The Pharmacist’s Challenge!

Truth or Consequences

Gram negatives

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Gram positives

Optimal Therapy: PK/PD Challenge

Pharmacist’s Role: Stewardship

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In the current era of escalating bacterial resistance, the role of healthcare team members, including but not limited to pharmacists, has become exponentially more important. As a result of this trend, the necessity of appropriate antimicrobial utilization has grown dramatically, as has the role of the clinical pharmacist in this arena. Clinical pharmacists must therefore take a more active position to combat trends in resistance among both gram-negative and gram-positive pathogens. Antimicrobial stewardship tactics that result in the implementation of institutional changes in an attempt to control and prevent the emergence of resistance are gaining momentum nationwide. Antimicrobial use strategies that incorporate pharmacodynamic profiling criteria will be an important aspect if we are to prolong the utility of both currently available agents and those under development.

I invite you to participate in what I anticipate will be a very exciting and interactive symposium that will address the major issues clinical pharmacists face when managing infectious diseases and antimicrobial use. These issues include current resistance trends, minimized growth and spread of resistant organisms, and interactive symposium that will address the major issues.

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- Identify the role of the pharmacist in optimizing clinical outcomes in the treatment of serious hospital infections

Sincerely,

David P. Nicolau, PharmD, FCCP
Clinical Jeopardy Host

TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity has been designed to meet the needs of hospital and clinical pharmacists who specialize in the area of infectious diseases, nosocomial infections, and the optimal use of antimicrobial agents.

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An Audience Response System will allow participants to be fully engaged in the program and provide immediate feedback on clinically focused questions.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

6:00 – 6:10 PM
What Is the Pharmacist’s Challenge?

6:10 – 7:50 PM
Clinical Jeopardy Topics
- Truth or Consequences: Gram Negatives
- Truth or Consequences: Gram Positives
- Optimal Therapy: PK/PD Challenge
- Pharmacist’s Role: Stewardship

7:50 – 8:00 PM
Taking on the Pharmacist’s Challenge: An Analysis

INTERACTIVE LEARNING

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