



Advanced Antiplatelet Therapy for Non-ST-Segment-Elevation ACS in the Upstream Care Setting

General Project Description:

The Hospital Quality Foundation (HQF) is contacting you to make you aware of an accredited Continuing Medical Education program that is available to your organization. Delivered as a 1-hour program, our expert faculty will discuss dual (ischemia and bleeding) risk stratification of the ACS patient and options for upstream oral antiplatelet therapy, especially in the ED.

Goal:

The goal of this CME program is to inform and educate an audience comprised primarily of emergency medicine providers with the most current information and guidance on the evidence basis and practical use of upstream oral antiplatelet therapy (OAP) in NSTEMI-ACS. This evidence-based OAP is an established, foundational component of therapy for ACS. There remains, however, much inconsistency in contemporary practice, with poor compliance with guidelines, disagreement about optimal timing and doses of agents, and discontinuity of therapy at transitions of care (ED to cardiology, inpatient to outpatient). This program will clarify the existing therapeutic goals for initiation and continuation of OAP by highlighting appropriate patient selection considerations, explaining the balance between desired ischemic efficacy and bleeding risk, and placing new data into the appropriate clinical context for use by the upstream provider. This program could either be part of a scientific program for your chapter's annual meeting, or potentially serve as a satellite CME activity. There would be no charge to your chapter or to your members for earning this CME credit.

Learning Objectives:

- ★ Following implementation of Advanced Antiplatelet Therapy for Non-ST-Segment-Elevation ACS in the Upstream Care Setting, the participant will be better able to: Cite evidence that outlines the rationale behind OAP in the upstream setting in ACS care
- ★ Integrate a systematic process for risk stratification for both ischemic sequelae and hemorrhagic complications in patients with NSTEMI-ACS prior to diagnostic angiography
- ★ Differentiate among the currently available OAP agents
- ★ Design and implement an upstream evaluation and treatment algorithm for NSTEMI-ACS that is implemented by emergency physicians and hospitalists in alignment with ongoing cardiology care

Target Audience:

State and regional American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) and Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM) chapter meetings. Large meetings of employed emergency and hospital medicine physician groups would also provide suitable venues.

Fee:

There is no cost to the host organization. The faculty honorarium, travel and expenses are all provided by the Hospital Quality Foundation.

Please respond to:

Robert Batte or Graham Batte at CE Symmetry to discuss this CME opportunity in further detail. Robert and Graham may be reached at info@cesym.com or by calling 888-488-4452.

ABOUT THE HQF:

We are a 501c3 not-for-profit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of health care by supporting the development and/or delivery of information and education related to hospital medicine. The HQF and its partner organizations, CE Symmetry and CMEsolutions, disseminate healthcare information, provides a focal point for a cross section of

stakeholders and leaders, and establishes a repository of information for local, national, and international provider education. HQF is directed by a board of highly qualified individuals with experience and expertise in healthcare quality and hospital medicine. Emphasis is consistently placed on educating and engaging physicians and other acute care practitioners in advancing hospital quality improvement.