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**INTERNAL MEDICINE FOR PRIMARY CARE:  
GASTROENTEROLOGY/NEUROLOGY/  
PULMONOLOGY**

**Yellowstone, MT - Big Sky Resort  
July 5 - 7, 2024**

Friday, July 5, 2024

**7:00 am**

**Registration and Breakfast**

**7:30 am - 8:30 am - Neurology**

**Evaluating Weakness**

Using the history and physical examination to distinguish weakness from non-specific symptoms; characteristics of neurological diseases that produce weakness; presentations of representative diseases of the nervous system

**8:30 am - 9:30 am - Neurology**

**Alzheimer's & Other Dementias**

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

**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 - Pulmonology**

**Asthma**

The medical impact of asthma; fundamental role of inflammation, with possible scarring and irreversible loss of lung function; practical points of diagnosis; goal setting management based on levels of severity; risk factors for mortality and treatment in the acute setting; management options for the difficult to control asthmatic patient

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

**Controversies in the Treatment of Common Respiratory Infections**

Acute and chronic bronchitis; pneumonia (community versus hospital-acquired); role of the Pneumonia Severity Index score in determining indication for hospitalization; cost-effective use of antibiotics; clinical significance of drug resistance; guidelines for management

**12:40 pm**

**Session Adjourns**

**Saturday, July 6, 2024**

**7:00 am**

**Registration and Breakfast**

**7:30 am - 8:30 am - Pulmonology**

**COPD**

Definition; pathophysiology; early detection and intervention; risk reduction; management update including new modalities (including lung volume reduction surgery) and the role of inhaled corticosteroids and domiciliary oxygen

**8:30 am - 9:30 am - Pulmonology**

**Lung Cancer Screening & Pulmonary Nodules**

Appropriate use of the new lung cancer screening recommendations; Fleischner Society guidelines and American College of Chest Physician Lung Cancer guidelines; approach to definitive evaluation and management strategies

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

**Coffee Break**

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

**10:40 am - 11:40 am - Gastroenterology**

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

The correct use and interpretation of tests for occult blood in the stool will be discussed in relation to lower GI bleeding; focus on the utility of different diagnostic and management approaches to the spectrum of patients presenting with hematochezia

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

**Colorectal Cancer Screening and Surveillance**

Reviews the most recent recommendations for CRC screening in the general population at average risk for CRC.

**12:40 pm**

**Session Adjourns**



**Sunday, July 7, 2024**

**7:00 am**

**Registration and Breakfast**

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

**Hepatitis C Management**

HCV screening: whom to screen; diagnostic testing and evaluation of chronic HCV infection; patient selection for treatment and specific treatment regimens

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

**Non-alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD)**

A primary care approach to evaluating and managing mildly abnormal hepatocellular liver chemistry in the asymptomatic patient; review of risk factors, prevalence, evaluation, and management of NAFLD

**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:

- Utilize history and physical examination to distinguish weakness from non-specific symptoms
- 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
- Utilize prevention and treatment strategies for cerebrovascular disorders
- Diagnose and manage patients with asthma
- Design treatment strategies reflective of current evidence-based medicine for common respiratory infections
- Describe the current therapeutic management of COPD
- Discuss diagnosis and screening strategies as well as treatment plans for lung nodules and lung cancer
- List current treatment recommendations for the management of lower GI bleeding
- Discuss the guidelines for colonoscopic colorectal cancer screening and surveillance
- Describe current guidelines for diagnosis and treatment of HCV
- Identify risk factors for the development of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease

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