



Medical Update in TB Control #1: Management of Tuberculosis in Patients Taking TNF-Alpha Inhibitors



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CME/CNE Certified Training Course

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The management of patients infected with *M. tuberculosis* in the presence of an immunocompromising condition can be complicated and challenging. This web-based seminar will specifically cover screening, diagnosis, treatment, and management of patients who are taking anti-tumor necrosis factor agents (TNF-alpha inhibitors). The seminar will consist of an overview of the interaction between TNF-alpha inhibitors and TB infection and disease and review the latest CDC recommendations for physicians prescribing these agents as well as for physicians diagnosing and treating TB in patients already taking TNF-alpha inhibitors. Case presentations will be included along with time for discussion.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Physicians and other health care professionals who manage patients with co-morbidities that may lead to treatment with TNF-alpha inhibitors and/or patients with TB infection or disease.

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this seminar, participants will be able to:

- Determine the role of immunosuppressive therapies in the course of infection with TB in order better diagnose and treat TB patients with a condition requiring treatment with TNF-alpha inhibitors.

- Utilize CDC recommendations for screening, diagnosis, and treatment of latent TB infection and TB disease in patients taking TNF-alpha inhibitors in order to avoid development of complications related to the development of TB in those infected and the cure of active TB disease.
- Apply lessons learned from reviewing TB treatment challenges when managing patients taking TNF-alpha inhibitors to avoid diagnostic and treatment failures.

WEB-BASED SEMINAR REQUIREMENTS

Registration priority will be given to individuals within the Northeastern Region, including Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia, and the cities of Baltimore, Detroit, New York City and Philadelphia.

Participants must have Internet access (high-speed preferred), a speaker phone, and an email address to receive course information. There is no limit to the number of participants at one site. However, sites must identify a contact person to receive conference information and collect and submit completed evaluation forms and sign-in sheet.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

1:00pm	Introduction - Lee Reichman, MD, MPH
1:10pm	Overview of TB Pathogenesis & Treatment in Persons Taking TNF- Alpha Inhibitors - Lynelle Phillips, RN, MPH
1:45 pm	Case presentation: Treatment of a Patient on TNF-Alpha Inhibitors - Germaine Jacquette, MD
2:20pm	Discussion
2:25pm	Concluding remarks -Lee Reichman, MD, MPH

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Please complete the registration process online by clicking [here](#). *If a group is participating together in the same room, only one person in the group should register.*

You will receive notification of acceptance of your registration at least 2 weeks prior to the seminar date. All communication for this event will be done via email. Please check the spelling of your email address carefully during registration and be sure to check you spam/bulk mail boxes as some information may filter into these boxes.

FEE

This conference is free; however, there is a \$10 charge per person for Continuing Education Credits. Participants may sign up for credits on the sign-in sheet which will be emailed just prior to the conference. Payment must be received within one week of the program.

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