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Morning Program – Strategies for Safely Managing Patients on Warfarin
November 4, 2008, 8:00am – 12:30pm
Massachusetts Medical Society, Waltham, MA

Program Objectives

- Evaluate your practice to determine what changes can be made to formalize a process for effective anticoagulation management.
- Determine what additional training/education is required for staff member (if not physician) to proactively maintain ongoing patient communication relative to compliance.
- Develop a mechanism (flow sheets...) to document scheduling, confirmation, tracking, dosing and INR results for patients on anticoagulants.
- Assign development and updating of policies/procedures for management of patients on anticoagulants that reflect the most currently available clinical guidelines.

Agenda

Agenda Item	Time	Speaker
▪ Welcoming remarks by MA Medical Society President	8:00-8:05am	Bruce Auerbach, MD
▪ Introduction of the Statewide Initiative to Reduce Patient Harm	8:05-8:10am	Paula Griswold, MS
▪ Gaps in Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Statement of Problem ○ Highlights of 11/07 MMS Physician Survey ○ Evidence About Solutions ○ Barriers to Solutions 	8:10-8:45am	Joseph Dorsey, MD
▪ Introduction of Speakers/Panelists	8:45-8:50am	Joseph Dorsey, MD
▪ Presentation of Case 1 – Addressing Gap #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inadequate patient care management resulting in INRs out of therapeutic range 	8:50-9:35am	Jack Ansell, MD
▪ Presentation of Case 2 – Addressing Gap #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identification of patients who should be on warfarin 	9:35-10:20am	Daniel Singer, MD
▪ Break	10:20-10:35am	
▪ Presentation of Case 3 – Addressing Gap #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inadequate patient care management resulting in INR's out of therapeutic range - focus on patients with DVT 	10:35-11:20am	Sam Goldhaber, MD
▪ Presentation of Case 4 – Addressing Gap #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Surgical bridging strategies ○ Vulnerable time during patient transitions 	11:20-12:20pm	Alan Brush, MD Terry O'Malley, MD
▪ Closing Remarks	12:20-12:30pm	Joseph Dorsey, MD and Paula Griswold, MS