Assessment of Wounds and Pain Management
Best Practices in Long-Term Care

Presented by Dr. Chuck Gokoo
A Clinical Guide to Pressure Ulcer Assessment

The best practice for pressure ulcers depends on accurate assessment and differential diagnosis. Correct assessment drives therapy management and signals progress or problems in the healing process. Improperly or incompletely assessed wounds/ulcers can create all types of problems, including incorrect treatment.

The focus of this educational presentation is to assist facility staff in maintaining compliance with the current clinical standards of practice of wound/ulcer assessment. Current standards of wound/ulcer management and changes in clinical practice in long-term care facilities as they relate to various wound/ulcer types will be reviewed. This program is also designed to improve communication concerning resident care in preventing wound/ulcer occurrence and management of residents with a wound/ulcer.

Objectives:
- Describe the importance of wound assessment
- Describe ulcer and periulcer characteristics
- Explain components of wound bed preparation

Pain—The Fifth Vital Sign

Pain is a common, subjective experience for many older adults residing in long-term care centers. While pain may be a factor associated with many disease processes, pain is not a normal part of aging. The recognition of pain in the long-term care setting remains challenging where evaluation, interventions, and management are concerned. For example, cognitive impairment represents a particular challenge because older adults with these conditions may be unable to verbalize their pain.

Understanding practice procedures such as assessment, treatment, and monitoring ensures that all residents remain pain-free, or that their pain is managed. The information presented will assist clinicians in understanding the current regulations regarding resident pain and enhanced interventions and outcomes.

Objectives:
- Discuss the epidemiology of pain in the long-term care setting
- Describe barriers to accurate pain assessment
- Discuss factors to improve pain management

Details

Dates: Thursday, June 9, 2011
Where: NEW Location
Crowne Plaza Minneapolis North,
2200 Freeway Boulevard, Minneapolis
Time: 9:00 am – 4:15 pm (8:30 am check-in)
Cost: $125 per member registrant/ $175 per prospective member registrant (includes course materials, continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshments)
Code: MN12-90125
CEUs: 6 clock hours, 7.2 contact hours

Registration

There are three ways to register:
1. Online at www.careproviders.org (go to Education & Events)
2. Call Cara Tuenge at 952-851-2494 or 800-462-0024
3. Via mail or fax (form available online)

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Speaker

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Early in his 30-year medical career, Dr. Chuck Gokoo recognized a need for science-based interventions in wound management. This led to his collaborating with specialists in conducting large outcome-based clinical trials for the medical/wound products industry. Recognizing a need for practical application, Dr. Gokoo then transitioned from research to advancing the needed wound management strategies by providing education to numerous clinicians in the field.

Dr. Gokoo’s background in chronic wound management has led to publications and numerous speaking engagements at national and international wound society meetings. He is a member of multiple professional organizations and editorial boards, a Diplomat of the American Academy of Wound Management and a founder, as well as a Fellow, of The American College of Certified Wound Specialists.