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CONFERENCE SPEAKER



Steven Atkinson, PA-C, MS, is a Board Certified Physician Assistant specializing in Geriatric Internal Medicine. He practices medicine in the greater Minneapolis area. In addition to his private practice, he has been on the faculty at the University of Utah since 1994 and has been involved in medicine for over 30 years.

Steven is the co-founder of Twin Cities Physicians, which serves older adults in nearly all levels of their care. He has presented nationally for over 15 years, primarily speaking about geriatric-related syndromes. Steven is the author of *Geriatric Pharmacology: The Principles of Practice & Clinical Recommendations, Second Edition* (PESI, 2016) and also sits on several boards whose purpose is to elevate the level of care in medicine for the patients they serve. Steven has been described as a "dynamic" educator and one of the most engaging presenters around. Don't miss him!

Disclosures:

Financial: Steven Atkinson is the founder and co-owner of Twin Cities Physicians; and owner of Mindful Geriatrics, LLC. He is an Adjunct Faculty at the University of Utah. Mr. Atkinson receives royalties as an author for PESI Publishing and Media. He receives a speaking honorarium from PESI, Inc.

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OUTLINE

DAY ONE

SESSION 1: Differentiating Dementias

Distinguishing the various types of dementia is often difficult. This session provides tools to appropriately screen patients experiencing dementia, along with discussion of the most effective interventions to improve the care you provide.

- Normal vs. Abnormal Aging
- Types of Dementias
- Alzheimer's Disease
- Parkinson's Disease Dementia
- Substance-Induced Neurocognitive Disorder
- Pharmacological Management

OBJECTIVES

1. Appraise the signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.
2. Determine appropriate diagnostic tests to achieve accurate diagnosis.
3. Devise interventions that are effective and promote positive communication between staff, family & the older adult.

SESSION 2: Geriatric Pharmacology: Tools for the Healthcare Professional

For geriatric patients taking more than five medications, the statistical chance of a drug-drug interaction or adverse event is 100%! For those experiencing an adverse drug event, one third will require additional treatment. This session will provide straightforward tools that will help you care for older adults receiving multiple medications.

- Drug Utilization Amongst the Elderly
- Billing Codes That You MUST Know
- Clinical Pharmacological Issues in the Elderly

OBJECTIVES

1. Apply techniques and identify strategies to avoid adverse drug events and drug disease interactions.
2. Develop individualized monitoring plans for geriatric patients through the evaluation of high risk medications.
3. Appraise at least three new guideline recommendations related to geriatric pharmacology.

SESSION 3: Pain Management in the Elderly

This presentation will review the different categories of controlled substances and their appropriate use in the geriatric patient. Explore special considerations and tools to aid in prescribing and managing pain in the geriatric patient.

- The Challenges Associated with Controlled Substances
- Pain Control... Is every patient's RIGHT

OBJECTIVES

1. Implement controlled substance/pain management contracts into practice.
2. Prepare to manage symptoms of controlled substance and alcohol misuse and abuse in geriatric patients.
3. Develop best practice methods for prescribing in the geriatric population.

DAY TWO

SESSION 1: Managing Geriatric Behaviors: Wandering, Aggression, Malnutrition and More

Behaviors such as wandering, aggression and anxiety can pose significant barriers to the delivery of essential care. Geriatric syndromes such as malnutrition, dehydration and insomnia can diminish quality of life and threaten independence. This session will explore the most frequent problematic behaviors and discuss strategies to improve the care you provide to your geriatric patients.

- Wandering
- Physical Aggression
- Inappropriate Sexual Behaviors
- Eating Issues & Nutrition in Elders with Dementia
- Sleepless Nights & Sundowning
- Professional Issues

OBJECTIVES

1. Determine strategies to diminish the occurrence of behavioral problems in individuals with dementia.
2. Apply behavioral and environmental techniques to diminish challenging behavioral problems.
3. Analyze how cognitive impairment in older individuals is affected by environment, caregiver schedules, and responses to the behaviors.

SESSION 2: Geriatric Emergencies

A high-energy, dynamic session filled with interesting case studies, insightful discussions and interactive learning. You will leave with practical techniques that you can apply right away – if you work with geriatric patients, you don't want to miss this!

- Physiological Changes with Aging
- Common Underlying Chronic Illness
- Cardiovascular Emergencies
- Pulmonary Emergencies
- Cerebrovascular Emergencies
- Orthopedic Emergencies
- Abdominal Emergencies

OBJECTIVES

1. Develop strategies to identify abuse and neglect.
2. Distinguish etiologic and pathologic factors associated with neurological, orthopedic, abdominal, cardiovascular & pulmonary emergencies.
3. Differentiate between typical aging and complex management of co-morbidities in the elderly.

SESSION 3: Top Ten Medications to Avoid in the Geriatric Patient

Explore medication dosing guidelines and polypharmacy management principles to ensure safe prescribing in the geriatric patient. Review the top ten medications to avoid and alternatives that can be equally effective.

- The BEERS List
- Risks Associated with Anticholinergic Drugs
- The TOP TEN
- 5 Things Patients & Physicians Should Question

OBJECTIVES

1. Develop age-sensitive principles for medication dosing and management to clinical scenarios.
2. Propose key questions useful for identifying and managing polypharmacy in older adults.

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