2017 Geriatric Pharmacy Preparatory Review Course

Learning Objectives

After participating in this CPE activity, learners should be able to:

Complex Case: Ambulatory-Geriatric Clinic

ACPE Number: 0204-0000-17-976-H01-P

Application-based

- Recommend and interpret the results of appropriate screening and assessments relevant to the management of the geriatric patient.
- Select the appropriate treatment and monitoring for a complex patient-case with multiple conditions, including:
 - o Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
 - Osteoarthritis
 - Depression
 - Urinary tract infection
 - Glaucoma
 - Herpes Zoster
- Evaluate strategies to promote evidence-based approaches for screening, immunizations, health promotion, and disease prevention for older adults.
- Assess the patient's complete medication list, including prescription and over-the-counter medications, and complementary and alternative therapies.
- Identify the components of an interprofessional, comprehensive geriatric assessment and the roles individual disciplines play in conducting and interpreting a comprehensive geriatric assessment
- Assess specific risks to older adult safety, including falls, abuse, physical/chemical restraints, and other environmental hazards.
- Recognize the role of advanced directives and living wills, power of attorney, and other substitute decision-makers documents in medication use decisions.

Complex Case: Assisted Living

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- Recommend and interpret the results of appropriate screening and assessments relevant to the management of the geriatric patient.
- Select the appropriate treatment and monitoring for a complex patient-case with multiple conditions, including:
 - Urinary incontinence
 - o Dysphagia
 - o Stroke
 - o Neuropathic pain
 - o Gout
 - o Seizure disorder
 - Substance abuse
- Evaluate self-care capacity, including medication self- administration.
- Recognize signs of substance and medication misuse/abuse in older adults.
- Assess the impact of social behaviors, including use of tobacco, caffeine, alcohol, and illicit drugs.

- Recognize need for referral of patients to other healthcare professionals.
- Assess verbal and nonverbal communication strategies to overcome potential sensory, language, and cognitive limitations in older adults.
- Evaluate adherence and provide strategies for improvement to older adults, their caregivers and the interprofessional team.

Complex Case: Long-term Care

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Application-based

- Recommend and interpret the results of appropriate screening and assessments relevant to the management of the geriatric patient.
- Select the appropriate treatment and monitoring for a complex patient-case with multiple conditions, including:
 - o Alzheimer's with behaviors
 - Hypertension
 - T2DM
 - o Geriatric syndromes malnutrition/failure to thrive/weight loss
 - Renal dysfunction/CKD
- Recognize ethical issues that arise during therapy with individuals who have diminished decisionmaking capacity.
- Identify potential medication-related causes of declining physical and cognitive function.
- Identify clinical situations where life expectancy, functional status, patient preference or goals of care should override standard recommendations for screening/ treatment.
- Prioritize care needs considering severity of illness, patient preference, quality of life, and time to benefit.
- Advocate interventions and behaviors that promote physical and mental health, nutrition, function, safety, social interactions, independence, and quality of life to older adults and their caregivers.
- Assess specific risks to older adult safety, including falls, abuse, physical/chemical restraints, and other environmental hazards.
- Apply the findings of research to the care of older adults.
- Evaluate the relevancy of clinical practice guidelines and standards of care for older adults.
- Apply protocols for managing high risk medication. (institution-specific)

Complex Case: Hospice/Palliative Care

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- Recommend and interpret the results of appropriate screening and assessments relevant to the management of the geriatric patient.
- Select the appropriate treatment and monitoring for a complex patient-case with multiple conditions, including:
 - Parkinson's disease
 - Pressure ulcers
 - Coronary artery disease
 - o Peripheral vascular disease
 - o Hyperlipidemia
 - o Pain management

- Prioritize care needs considering severity of illness, patient preference, quality of life, and time to benefit.
- Recognize iatrogenic conditions (e.g., healthcare associated infections, falls, pressure ulcers, medication- induced conditions).
- Understand cultural competencies (e.g., ethnic/racial, religion, spiritual, age-related, language) relevant to the older adult population.
- Apply cultural competency concepts and guidelines to healthcare decisions.
- Identify clinical situations where life expectancy, functional status, patient preference or goals of care should override standard recommendations for screening/ treatment.
- Recognize need for referral of patients to other healthcare professionals.
- Recognize the altered benefit-risk ratio of medications at the end of life.
- Discuss end of life issues as they relate to medication appropriateness.
- Assess strategies to facilitate shared decision making when evaluating changes in the drug regimen considering patients' values, goals and preferences.

Complex Case: Inpatient to Family Medicine Clinic

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Application-based

- Recommend and interpret the results of appropriate screening and assessments relevant to the management of the geriatric patient.
- Select the appropriate treatment and monitoring for a complex patient-case with multiple conditions, including:
 - Atrial fibrillation
 - Post-myocardial infarction
 - o Gastroesophageal reflux disease
 - Heart failure
 - o Hypertension
 - o Insomnia
 - Urinary retention
 - o Dry eyes and mouth
- Define the continuum of care available to geriatric patients, such as community resources, home care, assisted living facilities, nursing facilities, sub-acute care facilities, hospice care, and hospitals.
- Identify potentially inappropriate medications (PIM) for older adults.
- Identify medications that contribute to geriatric syndromes or conditions (e.g., falls, cognitive impairment).
- Assess biomedical information considering study design and methodology, statistical analysis, and significance of reported data and conclusions

Complex Case: Ambulatory - Family Medicine Clinic

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- Recommend and interpret the results of appropriate screening and assessments relevant to the management of the geriatric patient.
- Select the appropriate treatment and monitoring for a complex patient-case with multiple conditions, including:
 - o Atrial fibrillation, post-MI

- Heart failure
- o Hypothyroidism
- o Diabetes mellitus, new onset
- o Benign prostatic hyperplasia
- o Hypotension
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease
- o Frailty
- Assess financial/reimbursement issues (e.g., formularies, insurance coverage) when making therapeutic recommendations.
- Describe steps to assist a patient with payment issues for medications, medication therapy management services, and medical equipment.
- Describe strategies to assess caregiver knowledge and expectations regarding advanced age and disease on health risks, needs, and treatment of health conditions.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of care plans and services based on older adults' and caregivers' changes in age, health status, and function; assist caregivers in altering plans and actions as needed.
- Evaluate adherence and provide strategies for improvement to older adults, their caregivers and the interprofessional care team.
- Collaborate with older adults, their caregivers, and the healthcare team during care planning and implementation.
- Recognize the need for continuity of treatment and communication across the spectrum of services and during transitions between care settings.
- Select methods to facilitate medication reconciliation during transitions of care.
- Apply outcomes of investigations to optimize care of older adults.

Complex Case: Inpatient Surgery to Skilled Nursing Facility

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- Recommend and interpret the results of appropriate screening and assessments relevant to the management of the geriatric patient.
- Select the appropriate treatment and monitoring for a complex patient-case with multiple conditions, including:
 - o **Delirium**
 - Deep vein thrombosis prophylaxis
 - o Pneumonia
 - Anxiety
 - o Pain management
 - o Fluid & electrolyte disorder
 - o Falls
- Define the continuum of care available to geriatric patients, such as community resources, home care, assisted living facilities, nursing facilities, sub-acute care facilities, hospice care, and hospitals.
- Recognize the need for continuity of treatment and communication across the spectrum of services and during transitions between care settings.
- o Identify potential hazards of hospitalization for older adults, including immobility, delirium, medication side effects, malnutrition, pressure ulcers, procedures, and

- hospital acquired infections.
- Assess specific risks to older adult safety, including falls, abuse, physical/chemical restraints, and other environmental hazards.
- Recognize iatrogenic conditions (e.g., healthcare associated infections, falls, pressure ulcers, medication- induced).

Complex Case: Skilled Nursing Care

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Application-based

- Recommend and interpret the results of appropriate screening and assessments relevant to the management of the geriatric patient.
- Select the appropriate treatment and monitoring for a complex patient-case with multiple conditions, including:
 - o Anemia
 - Anxiety
 - Deep vein thrombosis prophylaxis
 - Osteoporosis
 - o Pain management
 - o SIADH
 - o Falls
 - o Constipation
- Recognize the need for continuity of treatment and communication across the spectrum of services and during transitions between care settings.
- Identify potential medication-related causes of declining physical and cognitive function.
- Select methods to facilitate medication reconciliation during transitions of care.
- Evaluate the relevance and limitations of biomedical information for the care of older adults.
- Apply outcomes of investigations to optimize care of older adults.
- Develop strategies to prevent or resolve iatrogenic conditions.
- Recognize elder abuse/neglect (e.g., physical, psychological, and financial).
- Identify resources to assist in prevention, reporting, and treatment of elder abuse/neglect.

Statistics, Evidence-Based Medicine, and Clinical Trial Design - Core Therapeutic Module

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- Determine quality of a study by examining study design, statistical analysis, quality of conclusions, and interpretation of graphs.
- Determine clinical and statistical significance.
- Determine if appropriate statistical tests have been used.
- Determine whether the study applies to a specified patient population.