June 3, 2015
“Misperceptions and Reality from a Non-Nephrologist Perspective”
Ramesh Saxena, M.D., Ph.D., FASN
Professor of Internal Medicine, Division of Nephrology, UT Southwestern Medical Center – Dallas, Texas

Objectives:
- Discuss the current status of peritoneal dialysis.
- Discuss misconceptions about peritoneal dialysis among physicians.
- Recognize how an increase in the use of peritoneal dialysis can help improve outcomes of end stage kidney disease.

June 10, 2015
“AKI in the ICU”
Harold M. Szerlip, M.D, MS(Ed), FACP, FCCP, FASN, FNKF
Nephrologist, Dallas Nephrology Associates – Dallas, Texas

Objectives:
- Explain the consensus definition of AKI.
- Describe the epidemiology of AKI in the ICU.
- Discuss the mortality associated with AKI in the ICU.
- Describe the pathophysiology of sepsis-induced AKI.
- Demonstrate how to appropriately treat AKI based on our current knowledge.

June 17, 2015
“Biosimilars for Rheumatic Disease”
Stanley Cohen, M.D.
Rheumatologist, Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas – Dallas, Texas

Objectives:
- Define a biosimilar therapeutic.
- Describe the regulatory pathway for approval of biosimilar therapeutic.
- Discuss the potential benefits of biosimilars and concerns regarding safety issues.

June 24, 2015
“The D-Lightful Vitamin D for Health”
Michael F. Holick, Ph.D., M.D.
Professor of Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine – Boston, Massachusetts
Director, Vitamin D, Skin and Bone Research Laboratory, Boston University School of Medicine – Boston, Massachusetts

Objectives:
- Recognize the importance of vitamin D for skeletal health throughout life.
- Provide up to date information on the RDAs for vitamin D.
- Describe how to diagnose vitamin D deficiency and when patients should be screened for their vitamin D status.
- Describe association and ecologic studies relating vitamin D deficiency with chronic diseases and mortality.
- Provide strategies for the prevention and treatment of vitamin D deficiency in healthy children and adults and in children and adults with chronic kidney disease.

Target Audience: Internal Medicine Physicians, Residents, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Allied Health

Program Director: Bruce Wall, M.D. – Nephrologist, Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas – Dallas, Texas

Format: Didactic Lecture with Question and Answer Session

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