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C. difficile Infection

A Hospitalist's Roadmap to Treatment
and Prevention of Recurrence

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Monday, March 25, 2019

Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center
Meeting Room: **National Harbor 2-3**

7:00 – 7:30 PM Registration & Dinner

7:30 – 9:00 PM Educational Program

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Educational Overview

C. difficile infection (CDI) is a leading cause of hospital-acquired infections (HAIs) and mortality in the US. The CDC has recognized *C. difficile* infection as an urgent public health threat and emphasizes the importance of continued efforts in prevention of these infections. The emergence of the BI/NAP1/027 hypervirulent strain has resulted in greater morbidity and mortality and a high likelihood of recurrence. Approximately 25% of patients with a first CDI episode will experience a recurrent episode, and the recurrence rate increases with each subsequent recurrence. As such, CDI continues to present numerous challenges to clinicians in controlling the clinical and economic burden of these infections.

The Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) and the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) released their highly-anticipated update of the *C. difficile* clinical practice guidelines in 2018. The release of the updated guidelines now provides an ideal opportunity to raise awareness of the burden and consequences of CDI, as well as educate clinicians on the latest approaches to optimize prevention and management strategies.

As a key patient advocate in acute care settings, the hospitalist plays a major role in ensuring that appropriate measures are in place for their patients with or at risk for CDI. This activity will review the evidence supporting the guideline recommendations on treatment of initial and recurrent episodes of CDI as well as appraise the latest approaches aimed at minimizing the risk of CDI recurrence. These approaches can include assessing patient risk, appropriate antimicrobial selection, optimized dosing regimens, and the use of immunotherapy.

Target Audience

Optimal management of CDI requires contributions from all healthcare professionals, including hospitalists, involved in the management of patients at risk for these infections. Therefore, this program will target hospitalists who play a role in managing and preventing infections at healthcare institutions.

Learning Objectives

Upon completing this activity, participants will be able to:

- List patient factors that increase the risk for *C. difficile* infection and recurrence
- Apply the latest evidence-based guideline recommendations when selecting appropriate treatment for an initial or recurrent episode of *C. difficile* infection
- Evaluate the latest therapeutic approaches to prevent *C. difficile* infection recurrence

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7:30 – 7:35 PM Welcome and Introduction

7:35 – 8:50 PM Identifying and Transitioning Patients with CDI:
Roles and Responsibilities of the Hospitalist
William Ford, MD

Treatment of Initial and First Recurrence of CDI
Jason Gallagher, PharmD

Addressing the Burden of CDI Recurrence
Ciarán P. Kelly, MD

8:50 – 9:00 PM Open Forum: Perspectives on the Hospitalist's Role

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