Pain Management in Advanced Illness and Co-Morbid Substance Use Disorder

Objectives

1. Discuss the current state of substance abuse and governmental response to decrease abuse and diversion.
2. Describe a comprehensive pain assessment.
3. Discuss pertinent elements of a pain management plan in those with co-morbid substance use disorder.
4. Discuss the role of breakthrough medications, opioid rotation, and titration.

Course Description:

“Pain Management in Advanced Illness and Co-morbid Substance Use Disorder” presented by Anne F. Walsh MSN, ANP-BC, ACHPN, CWOCN, and Kathleen Broglio DNP, ANP-BC, ACHPN. Pain management may be a challenge in advanced disease and persons with a history of substance abuse may face a greater challenge. People with histories of substance abuse may face a risk of being under treated for pain. This teleconference reviews substance use disorder, defines addiction, physical dependence, and tolerance; provides information about assessing pain and designing a treatment plan to effectively manage pain in persons with a history of substance abuse. A case study is used throughout to further illustrate the comprehensive assessment, treatment plan, and necessary follow-up.

Target Audience:

Registered Nurses and other Healthcare Professionals

Contact Hours: 1.0
1.0 designated pharmacology hours

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