



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

**Lake Como, Italy - Hilton Lake Como
March 30 - April 2, 2026**



Monday, March 30, 2026

7:00 am

Check-In

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 - Endocrinology

Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

Diagnosis and treatment; lessons from the DCCT; managing diabetic emergencies; screening; pre-diabetes

8:30 am - 9:30 am - Endocrinology

Lipid Metabolism and Treatment

Review of the most recent American Heart Association Dietary and Lipid Guidelines; Discussion of the most recent ADA guidelines for lipid management for both primary and secondary CV prevention; Detail of treatments for elevated triglycerides and the lack of cardiovascular benefit from fish oil

9:30 am - 9:40 am

Coffee Break

9:40 am - 10:40 am - Endocrinology

Osteoporosis

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

10:40 am - 11:40 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

11:40 am - 12:40 pm - Rheumatology

Osteoarthritis

Pathogenesis, diagnosis and treatment

12:40 pm

Session Adjourns

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

7:00 am

Arrival

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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

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 - Endocrinology

Disorders of Thyroid Function

Prevalence, diagnosis and treatment options of hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism

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

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

12:40 pm

Session Adjourns

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

7:00 am

Arrival

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

Gastrointestinal Infections & Clostridioides Difficile

Presentation on important enteric pathogens and their recognition, diagnosis and management; special emphasis on clostridioides difficile colitis and related updates from the ID and infection control literature

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

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Novel influenza viruses, resurgence of vaccine-preventable diseases, zoonoses and disease related to animal exposures (including vectors such as mosquitoes that bear west Nile virus and dengue), bioterrorism and food/waterborne illness

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 - Cardiology

Hypertension

The 2017 AHA/ACC Hypertension Guidelines; The 2024 ESC Guidelines for hypertension; Approaches to treatment thresholds and goals; Choices for initial and combination therapy; Resistant hypertension; Treating special populations: diabetics, the elderly, patients with renal failure

11:40 am

Session Adjourns



Thursday, April 2, 2026

7:00 am

Arrival

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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 (HFrEF) and heart failure with preserved EF (HFpEF); Determining patients for referral using biomarkers, eg NT Pro BNP; Treatment options: ACE inhibitors, ARBs, ARNI, beta blockers, mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists, SGLT2i; The role of devices in treatment and antiplatelet drugs; Issues related to the hospitalized patient with acute decompensated heart failure and readmissions

8:30 am - 9:30 am - 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

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:

- Develop patient-specific treatment plans for the management of type 2 diabetes
- Interpret the diagnostic criteria for dyslipidemia and design individualized treatment
- Identify the risks and benefits of utilizing bisphosphonates in the treatment of osteoporosis
- Identify the risks of abnormal thyroid function
- Describe the differential diagnoses of inflammatory arthritis based on clinical presentation and laboratory workup
- Utilize current evidence to design treatment strategies for osteoarthritis
- 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)
- List common causative pathogens for various respiratory tract infections
- Evaluate the severity of diarrhea and evaluate the need for treatment
- Discuss emerging infectious diseases including resurgence of vaccine-preventable diseases, zoonoses, and diseases related to animal exposures
- Describe the work-up, risk assessment and test selection of patients with suspected CAD
- Explain current concepts in the diagnosis and treatment of hypertension
- Implement treatment strategies reflective of recent guidelines and current evidence based medicine for heart failure
- Describe current diagnostic and treatment approaches to arrhythmias and atrial fibrillation



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American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)

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