



Academy of
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Evidence- & Value-based Solutions For Health Care

Clinical Improvement Consults, Content, Seminars, Training & Tools

Pre-Conference Program

EBM Demystified: A Practical, Simplified Approach for Evaluating the Medical Literature— What You Don't Know Can Hurt You

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Sponsored by WellPoint, Inc.

Register via the AMCP website conference page www.amcp.org

There is no additional fee for this workshop. Registration is on first-come first-serve basis. The EBM workshop will take place in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Questions regarding the workshop should be sent to Lisa Slavinski, AMCP's Assistant Director of Education at lslavinski@amcp.org.

Advancement in the practice of evidence-based medicine has been identified as an area of importance to the Academy and to the practice of managed care pharmacy. While a few managed care organizations provide strong EBM training programs for the pharmacists and other health care professionals in their organizations, most do not.

Offered at this year's educational conference will be a pre-conference training program on evidence-based medicine techniques and clinical quality improvement methods. This training opportunity will be designed to provide health care professionals with important concepts, methods, tools and competencies to successfully accomplish evidence-based critical appraisal of the medical literature.

This training will be taught by the Delfini Group™, LLC, an evidence and value-based organization based in Portland, Oregon. Delfini's mission is to improve health care quality and use of resources by assisting medical and health care professionals in and affected by health care decisions by bringing science into medical practice in an easy-to-understand way; using simplified methods to help navigate the complexities as evidence-based medicine and clinical improvements, and build competencies and confidence in improving medical care through training consultations, training programs and tools.

The program will be offered to all AMCP 2009 Educational Conference registrants and will be held on Wednesday, October 7th from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. There will be no additional registration costs to attend the program.

Trainers

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Goals and Learning Objectives:

Goals: This training opportunity is designed to provide health care professionals with important concepts, methods, tools and competencies to successfully accomplish evidence-based critical appraisal of the medical literature.

Objectives: Program participants will expand their knowledge of, and ability to practice, evidence-based medicine and critical appraisal of the medical literature. At the end of this program, the attendee should be able to:

1. Identify common shortcomings of published medical literature, including primary and secondary clinical research articles and clinical guidelines
2. Define evidence-based medicine and discuss its relevance and usefulness in improving clinical care
3. Apply tools to conduct critical appraisals of the medical literature
4. Assign grades of evidence to primary studies, systematic reviews, meta-analyses and clinical guidelines

Teaching Methods: Teaching/learning methods include lectures, demonstrations, discussions, case presentations, tool reviews, exercises and Q & A sessions. Attendees will be provided with a wealth of reference materials and tools for performing critical appraisals.