RHEUMATOLOGY AND MUSCULOSKELETAL MEDICINE FOR PRIMARY CARE

Las Vegas, Nevada – Bellagio
January 23 – 25, 2015
Friday, January 23rd:

7:30 am – 8:00 am
Registration and Hot Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:00 am
Evaluating the Patient with Joint Pain
Differentiating between inflammatory and non-inflammatory joint pain; the utility of joint aspiration with interpretation of synovial fluid analysis; differential diagnosis of joint pain

9:00 am – 10:00 am
Update in Pharmacology for Arthritis
Review risks and benefits of traditional NSAIDs and cox-2 inhibitors; DMARDs for RA and analgesics (narcotics and tramadol)

10:00 am – 10:10 am
Coffee Break

10:10 am – 11:00 am
Differential Diagnosis of Inflammatory Arthritis
Clinical presentation and laboratory work-up for rheumatoid arthritis, SLE, spondyloarthropathies, PMR, crystal disease, Sjogrens syndrome and infectious arthritis

11:00 am – 11:50 am
Physical Examination of Joints and Soft Tissue and Diagnosis of Regional Pain Syndromes
Includes: carpal tunnel syndrome; DeQuervain’s tenosynovitis; epicondylitis; impingement; hip, knee, ankle and foot overuse syndromes

11:50 am – 12:40 pm
Workshop: Hands-On Joint and Soft Tissue Examination

12:40 pm
Session Adjourns
Saturday, January 24th:

7:30 am – 8:00 am
Hot Breakfast

8:00 am – 8:45 am
Osteoarthritis
Pathogenesis, diagnosis and treatment

8:45 am – 9:15 am
Crystal Disease: Gout and Pseudogout
Properly diagnosing and treating crystal diseases such as gout and pseudogout

9:15 am – 9:50 am
Spinal Pain
Differential diagnosis, epidemiology and treatment

9:50 am – 10:00 am
Coffee Break

10:00 am – 10:50 am
Osteoporosis
Review the epidemiology and pathophysiology of osteoporosis along with interpretation of DEXA scans and FRAX risk assessment; up-to-date therapeutic options

10:50 am – 11:50 am
Joint Injection Technique

11:50 am – 12:40 pm
Workshop: Joint Aspiration and Injection Technique

12:40 pm
Session Adjourns
Sunday, January 25th:

7:30 am – 8:00 am
Continental Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:00 am
Fibromyalgia
Differential diagnosis and treatment of this difficult-to-manage pain syndrome

9:00 am – 10:00 am
Case Presentations

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:
• Differentiate between inflammatory and non-inflammatory joint pain and the differential diagnosis of each category
• Describe the technique of joint aspiration, joint injection, and synovial fluid analysis
• Perform a musculoskeletal examination
• Evaluate and treat osteoarthritis, fibromyalgia, spinal pain, regional pain syndromes, osteoporosis, and gout
• Utilize current evidence to design treatment strategies for rheumatoid arthritis

Nursing Purpose Statement
To provide updates in primary care medicine to office based providers
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