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**INTERNAL MEDICINE FOR PRIMARY CARE:
CARDIOLOGY/INFECTIOUS DISEASES/
PULMONOLOGY/RHEUMATOLOGY**

**Hilton Head, SC - The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa
August 14 - 17, 2025**



Thursday, August 14, 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

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)

9:30 am - 9:40 am

Coffee Break

9:40 am - 10:40 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

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

Friday, August 15, 2025

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 - 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 (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

10:40 am - 11:40 am - Infectious Diseases

Skin & Soft Tissue Infections

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

11:40 am - 12:40 pm - Infectious Diseases

Genitourinary Infections

Presentation on a relevant and clinically practical approach to the patient with genitourinary complaints focusing on the latest guidelines for the range of urinary tract infections and highlights of selected and important sexually-transmitted disease syndromes.

12:40 pm

Session Adjourns



Saturday, August 16, 2025

7:00 am

Registration and Breakfast

7:30 am - 8:30 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

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

Ambulatory Care Infectious Disease Emergencies

Case-based interactive discussion around exemplary cases that addresses key diagnostic and management strategies for potentially emergent outpatient infectious disease challenges

9:30 am - 9:40 am

Coffee Break

9:40 am - 10:40 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

10:40 am - 11:40 am - 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

11:40 am

Session Adjourns



Sunday, August 17, 2025

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

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
- Describe the work-up, risk assessment and test selection of patients with suspected CAD
- Implement lifestyle changes as well as lipid and cholesterol guidelines for the prevention of 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
- Diagnose and treat gout and pseudogout
- Compare the benefits and side effect profiles of pharmacologic treatment options for fibromyalgia
- Review epidemiology and microbiology of skin and soft tissue infections (SSTI)
- Diagnose and manage genitourinary infections
- Recommend appropriate immunizations based on patient specific risk factors
- Discuss the approach to a febrile patients with potentially life-threatening diseases in both hospital and clinic-associated settings
- 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



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