

Free CME/CE Interactive WEBINARS on Invasive Fungal Infections

EDUCATIONAL OVERVIEW

When it comes to the management of invasive fungal infections (IFIs), a great deal of progress has been made with significant advancements in prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. Promising new clinical data allow for more targeted antifungal prophylaxis, identifying at-risk patients who would benefit most from this strategy. Evolving radiographic and serologic diagnostic techniques enable clinicians to initiate therapy at the time when therapeutic intervention is most effective. More options when determining treatment lead to better health outcomes for more patients at risk for or who have IFIs.

Today's healthcare teams are more vigilant in anticipating the possibility of a fungal infection. As a result, survival rates continue to increase while health outcomes improve. These positive efforts must continue. Clinicians who acquire a level of knowledge and familiarity with new prevention approaches, diagnostic techniques, and management strategies for IFIs, will be empowered to make timely, accurate, evidence-based decisions that benefit their patients.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of this activity is to educate physicians and pharmacists involved in the management of patients at risk of invasive fungal infections (IFIs) on prevention, early diagnosis, and treatment of IFIs. With this knowledge, healthcare professionals will be able to minimize the incidence of IFIs and, when necessary, select appropriate antifungal therapy.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity has been developed for clinical pharmacists, infectious diseases physicians, hematologists/oncologists, and transplant physicians responsible for the management of invasive fungal infections.


ACCREDITATION

Physicians

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through joint sponsorship of Center for Independent Healthcare Education (Center) and Vemco MedEd. The Center is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Center designates each of the Webinars for a maximum of 1.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*[™]. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Pharmacists

 Center for Independent Healthcare Education (Center) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education.

The Center has assigned 1.0 contact hour (0.1 CEUs) of continuing pharmacy education credit for participation in each of these Webinars.

Webinar 1 ACPE Universal Program Number: 473-999-09-001-L01-P

Webinar 2 ACPE Universal Program Number: 473-999-09-002-L01-P

For questions regarding the accreditation of this activity, please contact the Center at info@jointponsor.com.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CREDIT

1. Attend the Webinar in its entirety.
2. Print and complete the Evaluation Form.
3. Mail the Evaluation Form to
Vemco MedEd, 245 US Highway 22, Suite 304, Bridgewater, NJ 08807
OR
Fax to (908) 235-4222.
4. Documentation of credit will be mailed within 4 weeks of receipt of the completed Evaluation Form.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Center for Independent Healthcare Education requires faculty, planners, and others who are in a position to control the content of continuing education activities to disclose to the audience any real or apparent conflict of interest related to the activity. All identified conflicts of interest are reviewed to ensure fair balance, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all activities. The faculty is further required to disclose discussion of off-label uses in their presentations.



245 US Highway 22, Suite 304
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

**Preventing & Managing IFIs:
Progress & Promise in the 21st Century**

February & March
Interactive Webinars

April & May
Patient A Week Podcast
featuring case discussions

June & July
ViewPoint Newsletters

There is no fee to participate in these CME/CE activities.
Visit www.vemcomeded.com for updates.



**PROGRESS &
PROMISE**

Preventing & Managing IFIs in the 21st Century

ANNOUNCING

**Free CME/CE
Multimedia Initiative on
Invasive Fungal Infections**

FEATURING

- ▶ **Interactive Webinars**
- ▶ ***Patient A Week* Podcast**
- ▶ ***ViewPoint* Newsletters**

Release Date: February 25, 2009
UPN #: 473-999-09-001-L01-P

Progress in Prevention of IFIs & Promise of New Diagnostic Techniques

Wednesday, February 25, 2009 • 7:00 – 8:00 pm EST

FACULTY

Richard H. Drew, PharmD, MS, BCPS
Professor, Campbell University School of Pharmacy
Associate Professor of Medicine (Infectious Diseases)
Duke University School of Medicine
Durham, NC

Pranatharthi H. Chandrasekar, MD
Professor of Medicine
Wayne State University School of Medicine
Detroit, MI

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Assess the appropriate use of antifungal prophylaxis in immunocompromised patients
- Evaluate the utility of the latest diagnostic techniques for early detection of IFIs

Webinar 1

CME/CE Interactive Webinars
LIVE Q&A with Faculty

Release Date: March 18, 2009
UPN #: 473-999-09-002-L01-P

From Pre-Emptive to Salvage Antifungal Therapy: Achieving Successful Outcomes

Wednesday, March 18, 2009 • 7:00 – 8:00 pm EST

FACULTY

Elizabeth S. Dodds Ashley, PharmD, MHS, BCPS
Infectious Diseases Clinical Pharmacist
University of Rochester Medical Center
Rochester, NY

John R. Perfect, MD
Professor of Medicine
Duke University Medical Center
Durham, NC

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Distinguish between the advantages of a pre-emptive strategy and empiric treatment when managing patients with IFIs
- Identify the causes of treatment failure and recognize options for salvage therapy

Webinar 2

Faculty Dialogue with Slides
No Fee to Participate

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

On the day of the Webinar at 6:45 pm EST

1. Go to www.FungalInitiativeCME.com and enter the Webinar as a guest using your name.
2. Dial (800) 260-0718 (Access Code: 977651) to listen and participate.

If you experience any technical difficulty, please call (919) 270-3222 to speak with a specialist.

Enhance your educational experience by inviting your colleagues to participate and then discussing what you have learned.

What You Need to Participate

3 Easy Ways To REGISTER

1. ONLINE at www.vemcomeded.com
(Go to Register for Programs)
2. E-MAIL FungalInitiativeCME@vemcomeded.com
(your name, degree, choice of Webinar[s])
3. PHONE (908) 704-2400

www.FungalInitiativeCME.com

