Improving the Diagnosis, Treatment, and Outcomes of Patients With HAP and VAP: A Critical Look at Current Guidelines and New Treatment Options

Activity Overview
Join us for one of the live, in-person meetings we will be carrying out at state SCCM chapters. A nationally recognized expert will provide a concise update on the diagnosis and treatment of hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP) and ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP).

Activity Description
Hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP) is defined as pneumonia that develops 48 hours or more after admission that was not present on admission; ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP) is pneumonia that develops 48 hours or more after endotracheal intubation.

HAP and VAP are common afflictions in hospitalized patients, accounting for nearly one-quarter of all hospital-acquired infections. They confer mortality rates of 24%-50%, increasing to nearly 75% if caused by resistant organisms. Given the high prevalence and significant mortality associated with these types of pneumonia, accurate diagnosis and appropriate treatment are essential. Treatment must be balanced against potential unintended consequences of antibiotic use, including Clostridium difficile infections and the promotion of resistant bacteria caused by poor antibiotic stewardship.

Given the frequency with which HAP and VAP occur, and the need for equipoise with antibiotic use, it is essential that all practicing clinicians have an evidence-based construct for the diagnosis and treatment of HAP and VAP.

Through this curriculum, we aim to examine strategies to readily diagnose HAP and VAP in the critical care setting, as well as how to optimize antibiotic selection and use in individual patients. After participating in the inReview, you can register to have one of our experts visit your local SCCM chapter for an interactive discussion.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to:
- List the pathogens commonly implicated in causing hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP) and ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP)
- Identify risk factors for multidrug-resistant HAP and VAP
- Employ an evidence-based approach to readily diagnose HAP and VAP in the critical care setting
- Select empiric therapy for HAP and VAP based on the local distribution of pathogens and their antimicrobial susceptibilities, as well as individual patients’ risk factors for multidrug resistance and prior microbiology data
- Summarize key features and critical differences between novel antibiotics for the treatment of HAP and VAP
- Optimize antibiotic selection and use (eg, dosing) in individual patients with HAP or VAP, considering current evidence and expert recommendations as well as the appropriate use of new and emerging agents

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Target Audience
This activity has been designed to meet the educational needs of critical care specialists and other healthcare professionals involved in the care of patients with HAP/VAP.

MOC Statement:
Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to 1.0 MOC points and patient safety MOC credit in the American Board of Internal Medicine’s (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. Participants will earn MOC points equivalent to the amount of CME credits claimed for the activity. It is the CME activity provider’s responsibility to submit participant completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABIM MOC credit.

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The Universal Activity Number for this activity will be provided when the meeting dates and locations are confirmed.

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Chapter

Available Dates

Available Times (1-hour time slots)

| Audience Total and Breakdown (Please add the estimated total of each specialty below.) |
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| _____ Critical Care Specialists | _____ Nurse Practitioners       |
| _____ Nurses                    | _____ Physician Assistants       |
| _____ Pharmacists               |                                 |
| _____ Other Specialties (Specify): |                                 |

Other: ____________________________

CONTACT INFORMATION

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