



OPTIMIZING PROTECTION FOR NSTEMI-ACS PATIENTS WITH ANTIPLATELET THERAPY

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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES:

This activity was designed to address the following IOM competencies: provide patient-centered care and employ evidence-based practice.

At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Explain the importance of long-term dual platelet inhibition to protect post-ACS and post-PCI patients against thromboembolic events
- Describe the strengths and limitations of current antiplatelet treatment options, along with the need to balance reduction of ischemic thromboembolic complications with minimization of excessive bleeding risks
- Discuss emerging oral antiplatelet treatments suitable for long-term protection against risks of thromboembolic events
- Differentiate patients and therapies to optimize therapeutic management of post-ACS and post-PCI

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Despite advances in acute and chronic treatment of acute coronary syndrome (ACS) patients, there is still considerable uncertainty among physicians about the relative benefits of various antiplatelet agents in protecting against long-term ischemic complications. Interventional cardiologists, general cardiologists, hospitalists, and the entire cath-lab staff have expressed a need for additional education on these issues. Education will clarify the subtle differences between available and emerging agents for preventing thrombotic events, including their relative risks for bleeding complications. As a result, the gap between physician knowledge of antiplatelet agents and the application of that knowledge in practice can be reduced, and the long-term management of ACS patients improved.

This program will also explore the limitations of current antiplatelet therapies and how they might be best managed. In addition, participants will be alerted to the potential importance of emerging therapies that can transform the clinical management of these patients.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Interventional cardiologists, ER physicians, and allied health professionals who treat patients with ACS.

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