

Connecting with Patients for Tobacco Free Living – Online CME Course

Activity Description

Connecting with Patients for Tobacco Free Living is a three module, 3.5 hours, online learning experience using video, case-based learning, and interactive responses that prepares healthcare providers to motivate, treat, and support patients in becoming tobacco free. Tobacco use disorder is one of the leading causes of preventable death worldwide. Treatment consists of counseling for behavior change and pharmacotherapy. However, despite the availability of effective treatments, most patients do not receive treatment for tobacco use disorder due to provider difficulties in engaging and counseling patients as well as misperceptions about the safety and utilization of pharmacotherapy. This course provides participants with the skills and understanding to better engage patients, and the knowledge to deliver effective, evidence-based treatment and support.

Target Audience

This activity is appropriate for physicians and other healthcare professionals who are interested in incorporating more effective treatments into their practice and developing more comprehensive services to meet the needs of patients who are tobacco dependent. Physicians, tobacco treatment specialists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, dentists, pharmacists, psychologists, chemical dependency counselors, respiratory therapists, nurses, dental hygienists, social workers and other allied health professionals may find the course beneficial.

Learning Objectives

Upon conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Identify the best strategies for opening and continuing a dialogue with patients about tobacco use.
- Implement effective strategies for empathically engaging patients and encouraging an evidence based smoking cessation attempt.
- Employ communication strategies that are most likely to support successful outcomes.
- Elicit pertinent information from the patient's history and current health and motivational status to collaboratively develop a best practice treatment plan.
- Provide best practice behavioral and pharmacologic treatment.
- Select effective messaging to prevent relapse.
- Identify common predictors of relapse and incorporate coping strategies into treatment planning.
- Deliver specific communication and lapse management interventions to build confidence and maintain commitment to abstinence.

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