

# A PHARMACIST'S ROADMAP To Pain Management



## NEW DIRECTIONS To Improved Patient Care

### TSHP 2011 ANNUAL SEMINAR

11:00-11:30 AM

Lunch

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Educational Program

Friday, April 15, 2011

The Westin La Cantera

San Antonio, Texas

Room: San Antonio Ballroom AB

### PROGRAM AGENDA: 11:30AM- 1:00PM

11:30-11:40 AM **Welcome and Introduction**  
Recognizing the Current Crisis in Pain Management  
*Robert Barkin, PharmD*

11:40 AM-12:25 PM **Back to Basics: Understanding and Assessing Pain**  
*Scott Strassels, PharmD*

**Drug Selection, Administration and Dosing:  
The Rationale**  
*Virginia Ghafoor, PharmD*

12:25-12:55 PM **Case Study Forum**  
*All Faculty and Participants*

12:55-1:00 PM **Learning by Sharing: Q&A**  
*All Faculty and Participants*

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### Practice Gap and Educational Need

Pain represents a major crisis in today's healthcare environment with over 70 million Americans experiencing chronic pain each year. Poor management of pain has been linked to reduced quality of life and patient satisfaction of care. During hospitalization, inadequate management of pain leads to longer length of stay and higher readmission rates, resulting in overall higher healthcare costs. Pain places a heavy financial burden on society and is a leading cause of disability and lost work days.

Adequate pain management requires clinicians to make rational decisions regarding analgesic selection, dosing, titration, and administration. A thorough understanding of pain pathophysiology is essential to guide clinical decision-making. Despite the availability of effective analgesics, several barriers to adequate pain management continue to exist. These barriers include failure to assess scope of pain, concerns for abuse, fear of adverse events, and a lack of knowledge about pain and analgesics.

Healthcare providers must recognize the impact of pain on their patients and advance their efforts to better manage pain. Pharmacists, as part of a interdisciplinary team, can play a leading role in these efforts to address the current practice gaps.

### Target Audience

This continuing pharmacy education activity is planned to meet the needs of pharmacists in a variety of practice settings, including large and small health systems, outpatient clinics, managed-care organizations, long-term care facilities, and academia. This activity would be especially beneficial for pharmacists, clinical specialists, managers, leaders, and educators who are interested in pain management, new drug therapies, and improving the care of patients experiencing moderate to severe pain.

### Learning Objectives

After participating in this educational activity, learners should be able to

- Optimize pain management decisions based on pain pathophysiology
- Select an appropriate analgesic and dosing regimen to effectively treat moderate to severe pain
- Incorporate evidence-based strategies to minimize adverse events and toxicity associated with analgesics
- Utilize pain assessment tools and communication techniques to accurately evaluate pain

### Accreditation



The University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education.

This knowledge-based activity has been assigned ACPE # 022-999-11-024-L04-P and will award up to 1.5 contact hours (0.15 CEUs) of continuing pharmacy education credit in states that recognize ACPE providers.

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