



# EVOLVING STRATEGIES

for Stroke Prevention  
in Patients with  
Atrial Fibrillation

Friday, March 20, 2015

1:30pm-2:30pm

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Ballroom D  
2 Convention Center Plaza  
St. Charles, MO

## FACULTY

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The burden of atrial fibrillation (AF) and AF-related stroke is high in the US. Nonvalvular atrial fibrillation (NVAF), a relatively common type of AF, is strongly associated with stroke; major epidemiologic studies suggest a 2-to-7-fold elevation in stroke risk for patients with NVAF compared to those without.

Pharmacists in the hospital setting play a key role in the coordination of care and are well positioned to help facilitate transitions of care throughout the AF/stroke treatment continuum, from primary prevention through post-stroke care coordination. As integrated care delivery models continue to emerge, reliance on all team members can be expected to increase. To maximize their potential, these hospital pharmacists will require education to remain up-to-date with emerging care delivery models, approval of new treatment modalities, and changes in clinical practice guidelines.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this activity, the participant should be able to:

### PHARMACISTS

- Examine the importance of evidence-based treatment to mitigate the risk of stroke and other complications
- Effectively assimilate knowledge of key stakeholders and NVAF/stroke treatment settings into everyday clinical practice
- Compare and contrast effective treatment options for managing patients and improving outcomes in patients with NVAF
- Implement strategies to improve adherence in patients receiving anticoagulation therapy and improve treatment team coordination

### PHARMACY TECHNICIANS

- Identify the medications used for anticoagulation therapy
- Outline strategies to improve adherence in patients receiving anticoagulation therapy and improve treatment team coordination

## TARGET AUDIENCE

This educational activity is designed to bring hospital pharmacists and pharmacy technicians up-to-date with the current guidelines and evidence-based approaches in stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation.

There is NO FEE for this CE Meeting. However, you must be registered for the ICHP/MSHP Spring meeting in order to attend this CE Session.

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## PROGRAM AGENDA

- I Review epidemiological data underscoring the importance of early detection and treatment of AF in stroke prevention
- II Discussion of relevant clinical practice guidelines to prevent AF-related stroke
- III Review the stakeholders, care settings, and activities required to effectively transition NVAF/stroke patients across the care continuum
- IV Discuss the challenges of warfarin-based anticoagulation therapy
- V Recent advances in the pharmacologic management of NVAF and prevention of stroke
- VI Review the special role of the health system pharmacist in optimizing care for the NVAF patient receiving anticoagulation therapy

## REGISTERED PHARMACY DESIGNATION



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