

Make a difference in the care of patients with COPD... and in your career.



COPD Assessment and Management Course

Course period: Sept 12, 2008 – Dec 5, 2008

Study days: Oct 24 - 25, 2008

Wesley Long Community Hospital

501 N. Elam Ave, Classroom 1

Greensboro, NC 27403

Invest in your career. A comprehensive training program designed to expand clinical practice and expertise. Through greater understanding of the disease, participants build competence in assessment and diagnosis (including spirometry), pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic management, clinical decision making in line with guidelines and evidence-based practice, and patient education.

Not just another lecture. Expert trainer. Small group setting. Interactive curriculum about revolutionary new directions in COPD care. Case studies and hands-on experience with assessment tools, devices, and equipment apply learning to practice during mid-course study days.

It's about change in practice. Self study throughout the course supports understanding of disease process and reinforces best practice as participants apply new skills to patient care. A patient management paper at course end demonstrates integration of knowledge and practice.

Register now. Go to our website at www.nrtc-usa.org. training/upcoming training programs to download a course registration form. For more information contact the National Respiratory Training Center at 757 668.6455 or 757 483.4130.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion, participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate in-depth understanding of disease process and risk factors.
- Discuss prevention strategies and how to counsel smoking cessation.
- Discuss elements of comprehensive history and physical exam and demonstrate understanding of the significance of information gathered.
- Demonstrate basic understanding of spirometry testing and interpretation.
- Apply criteria for diagnosis and staging to case study patients.
- Design comprehensive management plans for patients with mild, moderate, and severe disease, including pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic therapies and patient education.
- Recognize signs and symptoms of acute exacerbation and recommend proper treatment.
- Discuss key elements of end-of-life care.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, respiratory therapists, physical therapists, pharmacists, case managers, physicians, and other health professionals actively involved in the care of patients with COPD. Applicants are expected to be actively working with COPD patients, either in primary or secondary care.

COST

\$100 for the first 20 to register.

\$595 for all other participants.

Costs for travel, accommodations and meals to attend the study days are not included.

ACCREDITATION

- **AANP.** This program has been approved for up to **28.0** contact hours of continuing education (which includes up to **8.0** hours of pharmacology) by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. Program ID 611433.
- **AAPA.** This program has been reviewed and is approved for a maximum of **11.5** hours of AAPA Category I (Pre-approved) CME credit by the Physician Assistant Review Panel.
- **AARC.** The American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) has granted the COPD course **23.5** hours of continuing education credit (CRCE) for respiratory therapists.
- **CBRN.** The COPD Course has been approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider #13556 for **62.8** contact hours.

(Accreditation hours/credits may change based on re-accreditation applications)

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