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**INTERNAL MEDICINE FOR PRIMARY CARE:
ALLERGY & IMMUNOLOGY/CARDIOLOGY/
NEUROLOGY/RHEUMATOLOGY**

**Barcelona, Spain - Hotel Condes de Barcelona
May 27 - 30, 2024**

Monday, May 27, 2024

7:00 am

Registration

Rooms booked as part of the MER room block include breakfast in the hotel dining room. Participants booked outside of the MER room block, please make breakfast arrangements on your own.

7:30 am - 8:30 am - Neurology

Stroke and TIA: Prevention and Acute Intervention Strategies

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

8:30 am - 9:30 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

9:30 am - 9:40 am

Coffee Break

9:40 am - 10:40 am - Neurology

Neuropathy and Neuropathic Pain

Discussion of the spectrum of neuropathic signs, symptoms and causes; the approach to bedside examination; discussion of the mechanism of neuropathic pain; effective therapies

10:40 am - 11:40 am - Cardiology

Work-up of Patients with Suspected CAD

Risk factor evaluation and risk assessment models; Test selection including ECG, echo, nuclear and newer imaging modalities (including discussion of appropriate use criteria--AUC); The usefulness of CT scanning; The role of bio markers and EBCT; Suspected CAD in special populations (women, diabetics, the elderly)

11:40 am - 12:40 pm - Cardiology

Arrhythmias

Types and symptoms of arrhythmias; Approach to the patient: when to treat, when to refer, when to admit; Evaluation of the patient with palpitations; Atrial fibrillation: the use of anticoagulants indications, CVA risk scores, warfarin vs newer oral anticoagulants, controlling heart rate vs rhythm; Ventricular and other arrhythmias: when are they serious

12:40 pm

Session Adjourns

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

7:00 am

Registration

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7:30 am - 8:30 am - Cardiology

Heart Failure

Etiologies and stages of heart failure; ACC/AHA Heart Failure guidelines; Heart failure with reduced EF (LVEF) and heart failure with preserved EF (HFpEF); Determining patients for referral using biomarkers; Treatment options: ACE inhibitors, ARBs, beta blockers, mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists; The role of devices in treatment and Anticoagulation and antiplatelet drugs; Issues related to the hospitalized patient with acute decompensated heart failure

8:30 am - 9:30 am - Cardiology

Hypertension

The latest 2017 Multisociety Hypertension Guidelines; Updates after the guidelines; Approaches to treatment-thresholds and goals; Choices for initial and combination therapy; Resistant hypertension; Treating special populations: diabetics, the elderly, patients with renal failure

9:30 am - 9:40 am

Coffee Break

9:40 am - 10:40 am - Neurology

Dizziness & Vertigo

Definition of terms; concepts; physiologic mechanisms; medical, neurological and laboratory evaluation of the patient; diseases that present with a complaint of dizziness; acute paroxysmal vertigo; acute positional vertigo; Meniere's disease; acoustic neuroma; cerebellar hemorrhage, etc.

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



Wednesday, May 29, 2024

7:00 am

Registration

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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

Osteoarthritis

Pathogenesis, diagnosis and treatment

9:30 am - 9:40 am

Coffee Break

9:40 am - 10:40 am - Allergy & Immuno

Primary Care Management of Asthma

This presentation will review the diagnostic features of asthma; discuss the management of comorbid complicating conditions; review guideline-driven therapy including the utility of biologics for the management of patients with severe asthma

10:40 am - 11:40 am - Allergy & Immuno

Food Allergies and Hymenoptera Allergies

Primary care focused discussion of food and venom allergies including gaining a working knowledge of how to efficiently and cost effectively manage patients with hymenoptera hypersensitivity

11:40 am

Session Adjourns



Thursday, May 30, 2024

7:00 am

Registration

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7:30 am - 8:30 am - Allergy & Immuno

Allergic Rhinitis, Sinusitis, and Nasal Polyps

This presentation will discuss the pathogenesis of non-allergic and allergic rhinitis; review the causes and differential diagnoses of rhinitis; and discuss the treatment of non-allergic and allergic rhinitis including sinusitis and nasal polyps

8:30 am - 9:30 am - Allergy & Immuno

Burnout and Physician Wellness: Surviving Challenges of the Current System and Thriving

Strategies that clinicians and healthcare providers can institute with ease to combat the challenges and pitfalls of the current healthcare system

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 prevention and treatment strategies for cerebrovascular disorders
- Describe the differential diagnosis of headaches and migraines
- Discuss the mechanism of neuropathic pain
- Recognize diseases that present with a complaint of dizziness
- Describe the work-up, risk assessment and test selection of patients with suspected CAD
- Describe current diagnostic and treatment approaches to arrhythmias and atrial fibrillation
- Implement treatment strategies reflective of recent guidelines and current evidence based medicine for heart failure
- Explain current concepts in the diagnosis and treatment of hypertension
- 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
- Utilize current evidence to design treatment strategies for osteoarthritis
- Discuss advantages and disadvantages of available asthma therapies
- Outline the management of anaphylactic reactions and indications for immunotherapy
- Describe how to efficiently and cost effectively manage patients with asthma, rhinitis, and nasal polyps
- Discuss techniques to improve the health and wellness of the medical provider



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This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 16 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credits for learning and change.

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AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

Medical Education Resources designates this live activity for a maximum of 16 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)



AAFP has reviewed Internal Medicine for Primary Care: Allergy & Immuno/Cardio/Neuro/Rheum and deemed it acceptable for up to 16.00 Live AAFP Prescribed credits. Term of Approval is from 5/27/2024 to 5/30/2024. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

American Osteopathic Association (AOA)

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Medical Education Resources designates this live activity for a maximum of 16 ANCC nursing contact hours. Nurses will be awarded contact hours upon successful completion of the activity.

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Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)



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Universal Program Number: JA0003680-0000-24-045-L01-P

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