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## **INTERNAL MEDICINE FOR PRIMARY CARE: GASTROENTEROLOGY/NEUROLOGY/PODIATRY**

**New York, NY - New York Marriott Marquis  
October 20 - 22, 2023**

Friday, October 20, 2023

**7:00 am**

**Registration and Breakfast**

**7:30 am - 8:30 am - Gastroenterology**

**Bootcamp for Elevated Liver Function Tests**

The elevation of elevated liver function tests can be challenging, how much testing is needed?; Discussion of common sources of elevated liver function tests; Recognition of Non Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease; Hepatitis B evaluation and treatment; Hemochromatosis evaluation; A primary care perspective on Hepatitis C

**8:30 am - 9:30 am - Gastroenterology**

**Management of Lower GI Bleeding- From Occult to Massive**

With significant evolution in treatment options, discussion will focus on mastering: Best alternatives to colonoscopy, including FIT and "Cologuard"; What are "alarm signs and how can they be utilized?; The upper age limit for screening colonoscopies; Why are young people developing colon cancer?; When is it safe to resume anti platelet and anticoagulation medications after GI bleeding

**9:30 am - 9:40 am**

**Coffee Break**

**9:40 am - 10:40 am - Podiatry**

**Ankle Sprains**

Session will explore those injuries which present to the primary care office that can easily be managed, those that require additional diagnostics, and the tricky injuries that may need referral.

**10:40 am - 11:40 am - Podiatry**

**Stress Fractures of the Foot and Ankle**

So common, yet often missed or mistreated. Session will discuss causes and prevention, treatment, and evidence based medicine for foot and ankle stress fractures seen in the primary care setting.

**11:40 am - 12:40 pm - Neurology**

**Alzheimer's & Other Dementias**

Definition; statistics; neurological changes of normal aging; pathology; etiological theories; vascular dementias; investigations; social issues; symptomatic treatment; research therapies

**12:40 pm**

**Session Adjourns**

**Saturday, October 21, 2023**

**7:00 am**

**Registration and Breakfast**

**7:30 am - 8:30 am - Podiatry**

**Plantar Fasciitis**

Session will discuss the causes and prevention of this common problem and discuss new and exciting technologies used to treat the acute and chronic forms of this condition.

**8:30 am - 9:30 am - Podiatry**

**Achilles Tendinitis**

The Achilles tendon is the largest and strongest tendon in the body, yet it is highly susceptible to injury. Achilles tendon injuries account for the third most common injury to the lower extremity after the ankle sprain and plantar fasciitis. This lecture will explore the causes of Achilles tendon conditions and their treatment. A differentiation between insertional and non-insertional tendonitis is critical for proper treatment. A multitude of new modalities which are available for the primary care provider to effectively treat and prevent Achilles tendon injuries will be discussed.

**9:30 am - 9:40 am**

**Coffee Break**

**9:40 am - 10:40 am - Neurology**

**Parkinson's Disease & Other Movement Disorders**

Epidemiology; cardinal features; secondary features; pathology; neurochemistry; differential diagnosis; treatment; complication; other movement disorders; neuroleptic- induced movement disorders; chorea

**10:40 am - 11:40 am - Neurology**

**Headaches & Migraines**

Basic headache mechanisms; headache history: characteristics, precipitating factors, medical conditions; migraine: common tension, classic, treatment, complicated, cluster, sinus; trigeminal neuralgia; Giant Cell Arteritis; brain tumor; subarachnoid hemorrhage; emergency room treatment

**11:40 am - 12:40 pm - Neurology**

**Cerebrovascular Disorders**

Epidemiology; identifying the high-risk patient; treatment effects; transient neurological deficit: carotid, vertebrobasilar; non-specific cerebral symptoms; migraines vs. TIA; treatment options

**12:40 pm**

**Session Adjourns**

**Sunday, October 22, 2023**

**7:00 am**

**Registration and Breakfast**

**7:30 am - 8:30 am - Gastroenterology**

**Probiotics: Fulfilling the Promise & Understanding and Treating C difficile**

Our patients are being inundated with the promise of probiotics; Course will review the proven GI uses of probiotics; Course will analyze "best practices" of diagnosing C difficile; Latest treatment regimens will be compared and contrasted; Discussion of fecal transplants, the "ultimate" probiotic

**8:30 am - 9:30 am - Gastroenterology**

**Celiac Disease or Something Else?**

Millions of Americans are now on a gluten free diet. Only some of them actually have Celiac disease. We will review the workup of Celiac disease especially for those patients already on a self imposed gluten free diet; Cases will illustrate the overlap among patients with Celiac disease, Non Celiac Gluten Sensitivity and Irritable Bowl Syndrome

**9:30 am**

**Conference Adjourns**

### **Target Audience**

This program is targeted to office-based primary care providers and other health professionals with updates in primary care medicine

### **Learning Objectives**

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

- Describe needed testing for elevated liver function tests
- List current treatment recommendations for the management of lower GI bleeding
- List the proven GI uses of probiotics
- Recommend appropriate testing for the workup of celiac disease
- Diagnose and manage ankle injuries and identify when referral is appropriate
- Discuss causes, prevention and treatment of foot and ankle stress fractures
- Discuss technologies used to treat acute and chronic plantar fasciitis
- Recognize achilles tendinitis and recommend appropriate treatment
- Discuss evidence-based management options for Alzheimer's disease
- Evaluate weakness and recognize cardinal features of Parkinson's disease as well as other movement disorders
- Describe the differential diagnosis of headaches and migraines
- Utilize prevention and treatment strategies for cerebrovascular disorders

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