

2021 Clinical Challenges in Hospital Medicine

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Practice Gaps:

Hospital-based internists are required to keep up-to-date on a wide range of medical advances and structural initiatives related to the myriad of clinical cases they manage in the inpatient setting. Gaps have been found to exist in hospital-based internists' practices between best-practices and current standards of care in QA activities, use of bedside diagnostic tools, and management of comorbid conditions, as well as other areas. These gaps were determined through literature reviews, population health data (CDC) and quality measurement sources (AHRQ, NCQA), interviews with ACOI member-hospitalists, and ongoing survey activities. Increased knowledge and enhanced strategies, will support hospitalists in providing optimal care to their patients.

Learning Objectives:

After actively participating in this activity, attendees will be able to:

- Summarize the latest guideline updates across all major therapeutic categories managed by hospitalists;
- Describe methods to reduce waste and improve efficiency in coding, documentation and patient care;
- Articulate the latest evidence-based approaches to prevention/management of sepsis;
- Identify how implicit bias can impact patient care;
- Develop responses to vaccine reluctance
- Conduct an emergency neurological exam
- Define the appropriate use of noninvasive ventilation;
- Determine the optimal roles for the internal medicine hospitalist and hospital-based cardiologists.

Goal: The goal of this activity is to provide hospital-based internists (generalists and subspecialists), and other hospital-based health care professionals clinical updates designed to integrate best practice standards of patient.

Outcomes: This activity will provide hospital-based internists (generalists and subspecialists), and other hospital-based health care professionals clinical updates empowering them to advance their knowledge and competence, integrate best practice standards of patient care, and to optimize their current quality practice management. Pre- and post-session surveys of knowledge, practice behaviors, attitudes, and intent to change behavior (Moore's Level 5) regarding the applicability of the educational content to clinical practice will be used.

Activity format: Facilitating learning through cases-driven presentations, guideline updates, evidence and shared clinical experiences with hospitalists and cardiologists (joint session) will engage in a rich educational experience to advance their knowledge and competence in a range of clinical and patient management.