



**PRIMARY CARE CONFERENCES**  
EXCEPTIONAL CME | EXTRAORDINARY LOCATIONS

WWW.MER.ORG

**INTERNAL MEDICINE FOR PRIMARY CARE:  
DERMATOLOGY/INFECTIOUS DISEASES/  
RHEUMATOLOGY**

**Las Vegas, NV - Caesars Palace Las Vegas  
May 24 - 26, 2024**

Friday, May 24, 2024

**7:00 am**

**Registration and Breakfast**

**7:30 am - 8:30 am - Infectious Diseases**

**Skin & Soft Tissue Infections**

Presentation on important skin and soft-tissue infections and their prompt recognition, emphasizing evaluation and management strategies

**8:30 am - 9:30 am - Infectious Diseases**

**Respiratory Tract Infections**

Discussion highlighting critical points regarding the diagnosis and management of pneumonia and bronchitis – with a focus on the impact of multidrug resistant pathogens

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

**Coffee Break**

**9:40 am - 10:40 am - Infectious Diseases**

**Immunizations**

Presentation on key vaccine preventable diseases and their presentations with an emphasis on the latest recommendations including newest schedules, safety and efficacy information

**10:40 am - 11:40 am - Dermatology**

**Dermatitis**

Overview of the causes and forms of skin irritants; Contact, atopic, irritant, nummular, seborrheic and exfoliative; Treatment of blistering, oozing, crusting and flaking; Diagnostic principles and management strategies

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

**Papulosquamous Diseases**

Diagnostic principles of skin lesions consisting of red or purple papules; Psoriasis, lichen planus, pityriasis rosea, lupus erythematosus; Discussion of how to tell one scaly rash from another

**12:40 pm**

**Session Adjourns**

**Saturday, May 25, 2024**

**7:00 am**

**Registration and Breakfast**

**7:30 am - 8:30 am - Dermatology**

**Benign Skin Tumors**

Proper diagnosis and treatment of common benign tumors; Biopsies and histopathologic examination; Nevi, seborrheic keratosis keloids, hemangiomas and miscellaneous tumors; When to refer

**8:30 am - 9:30 am - Dermatology**

**Premalignant and Malignant Skin Tumors**

Recognition of precursors of malignancies; Excisional and punch biopsies; Actinic keratosis, Bowen's disease, squamous cell carcinoma, basal cell carcinoma, melanoma and other selected tumors; Risk reduction education

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

**Coffee Break**

**9:40 am - 10:40 am - Infectious Diseases**

**Antimicrobial Stewardship and Multidrug Resistance**

Definition of an antimicrobial stewardship program (ASP); Concepts of the antimicrobial stewardship program; Four goals of antimicrobial stewardship; Most recent additions to the antimicrobial armamentarium

**10:40 am - 11:40 am - Rheumatology**

**Evaluating the Patient with Joint Pain**

Differentiating between inflammatory and non-inflammatory joint pain; The utility of joint aspiration and lab work-up with interpretation of synovial fluid analysis; Differential diagnosis of joint pain and inflammatory arthritis

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

**Update in Pharmacology for Arthritis**

Review risks and benefits of traditional NSAIDs and cox-2 inhibitors; Analgesics (narcotics and tramadol), acetaminophen, conventional-synthetic DMARDs, and bDMARDs

**12:40 pm**

**Session Adjourns**



**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

**7:00 am**

**Registration and Breakfast**

**7:30 am - 8:30 am - Rheumatology**

**Crystal Disease: Gout & Pseudogout**

Properly diagnosing and treating crystal diseases such as gout and pseudogout

**8:30 am - 9:30 am - Rheumatology**

**Fibromyalgia**

Differential diagnosis and treatment of this difficult-to-manage pain syndrome; Treatment options of anti-epileptics and SNRI's

**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:

- Review epidemiology and microbiology of skin and soft tissue infections (SSTI)
- List common causative pathogens for various respiratory tract infections
- Recommend appropriate immunizations based on patient specific risk factors
- List goals of an antimicrobial stewardship program and strategies for antimicrobial treatment
- Differentiate between the presentations and causes of atopic, contact (irritant and allergic), and nummular dermatitis
- Discriminate the diagnostic principles and treatment options for papulosquamous diseases with red, raised bumps
- Differentiate benign and malignant skin tumors and employ appropriate interoffice procedures
- Detect pre-cancerous and cancerous skin lesions
- Compare and contrast inflammatory & non-inflammatory joint pain and their differential diagnoses
- Review the risks and benefits of the treatment options for arthritis (non-selective NSAIDs, cox-2 inhibitors, DMARDs, narcotics and tramadol)
- Diagnose and treat gout and pseudogout
- Compare the benefits and side effect profiles of pharmacologic treatment options for fibromyalgia



### **Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest**

Medical Education Resources ensures balance, independence, objective, and scientific rigor in all our educational activities. In accordance with this policy, MER identifies relevant financial relationships with its instructors, content managers, and other individuals who are in a position to control the content of an activity. Reported relevant financial relationships are mitigated by MER to ensure that all scientific research referred to, reported, or used in a CE activity conforms to the generally accepted standards of experimental design, data collection, and analysis, MER is committed to providing learners with high-quality CE activities that promote improvements or quality in healthcare, and not the business interests of an ineligible company.

### **Disclaimer**

The content, views and opinions presented in this educational activity are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of Medical Education Resources. The authors have disclosed if there is any discussion of published and/or investigational uses of agents that are not indicated by the FDA in their presentations. Before prescribing any medicine, primary references and full prescribing information should be consulted. Any procedures, medications, or other courses of diagnosis or treatment discussed or suggested in this activity should not be used by clinicians without evaluation of their patient's conditions and possible contraindications or dangers in use, review of any applicable manufacturer's product information, and comparison with recommendations of other authorities. The information presented in this activity is not meant to serve as a guideline for patient management.

## Accreditation Statements

### Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education



JOINTLY ACCREDITED PROVIDER™  
INTERPROFESSIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION

In support of improving patient care, Medical Education Resources is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 12 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credits for learning and change.

### Physician Credit Designation

#### AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

Medical Education Resources designates this live activity for a maximum of 12 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

### American Board of Internal Medicine MOC Recognition (ABIM)



Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to 12 (part II) MOC points in the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. Participants will earn MOC points equivalent to the amount of CME credits claimed for the activity. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit participant completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABIM MOC credit.

### American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)



AAFP has reviewed Internal Medicine for Primary Care: Derm/ID/Rheum and deemed it acceptable for up to 12.00 Live AAFP Prescribed credits. Term of Approval is from 5/24/2024 to 5/26/2024. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

### American Osteopathic Association (AOA)

These programs are approved for 12 hours in Category 2-A by the American Osteopathic Association.

### American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)

This program is approved by the American College of Emergency Physicians for a maximum of 12 hours of ACEP Category I credit.

### Canadian Physicians

The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) has a reciprocal credit agreement with the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) for activities which offer Prescribed credit. CFPC members who complete these conferences may claim the equivalent number of Mainpro-M1 credits.

### **Nursing Credit Designation**

#### **American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)**

Medical Education Resources designates this live activity for a maximum of 12 ANCC nursing contact hours. Nurses will be awarded contact hours upon successful completion of the activity.

This activity is designated for 5.5 ANCC pharmacotherapeutic contact hours.

#### **American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)**

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) Certification Board recognizes and accepts continuing education (CE) contact hours from activities approved by AMA, ACCME, ANCC, AANP, AAFP and AACN.

#### **California Board of Registered Nursing**

Medical Education Resources is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number 12299, for 12 contact hours.

### **Physician Assistant Credit Designation**

#### **American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA)**



Medical Education Resources has been authorized by the American Academy of PAs (AAPA) to award AAPA Category 1 CME credit for activities planned in accordance with AAPA CME Criteria. This activity is designated for 12 AAPA Category 1 CME credits. PAs should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation.

### **Pharmacy Accreditation**

#### **Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)**



Medical Education Resources (MER) designates this live continuing education activity for 12 contact hours (1.2 CEUs) of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

Universal Program Number: JA0003680-0000-24-044-L01-P

Participants will be required to sign in at the start of the program and/or complete a program evaluation.

Credits will be uploaded into CPE Monitor within 60 days of the activity.

This activity is certified as Knowledge-based CPE.