New York Warfarin Safety Series

IMPROVING THE OUTCOMES OF ORAL ANTICOAGULATION: HOME MONITORING OF WARFARIN THERAPY

Webinar Teleconference and CME
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FACULTY

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Although anticoagulation with warfarin has been shown to greatly improve patient outcomes in a number of cardiovascular conditions, multiple factors confound the clinicians' efforts to maintain patients within the therapeutic range. At the population level, suboptimal warfarin management contributes to a substantial number of avoidable hemorrhagic and thromboembolic events and deaths. While anticoagulation clinics have demonstrated improvement in patient management, financial pressures may prevent the establishment and maintenance of these traditional service models.

Tune in to this complimentary series of webinars to learn why system-level improvements in anticoagulation management have become a critical public health priority and about innovative approaches to providing high-quality anticoagulant services.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

Physicians, pharmacists, nurses, physician assistants and health system administrators.

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT (VIA WEB AND PHONE)

• Prior to September 22nd, please register at the QNet Exchange Event Center at **https://ifmcevents.webex.com**. A confirmatory e-mail will be sent to you with your enrollment ID number, the dial-in number and group password.

• Please remember to dial in early (about 10-15 minutes prior to 8:00AM on September 22nd) to avoid waiting in the registration queue for the operator. By 8:00AM EST, log onto the QNet Exchange Event Center at **https://ifmcevents.webex.com** to view the PowerPoint slides. There will be ample time for questions and answers after the conclusion of the presentation.

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PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this educational activity, participants should be able to:

- Describe the benefits of home INR monitoring of warfarin therapy reported in clinical studies;

- Discuss the management of INR values from point-of-care instruments (both in range and out of range); and

- Understand how to implement a program of home INR monitoring.

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