Activity Overview
This activity will provide general internists and subspecialists with updates in clinical medicine, quality assurance and improvement, healthcare administration, and the integration of concepts from principle-centered medicine to outpatient and inpatient care. The annual convention and scientific sessions are designed to advance the knowledge and competence of practitioners in general internal medicine (outpatient and hospital-based), cardiology, pulmonology, critical care, infectious diseases, endocrinology, allergy/immunology, gastroenterology, hematology/oncology, rheumatology, nephrology, nuclear medicine, sleep medicine, palliative care medicine, and osteopathic principles, practice, and manipulative medicine.

Practice Gap
Today’s internal medicine specialists, and subspecialists, whether practicing in the hospital or ambulatory setting are challenged to provide optimal care for the population of patients they serve. Advances in clinical medicine, the understanding of population health trends and epidemiological changes, as well as the emergence of novel pathogens affecting global health all create an environment where best practice standards of care (SOC) shift rapidly and significantly. The culturally diverse society in which physicians practice and the vital need to remain culturally competent add to the need for education to close the gap between current SOCs and best practices.

Today's internist, whether practicing as a hospitalist, generalist or subspecialist, is challenged to provide optimal care for patients with a wide range of clinical presentations. Practice informed by evidence-based guidance has been shown to improve outcomes with individual patients, within hospitals, and across populations. However, there is often a gap between evidence-supported practice and day-to-day implementation of care. This gap may be due to a lack of knowledge/information or limitations in opportunities for skill development/implementation. Identifying and implementing evidence-based practices in key therapeutic categories relevant to the internist will limit unnecessary testing, improve quality of care outcomes (CMS, AHRQ), and limit financial burden to the patient and the healthcare system (MACRA/MIPS).

Educational Needs:
Knowledge: The internist is required to manage a wide range of clinical presentations. Not all internists are able to remain current on the latest guidelines, pivotal trials, and therapeutic options across the range of clinical areas relevant to internal medicine. In many cases, this is driven by a lack of awareness of advances and available information.
Competence: Gap analysis revealed that, across a range of therapeutic areas, internists have a strong understanding of best-practice approaches, but do not consistently apply these in practice. For example, despite advances in pharmacologic management and the use of new devices, there has been variable implementation in hospital-based practice due to opportunity, availability, or internal policies.
Target Audience
This activity has been designed for general internists and subspecialists practicing in ambulatory and hospital-based settings.

Learning Objectives
After actively participating in this educational activity, learners will achieve the following competencies, based on the sessions they select:

- Address the challenges of end stage dementia in the geriatric population;
- Assess the role of home dialysis therapy in the treatment of End Stage Renal Disease;
- Engage in discussions and review resources for difficult conversations and end of life discussions;
- Summarize insights and recommendations for the treatment of Inflammatory Bowel Disease and non-alcoholic liver disease;
- Describe the link between inflammatory diseases and cardiovascular risk;
- Discuss the role of Positron Emission Tomography in the diagnosis and staging of tumors;
- Describe the approach to the care of the Cancer survivor and the role of genetics in the field of oncology;
- Utilize state of the art approaches to the diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis;
- Describe the latest evidence to support clinical decision making in lipid management to reduce arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease;
- Develop essential skills in interprofessional education and integration of social media required for Undergraduate, Graduate and Continuing Medical Education;
- Define how Osteopathic Manipulative Techniques (OMT) can be used as a modality for treatment for common inpatient and outpatient conditions;
- Fulfill state licensure CME requirements in topics including prevention of medical errors, human trafficking, domestic violence and ethics;
- Advance mastery of the latest Opioid Analgesic Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS);
- Define issues facing our internal medicine residents and students including board certification, job seeking, debt management;
- Discuss the pros and cons related to Physician Assisted Suicide;
- Apply population health strategies to medical practice for better patient care outcomes;
- Employ Principle Centered Medicine skills and patient centered high value care to achieve the best health outcomes for patients while balancing life, work and health;
- Describe the effects of COVID 19 infection on adult patients from epidemiology to recovery.

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