INTERNAL MEDICINE FOR PRIMARY CARE:
BARIATRICS/ENDOCRINOLOGY/ PSYCHIATRY/VASCULAR

Venice, Italy – JW Marriott Venice Resort & Spa
September 11 – 14, 2017
Monday, September 11th:

7:30 am – 8:00 am  
Registration and Arrival  
Rooms booked as part of the MER room block include breakfast in the hotel dining room. Participants booking outside of the MER room block, please make breakfast arrangements on your own.

8:00 am – 9:00 am  –  Endocrinology  
Disorders of Thyroid Function  
Prevalence, diagnosis and treatment

9:00 am – 10:00 am  –  Endocrinology  
Case Presentations – Thyroid Function

10:00 am – 10:10 am  
Coffee Break

10:10 am – 11:10 am  –  Bariatrics  
Treatment Options for Obesity  
Overview of obesity as a disease state; costs to the individual of being obese; treatment options and an overview of risks and effectiveness; surgical options; potential complications

11:10 am – 12:10 pm  –  Bariatrics  
Bariatric Surgery and Co-Morbid Conditions Associated with Obesity  
Who qualifies for obesity surgery; restrictive, malabsorptive and combination surgical options

12:10 pm  
Session Adjourns
Tuesday, September 12th:

7:30 am – 8:00 am
Arrival
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8:00 am – 9:00 am – Endocrinology
Thyroid Nodules
Diagnosis and treatment

9:00 am – 10:00 am – Endocrinology
Case Presentations – Thyroid Nodules

10:00 am – 10:10 am
Coffee Break

10:10 am – 11:10 am – Bariatrics
Patient Management Post Bariatric Surgery
The role of the clinician for support and behavior modification; nutrition; the stages of patient management post-surgery

11:10 am – 12:10 pm – Vascular
An Overview of Peripheral Vascular Disease and Approaching Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms
Defining the spectrum of maladies included in peripheral vascular disease and understanding underlying arterial pathology including atherosclerosis; abdominal aortic aneurysm diagnosis, evaluation and treatment is also included

12:10 pm
Session Adjourns
Wednesday, September 13th:

7:30 am – 8:00 am
Arrival
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8:00 am – 9:00 am – Vascular
Stroke: Initial Presentation to Medical and Surgical Treatment
Carotid occlusive disease and stroke

9:00 am – 10:00 am – Vascular
The Dysvascular Limb: How to Approach Swelling and Ulcers
The swollen limb and the ulcerated foot: organizational approach to the differential diagnosis, data gathering and evaluation, treatment options and follow-up

10:00 am – 10:10 am
Coffee Break

10:10 am – 11:10 am – Psychiatry
The Complexity of Adult ADHD
Diagnosis and treatment of ADHD in adults with an emphasis on history taking, differential diagnosis, medical and psychiatric co-morbidity, and FDA-approved treatments

11:10 am – 12:10 pm – Psychiatry
Suicide and Violence
Risk assessment for suicide and violence; the relationship between psychotropic medications and suicide or violent behavior; management of the suicidal and violent patient

12:10 pm
Session Adjourns
Thursday, September 14th:

7:30 am – 8:00 am
Arrival
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8:00 am – 9:00 am – Psychiatry
Antidepressants Don’t Work Doc
Bipolar spectrum disorders in adults compared to children and adolescents; the importance of longitudinal/developmental history; multiple medical and psychiatric co-morbidities; evidence-based treatments

9:00 am – 10:00 am – Psychiatry
I Just Drink a Few Beers At Night (Substance Abuse)
Substance abuse history-taking to encourage patient honesty; accurate diagnosis; use of screening tools; co-morbidities and treatment options.

10:00 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:
• Discuss current diagnostic and treatment approaches to thyroid nodules and disorders
• Discuss obesity treatment including both surgical and non-surgical options
• Describe the approach to patient management after bariatric surgery
• Accurately diagnose and treat (pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic) substance abuse, as well as bipolar disorders and ADHD in adults
• Understand risk factors and assess patients at risk for suicide and violence
• Define the spectrum of vascular maladies included in peripheral vascular disease
• Discuss presentation and interventional treatment of stroke patients as well as the swelling and ulcers of dysvascular limbs

Learning Outcome
To provide updates in primary care medicine to office based providers
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