



OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- **Describe** the pathophysiology and characteristics of breakthrough pain, its prevalence and the negative impact on patients
- **Discuss** the pharmacokinetics of opioids used to treat cancer pain and characteristics of ideal breakthrough pain treatments
- **Evaluate** new options for treating breakthrough pain, including investigational agents
- **Assess** pharmacoeconomic considerations when treating patients with breakthrough pain
- **Identify** ways to improve collaboration with oncologists to optimize patient care