



American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine

Current Concepts in Palliative Care: Update and Review Course

CD-Rom Continuing Medical Education Information

Recommended Procedure

This CME activity is intended for purchasers or users of the Current Concepts in Palliative Care: Update and Review Course CD-Rom only. If you have attended the live Current Concepts course and received CME, you are not eligible to receive CME through this activity.

To receive maximum benefit from the Current Concepts in Palliative Care: Update and Review Course product, the following procedure is recommended:

- Review the learning objectives, purpose of the course, and the other information listed in this document.
- Listen to each lecture and follow along using the PowerPoint Slides or handouts of each lecture.
- Complete the online posttest for each Module by going to www.aahpm.org. CME posttests will be located in the “Education” section of the web site.
- The CME cost for this activity is \$30 per module.

Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide a thorough update on current practices, clinical advancements, and research updates in palliative care. Participants will gain clinical knowledge, resources, and skills for the delivery of quality care to terminally-ill patients in hospitals, hospices, and other settings.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this continuing medical education program, a physician should be better able to:

- Assess patient pain, other symptoms, and side effects, and recommend a care plan based upon the best available evidence.
- Identify psychological and psychiatric aspects of patient care including grief and bereavement.
- Perform a spiritual, existential, social, and cultural assessment of patients and recommend care plans.
- Analyze communication techniques and group dynamics used with the interdisciplinary care team, families, and patients in palliative care.
- Discuss legal and ethical concerns related to palliative care.

Accreditation Statement

The American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing education for physicians.

AAHPM designates this continuing medical education activity for a maximum of 18.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 CreditsTM*. Hours are granted as follows:

Module 1 – Pain Management

3.0 Continuing Medical Education Hours

Module 2 – Disease Updates and Management

4.5 Continuing Medical Education Hours

Module 3 – Symptom Management

5.25 Continuing Medical Education Hours

Module 4 - Psychosocial, Communication, and Administrative Topics

6.0 Continuing Medical Education Hours

Physicians are eligible to receive credit by completing the online posttest and evaluation form for each module. The Academy will keep a record of AMA/PRA category 1 credit hours and the record will be provided on request; however, physicians are responsible for reporting their own category 1 CME credits when applying for the AMA/PRA or for other certificates or credentials. Each Physician should claim only those hours of credit that he or she actually spent completing the activity.

Disclosure

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Review and Revision

This educational offering was peer reviewed by members of AAHPM in 2008.

Term of Offering

The release date for the Current Concepts Course is September 15, 2008 and the expiration date is September 15, 2011. The final date to request credit is September 15, 2011.

Posttest Pass Rate

The posttest pass rate is 75%.

Posttests

[Module 1 – Pain Management](#)

[Module 2 – Disease Updates and Management](#)

[Module 3 – Symptom Management](#)

[Module 4 - Psychosocial, Communication, and Administrative Topics](#)