Disney’s Grand Californian Hotel® & Spa  
  Neuro/Psych Medicine for Primary Care  
  Starting at $262 per night
- December 3-6*  
  Walt Disney World® Resort, FL  
  Disney’s Grand Floridian Resort & Spa  
  Neuro/Psych Medicine for Primary Care  
  Starting at $309 per night
- December 11-13  
  Whistler, BC, Canada  
  The Westin Resort & Spa, Whistler  
  Neuro/Psych Medicine for Primary Care  
  Starting at 219 CAD per night

2016
- February 25-28*  
  San Juan, Puerto Rico  
  InterContinental San Juan  
  Neuro/Psych Medicine for Primary Care  
  Starting at $274 per night
- March 25-27  
  Walt Disney World® Resort, FL  
  Disney’s Yacht Club Resort  
  Neurology for Primary Care  
  Starting at $299 per night

For a list of complete learning objectives when Neurology only is presented see www.mer.org.
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3-Day Conference.  
*4-Day Conference.

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ENDOCRINOLOGY FOR PRIMARY CARE

Upon completion of this program, participants should be better able to:

- Describe and tailor treatment strategies for Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes
- Review the diagnostic criteria and therapeutic approaches to osteoporosis and other calcium-related disorders
- Interpret the diagnostic criteria for dyslipidemia and design individualized treatment plans
- Describe the pathophysiology surrounding obesity and counsel patients on the various weight management strategies including patient selection criteria for surgery
- Discuss current diagnostic and treatment approaches to thyroid nodules and disorders

PROGRAM

DAY ONE (8:00 AM - 12:40 PM)
- Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus
- Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus
- Disorders of Calcium Metabolism
- Management of Dyslipidemia
- Case Presentations

DAY TWO (8:00 AM - 12:40 PM)
- Disorders of Thyroid Function
- Obesity Management Update
- Metabolic Bone Disease
- Case Presentations

DAY THREE (8:00 AM - 10:00 AM)
- Thyroid Nodules
- Case Presentations

4-day agenda and learning objectives at mer.org

DATES AND LOCATIONS

2015
- April 30-May 3*
  Grand Cayman Islands, BWI
  The Westin Grand Cayman Seven Mile Beach Resort & Spa
  Starting at $319 per night
- May 22-24
  Asheville, NC
  The Grove Park Inn
  Starting at $299 per night
- June 12-14***
  Laguna Beach, CA
  Montage Laguna Beach
  Starting at $399 per night
  Premium Location
- August 21-23
  Seattle, WA
  Grand Hyatt Seattle
  Starting at $285 per night
- September 25-27
  Santa Fe, NM
  Eldorado Hotel & Spa
  Starting at $242 per night
- October 30-November 1
  Walt Disney World® Resort, FL
  Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa
  Starting at $299 per night

2016
- January 29-31
  Walt Disney World® Resort, FL
  Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa
  Starting at $309 per night
- February 12-14
  Breckenridge, CO
  The Village at Breckenridge
  Starting at $279 per night

Hotel rates subject to change, visit www.mer.org for details.

*3-Day Conference. **4-Day Conference. ***Premium Location.
GERIATRIC MEDICINE FOR PRIMARY CARE

Upon completion of this program, participants should be better able to:

- Use a comprehensive geriatric assessment to identify potential issues
- Discuss the etiologies, differential diagnoses, and treatment approaches to depression in the elderly
- Assess and manage cardiac, vascular, musculoskeletal and urologic disorders
- Evaluate gait disorders and design practical approaches for the prevention of falls
- Differentiate between cognitive impairment, dementias, and Alzheimer’s Disease, and formulate appropriate treatment options
- Evaluate and manage pain in the older adult

PROGRAM

DAY ONE (8:00 AM - 12:40 PM)
- Approach to the Geriatric Patient
- Depression in the Older Adult
- Assessing and Managing Urological Disorders
- Addressing Cardiovascular Problems
- Case Presentations

DAY TWO (8:00 AM - 12:40 PM)
- Vascular Problems
- Common Musculoskeletal Problems
- Geriatric Gait Disorders and Falls
- Diagnosis and Management of the Patient with Dementia or Alzheimer’s Disease
- Case Presentations

DAY THREE (8:00 AM - 10:00 AM)
- Pain Management
- Case Presentations

DATES AND LOCATIONS

2015
- May 1-3
  New Orleans, LA
  JW Marriott New Orleans
  Starting at $309 per night
- June 26-28
  Las Vegas, NV
  The Cosmopolitan
  Starting at $199 per night
- July 24-26***
  Martha’s Vineyard, MA
  Harbor View Hotel
  Starting at $499 per night
  Premium Location
- September 18-20***
  Sea Island, GA
  The Cloister at Sea Island
  Starting at $420 per night
  Premium Location
- October 9-11
  Las Vegas, NV
  Bellagio
  Starting at $259 per night
- December 28-30
  Walt Disney World® Resort, FL
  Disney’s Yacht & Beach Club Resorts
  Starting at $345 per night

2016
- January 29-31
  Las Vegas, NV
  Caesars Palace
  Starting at $199 per night
- February 12-14
  Scottsdale, AZ
  The Phoenician
  Starting at $369 per night

Hotel rates subject to change, visit www.mer.org for details. 3-Day Conference. ***Premium Location.
OFFICE ORTHOPEDICS FOR PRIMARY CARE

Upon completion of this program, participants should be better able to:

- Discuss common office orthopedic problems
- Describe the anatomy and function of the shoulder and knee joints
- Review the basics and common pitfalls of orthopedic X-ray interpretation for shoulder and knee imaging
- Describe how and when to utilize joint aspiration and injection for the shoulder and knee joints
- Assess common joint problems and describe treatment options

PROGRAM

DAY ONE (8:00 AM - 12:40 PM)
- Shoulder: rotator cuff syndrome; impingement, frozen shoulder; subacromial bursitis; bicipital tendonitis; A-C joint disease
- Upper Extremities: dislocation, differential diagnosis of associated neck problems and referred pain, joint injection/X-ray views and interpretation, indications for MRI
- Elbow: tennis and golfer’s elbow, nursemaid’s elbow, olecranon bursitis, supracondylar fractures, joint injection/X-ray interpretation
- Wrist and Hand

DAY TWO (8:00 AM - 12:40 PM)
- Knee: evaluation and treatment of anterior knee pain; ACL, meniscus, MRI; common sports injuries; osteoarthritis and hyaluronan; bursitis: prepatellar, pes anserine; baker’s cyst; joint injection/X-ray interpretation; pediatrics
- Ankle and Foot

DAY THREE (8:00 AM - 10:00 AM)
- Shoulder Examination and Injection Workshop
- Knee Examination, Injection, and Aspiration Workshop

Hotel rates subject to change, visit www.mer.org for details. 3-Day Conference.
Upon completion of this program, participants should be better able to:
• Differentiate between inflammatory and non-inflammatory joint pain and the differential diagnosis of each category
• Describe the technique of joint aspiration, joint injection, and synovial fluid analysis
• Demonstrate a musculoskeletal examination
• Evaluate and treat osteoarthritis, fibromyalgia, spinal pain, regional pain syndromes, osteoporosis, and gout
• Use current evidence to design treatment strategies for rheumatoid arthritis

PROGRAM

DAY ONE (8:00 AM - 12:40 PM)
• Evaluating the Patient with Joint Pain
• Physical Examination of Joints and Soft Tissue and Diagnosis of Regional Pain Syndromes
• Differential Diagnosis of Inflammatory Arthritis
• Update in Pharmacology for Arthritis
• Workshop: Hands-on Joint and Soft Tissue Examination

DAY TWO (8:00 AM - 12:40 PM)
• Osteoarthritis
• Crystal Disease: Gout and Pseudogout
• Spinal Pain
• Osteoporosis
• Joint Injection Technique
• Workshop: Joint Aspiration and Injection Technique

DAY THREE (8:00 AM - 10:00 AM)
• Fibromyalgia
• Case Presentations

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INFECTIONOUS DISEASE MEDICINE FOR PRIMARY CARE

Upon completion of this program, participants should be better able to:

- Discuss the most important approaches to the febrile patient with potentially life-threatening diseases in both hospital- and clinic-associated settings
- Diagnose and manage important infectious disease syndromes in a range of organ-based systems (CNS, respiratory, gastrointestinal, skin and soft-tissue)
- Identify the 2014 updates for immunizations and genitourinary infections (including selected sexually transmitted diseases)
- Describe important strategies for the evaluation of infections in immunocompromised hosts

PROGRAM

DAY ONE (8:00 AM - 12:40 PM)
- Bone and Joint Infections
- Immunizations 2014
- Emerging Infectious Diseases
- Gastrointestinal Infections and *Clostridium Difficile*
- Infectious Disease Syndromes in the Special Host

DAY TWO (8:00 AM - 12:40 PM)
- Respiratory Tract Infections
- Skin and Soft Tissue Infections
- Genitourinary Diseases: Update 2014
- Evidence-Based Review of Healthcare-Associated Infections
- Central Nervous System Infections

DAY THREE (8:00 AM - 10:00 AM)
- Tuberculosis
- Case Presentations: Don’t Miss It: Ambulatory Care Infectious Disease Emergencies

DATES AND LOCATIONS

2015
- April 17-19
  Las Vegas, NV
  Mandarin Oriental, Las Vegas
  Starting at $249 per night
- June 19-21
  Walt Disney World® Resort, FL
  Disney’s Contemporary Resort
  Starting at $289 per night
- July 10-12
  Jackson Hole, WY
  Hotel Terra
  Starting at $309 per night
- September 11-13***
  Cape Cod, MA
  Wequassett Resort & Golf Club
  Starting at $395 per night
- October 2-4
  Napa Valley/Sonoma, CA
  The Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa
  Starting at $389 per night
- December 11-13
  Scottsdale, AZ
  The Phoenician
  Starting at $229 per night
- December 18-20***
  New York, NY
  New York Marriott Marquis
  Starting at $429 per night

2016
- February 19-21
  Palm Springs, CA
  Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa
  Starting at $249 per night

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Jackson Hole, WY
Hotel Terra

Cape Cod, MA
Wequassett Resort & Golf Club

New York, NY
New York Marriott Marquis

+ Additional destinations!
Upon completion of this program, participants should be better able to:

- Review the diagnostic principles and treatment options for dermatitis, papulosquamous disorders, as well as viral, fungal, and bacterial infections
- Describe the step-wise approach for the diagnosis and treatment of acne and acniform eruptions
- Identify cutaneous findings that serve as surrogates of internal diseases
- Differentiate benign and malignant skin tumors and employ appropriate in-office procedures
- Discuss strategies for appropriate sun protection measures

**PROGRAM**

**DAY ONE (8:00 AM - 12:40 PM)**
- Dermatitis
- Papulosquamous Disorders
- Viral Infections
- Bacterial Infections
- Acne and Acniform Eruptions

**DAY TWO (8:00 AM - 12:40 PM)**
- Skin Manifestations of Systemic Disease
- Fungal Infections
- Benign Skin Tumors
- Skin Surgery for Primary Care Physicians
- Case Presentations

**DAY THREE (8:00 AM - 10:00 AM)**
- Premalignant and Malignant Skin Tumors
- Case Presentations

**DATES AND LOCATIONS**

**2015**

- April 17-19
  
  *Walt Disney World® Resort, FL*
  
  Disney’s Grand Floridian Resort & Spa
  
  Starting at $319 per night

- June 12-14
  
  *Hilton Head Island, SC*
  
  The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa
  
  Starting at $296 per night

- August 21-23
  
  *Las Vegas, NV*
  
  **Bellagio**
  
  Starting at $149 per night

- September 25-27
  
  *Yosemite, CA*
  
  Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite
  
  Starting at $255 per night

- October 2-4
  
  *San Diego, CA*
  
  Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego
  
  Starting at $269 per night

- December 3-6*
  
  *Nassau, Bahamas*
  
  Atlantis Paradise Island Resort
  
  $139 Beach Tower
  
  $169 Coral Tower
  
  $190 Royal Tower
  
  $349 Cove Suites

**2016**

- February 26-28
  
  *Walt Disney World® Resort, FL*
  
  Disney’s BoardWalk Inn Resort
  
  Starting at $299 per night

- March 4-6
  
  *San Diego, CA*
  
  Hotel del Coronado
  
  Starting at $259 per night

Hotel rates subject to change, visit [www.mer.org](http://www.mer.org) for details.  
- *3-Day Conference.*  
- *4-Day Conference.*

4-day agenda and learning objectives at [mer.org](http://mer.org)
PEDIATRICS/adolescent medicine FOR primary care

Mer’s Pediatrics/Adolescent Medicine conferences are designed to give the primary care provider the latest data-driven strategies to best treat children and adolescents in the office setting. Taught by pediatric and adolescent medicine specialists, these conferences will provide the practical information needed for today’s busy primary care environment.

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Endocrinology
- Metabolic syndrome
- Type 1 diabetes
- Precocious puberty in girls
- Short stature and poor growth: a primary care perspective

Gastroenterology
- Chronic abdominal pain in children
- Gastroesophageal reflux in children
- Constipation in children
- Pediatric gastrointestinal foreign bodies

Psychiatry
- Depression in teens and adolescents
- Substance abuse in teens and adolescents
- Suicide and violence
- The complexity of ADHD in teens and adolescents

Sports Medicine
- The pre-participation sports physical
- Concussion in sports: recognition, office evaluation and management for primary care
- Commonly missed orthopedic injuries in children and adolescents
- Nutritional considerations for the young athlete—the female athlete triad

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TARGET AUDIENCE
These programs are targeted to office-based primary care providers and other health professionals with updates in primary care medicine.

NURSING PURPOSE STATEMENT
To provide updates in primary care medicine to office-based providers.

*3-day conferences offer 11 credits. 4-Day Conferences offer 14 credits. 5-Day Conferences offer 17 credits.
*Note: Women’s/Men’s Health and Dermatology are not approved for ACEP credit.
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**Physicians**
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**Residents & Other Health Professionals**
Pricing for residents and other health professionals is open to medical residents, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, and PharmDs / RPhs.

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