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**INTERNAL MEDICINE FOR PRIMARY CARE:
CARDIOLOGY/RHEUMATOLOGY/SLEEP
MEDICINE**

**Woodstock, VT - Woodstock Inn & Resort
September 5 - 7, 2025**

Friday, September 5, 2025

7:00 am

Registration and Breakfast

7:30 am - 8:30 am - **Cardiology**

Acute Coronary Syndromes: The Patient with Acute Chest Pain

Diagnosis and initial evaluation in the primary care setting, urgent care clinic and emergency department; Initial workup, treatment, and follow-up; Diagnosing and treating ST segment elevation and non-ST segment elevation MIs; The role of drug therapy--primary vs adjunctive to PCI; Follow up after acute coronary syndromome

8:30 am - 9:30 am - **Cardiology**

Primary & Secondary Prevention of CAD

AHA/ACC and other lipid guidelines updates; HDL Cholesterol: The good cholesterol?; The role of triglycerides in ASCVD--who to treat; Metabolic syndrome and/or obesity; Who needs treatment and how much; The role of lifestyle changes, exercise and cardiac rehabilitation; The use of vitamin D and supplements for cardiology patients; Drug therapy updates

9:30 am - 9:40 am

Coffee Break

9:40 am - 10:40 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)

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

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

Osteoporosis

Review the epidemiology and pathophysiology of osteoporosis along with interpretation of DEXA scans and FRAX risk assessment; up-to-date therapeutic options

12:40 pm

Session Adjourns

Saturday, September 6, 2025

7:00 am

Registration and Breakfast

7:30 am - 8:30 am - Rheumatology

Differential Diagnosis of Inflammatory Arthritis

Clinical presentation and laboratory work-up and treatment for rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus, spondyloarthropathies (SPA), infectious arthritis and systemic sclerosis; Treatment of RA with DMARDs; Treatment principles of SLE, Sjogren's, SPA and PMR

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 - Cardiology

Heart Failure

Etiologies and stages of heart failure; ACC/AHA Heart Failure guidelines; Heart failure with reduced EF (LVrEF) 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

10:40 am - 11:40 am - Sleep Medicine

How Sleep Works

The drivers of sleep and integration of how these drivers can be used to improve sleep; Basic principles of sleep drive, circadian rhythm and sleep associations will be discussed; Related to cases to highlight these principles.

11:40 am - 12:40 pm - Sleep Medicine

Approach to the Patient Who Can't Sleep

Discussion of Insomnia, one of the most common complaints related to sleep; Determination of the underlying contributors; Review of a straight forward way to approach the complaint of inability to sleep and construction of therapeutic plans directed at the underlying issues; Common presentations of insomnia and the approach to restless legs syndrome.

12:40 pm

Session Adjourns

Sunday, September 7, 2025

7:00 am

Registration and Breakfast

7:30 am - 8:30 am - Sleep Medicine

Evaluation and Treatment of the Excessively Sleepy Patient

Daytime sleepiness impairs approximately 15% of adults from getting the most out of their day; Review of the common and less common causes of daytime sleepiness including, behavioral insufficient sleep, narcolepsy, idiopathic hypersomnia and sleep related breathing disorders; The approach and therapeutic options for each disorder.

8:30 am - 9:30 am - Sleep Medicine

Restless Legs Syndrome and Other Nocturnal Events

This lecture will review the recent changes in our understanding and approach to Restless Legs Syndrome and Periodic Limb Movements of Sleep including newer treatment paradigms. In addition, the lecture will review the approach to evaluating and treating other nocturnal events.

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 current diagnostic approaches and the role of drug therapy to the patient with acute chest pain
- Implement lifestyle changes as well as lipid and cholesterol guidelines for the prevention of CAD
- Describe the work-up, risk assessment and test selection of patients with suspected CAD
- Implement treatment strategies reflective of recent guidelines and current evidence based medicine for heart failure
- Review the risks and benefits of the treatment options for arthritis (non-selective NSAIDs, cox-2 inhibitors, DMARDs, narcotics and tramadol)
- Identify the risks and benefits of utilizing bisphosphonates in the treatment of osteoporosis
- Describe the differential diagnoses of inflammatory arthritis based on clinical presentation and laboratory workup
- Utilize current evidence to design treatment strategies for osteoarthritis
- Discuss the basic mechanisms of sleep and circadian rhythm disorders
- Develop a therapeutic plan related to common complaints surrounding insomnia and restless legs syndrome
- Review therapeutic options for excessive sleepiness and obstructive sleep apnea
- Describe medical issues surrounding RLS, parasomnias and other special sleep issues

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