



2008 WEBINAR SERIES

REIMBURSEMENT UPDATE

February 20, 2008 at 12:00PM - 1:00PM (EST)

Presenter: Keith Berman, MPH, MBA - Health Research Associates, Pasadena, CA

Learning Objectives

- Learn about new and upcoming changes in Medicare payment policy for therapeutic apheresis procedures
- Understand how accurate or inaccurate cost reporting can affect hospital reimbursement
- Learn how to accurately code and document the apheresis physician's services to secure appropriate payment

PREPARING FOR INSPECTIONS

March 12, 2008 at 12:00PM - 1:00PM (EST)

Presenters: Elizabeth A. Armstrong and Sheryl A. Tran - Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Learning Objectives

Due to recent regulatory changes, accrediting agencies have moved to unannounced inspections. In this new environment, it is critical that a facility have a define plan and provide training for their staff on handling unannounced inspections.

This program will provide a framework for:

- Preparing for and executing a successful unannounced inspection
- Training staff on appropriate inspection behavior
- Wrapping up the inspection after the inspector leaves

APHERESIS PROGRAM STAFFING ISSUES

April 30, 2008 at 12:00PM - 1:00PM (EST)

Presenters: Christina Anderson, RN, BSN, HP(ASCP) - Carter Blood Care, TX

Learning Objectives

- Understand common difficulties in maintaining apheresis staff
- List topics needed in staff training and for maintenance of competency
- Learn about categories of certification available for apheresis personnel and the value to the personnel and the facility

RED CELL EXCHANGE

May 7, 2008 at 12:00PM - 1:00PM (EST)

Presenter: Lanne Maes, MD - University of Illinois At Chicago, IL

Learning Objectives

- Understand common difficulties in maintaining apheresis staff?
 - List topics needed in staff training and for maintenance of competency?
 - Learn about categories of certification available for apheresis personnel and the value to the personnel and the facility?
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APHERESIS TECHNOLOGIES: PHOTOPHERESIS AND AQUAPHERESIS

June 4, 2008 at 12:00PM - 1:00PM (EST)

Presenters: Marisa Marques, MD - University of Alabama At Birmingham Hospital, AL and Sergio Torloni, MD - Mayo Clinic, AZ

Learning Objectives

- Review the proposed mechanisms of action of photopheresis
 - Describe the technical aspects of the procedure
 - Discuss the therapeutic uses of photopheresis
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ADVERSE REACTIONS IN APHERESIS

June 18, 2008 at 12:00PM - 1:00PM (EST)

Presenter: Nicholas Bandarenko, MD - Duke University Hospital, NC

Learning Objectives

- Recognize the adverse reactions that may occur during donor and therapeutic apheresis procedures
 - Discuss possible pathophysiologic mechanisms for these reactions
 - Describe corrective / therapeutic interventions
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STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS

July 9, 2008 at 12:00PM - 1:00PM (EST)

Presenter: Wanda Koetz, RN, HP(ASCP), American Red Cross, MN

Learning Objectives

- Identify the main regulating agencies/bodies that address the manufacture of apheresis components and understand the differences between them
- Identify the sections of the Code of Federal Regulations that control all phases of apheresis component collection and management
- Identify three major changes to apheresis platelet donor eligibility released with the December 2007 platelet guidance document

STAFF COMPETENCY AND COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT

August 6, 2008 at 12:00PM - 1:00PM (EST)

Presenter: Christine Fernandez-Roig, RN, BSN, Kellogg Cancer Care Center, IL

Learning Objectives

- Understand the key components of competency/training assessment for new employees, and transferred employees?
 - Understand how to develop training documents and understand requirements for documentation of staff credentials and competency?
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TRALI, CHAGAS, AND DONORS! OH MY!

September 10, 2008 at 12:00PM - 1:00PM (EST)

Presenter: Yvette Miller, MD - American Red Cross, AZ

Learning Objectives

- Identify the current challenges that TRALI holds for blood centers
 - Understand the impact of positive test results for Chagas Disease on donor eligibility
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NEW APPLICATIONS FOR APHERESIS

October 1, 2008 at 12:00PM - 1:00PM (EST)

Presenter: Jeffrey Winters, MD - Mayo Clinic, MN

Learning Objectives

- Be updated on the status of new applications that have been evaluated in phase III clinical trials over the past three years including rheopheresis for age related macular degeneration and granulocyte/monocyte absorptive filtration for inflammatory bowel disease
 - Be exposed to new techniques in selective removal of plasma constituents currently undergoing evaluation including ABO antigen specific immunoadsorption and selective columns being used for the treatment of sepsis
 - Be able to discuss the use of protein A immunoadsorption in the treatment of dilated cardiomyopathy and understand the current status and availability of the protein A columns in the United States
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DRUG INTERACTIONS DURING APHERESIS

November 5, 2008 at 12:00PM - 1:00PM (EST)

Presenter: Cathy Conry Cantilena, MD - National Institutes of Health, MD

Learning Objectives

- Recognize when the needed drug level could be diminished (and perhaps it's effect e.g. antibiotics, immune suppressors)
- Recognize when an effect of the drug is potentiated by apheresis:
 - Depolarizing neuromuscular drugs
 - ACE inhibitors

PEDIATRIC APHERESIS

December 3, 2008 at 12:00PM - 1:00PM (EST)

Presenter: Haewon Kim, MD - Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, PA

- Describe the three technical/physiological factors for safe pediatric apheresis (access, fluid/red cell volume shifts, and anticoagulation)
- Describe how to modify various standard apheresis procedures for safe pediatric apheresis on the basis of calculation
- Discuss how to modify erythrocytapheresis in children with sickle cell disease to reduce transfusional iron load and donor blood usage

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