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and Million Hearts Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)
June 17, 2014 Webinar**

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Activity Information

Activity Description:

In an effort to raise awareness about the various CVD conditions and comorbidities, as well as available treatment options, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Effective Health Care (EHC) Program, the Million Hearts® initiative, and the American College of Cardiology (ACC) will offer a Webinar that highlights available CVD resources and key research findings to support evidence-based practice and improve care at the national and local level.

Target Audience:

This activity is designed for all health care professionals

Learning Objective:

By the end of this session, participants should be able to:

1. Recognize the goals of AHRQ's Effective Health Care (EHC) Program and the CDC's Million Hearts initiative, and learn how to get involved with AHRQ's National Partnership Network and the Million Hearts initiative;
2. Recognize the components of patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) and comparative effectiveness research (CER) acknowledged by AHRQ;
3. Identify cardiovascular disease (CVD) resources from the EHC Program and Million Hearts® for use in clinician education and patient engagement;
4. Demonstrate knowledge of underutilized risk stratification tools (CHADS2, CHA2DS2-VASc, and HAS-BLED), and identify which tools work best for determining the risk level of stroke events, and which work best for determining the risk level of bleeding events; and
5. Apply knowledge of which oral anticoagulants are most effective to reduce the risk of both stroke and bleeding events when compared to traditional therapies used in patients with non-rheumatic atrial fibrillation (AF).

Participation:

Register for the webinar, participate in the webinar and access and complete the assessment and evaluation, per the Instructions for Continuing Education Credit, at the end of this document.

Speaker Bios & Disclosures:

All planners and developers of this activity have signed a disclosure statement indicating any relevant relationships and financial interests. This activity was developed without commercial support.

Sana M. Al-Khatib, MD

Dr. Sana M. Al-Khatib is an Associate Professor of Medicine at Duke University Medical Center,

a board-certified clinical electrophysiologist and an experienced clinical researcher in cardiac arrhythmias. As a graduate of the NIH-funded Clinical Research Training Program, she is one of a few electrophysiologists nationwide with expertise in quantitative research methods. Her clinical expertise is in sudden cardiac death prevention, atrial fibrillation and ventricular arrhythmias, and implantable cardiac devices. Her research expertise lies in the design and conduct of clinical trials, outcomes research, and cost-effectiveness analyses.

Dr. Al-Khatib is a recipient of a National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute's R-01 grant titled "Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator Therapy in Patients with Heart Failure" (2009-2013) and of an American Heart Association Career Development Award (2002-2006). She is a Co-Principal Investigator on an NHLBI-funded T-32 Postdoctoral Training in Cardiovascular Clinical Research and on several Agency of Healthcare Research and Quality sponsored R-01 grants including the "Duke Cardiovascular Center for Education and Research on Therapeutics." She has more than 120 publications in peer-reviewed journals. She has established several collaborative research efforts both within and outside her institution. The goals of these collaborations are to synergize efforts aimed at improving the survival and quality of life of patients at risk for sudden cardiac death and those with atrial and ventricular arrhythmias through clinical trials and outcomes-based research and to evaluate study design and data analysis in order to improve the quality of research done in these arenas. Dr. Al-Khatib co-chaired the Clinical Events Committee of the ARISTOTLE trial; a trial of stroke prevention in patients with atrial fibrillation.

Dr. Al-Khatib earned a Doctor of Medicine degree and a Master of Health Science (MHS) degree from Duke University.

Dr. Al-Khatib has nothing to disclose.

Tahleah R. Chappel

Tahleah R. Chappel currently works for the Agency for Research and Quality (AHRQ) in the Center for Outcomes and Evidence, supporting the Center's efforts to build awareness of, and disseminate, Systematic Reviews produced by the Effective Health Care Program.

Prior to joining AHRQ, she worked for the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health as a Senior Research Coordinator for the National Children's Study location in Montgomery County, MD. Prior to Hopkins she worked on a variety of public health related grants for the University of Rochester in the Department of Community and Preventive Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, and The Center for Community Health.

Mrs. Chappel earned a Master of Science degree in Leadership in Health Care Systems and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Health and Society from the University of Rochester.

Mrs. Chappel has nothing to disclose.

Howard Holland

Howard Holland has served as the Director of Agency for Research and Quality's Office of Communications and Knowledge Transfer (OCT) since July 2010. Prior to serving as OCT director, he was Assistant to AHRQ's Director and as a health communications specialist within OCT.

Mr. Holland has extensive experience helping to design, execute, and lead multi-faceted dissemination and implementation activities focused on the use of research to improve quality and safety of care.

Mr. Holland earned a Master of Divinity degree in Religion from Duke University Divinity School.

Mr. Holland has nothing to disclose.

Janet Wright, MD

Dr. Janet Wright is a board-certified cardiologist with over 25 years in private practice as an interventional and clinical specialist. She then served as Senior Vice President for Science and Quality at the American College of Cardiology for three years, overseeing the development of scientific documents, including guidelines, performance measures, and appropriate use criteria, and the suite of performance improvement platforms known as the National Cardiovascular Data Registry or NCDR.

Since its launch in 2011, Dr. Wright has served as the Executive Director of Million Hearts, a national Department of Health and Human Service (HHS) initiative co-led by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), with the explicit goal to prevent a million heart attacks and strokes by 2017. She has helped shape the direction and spur progress in the initiative via its partners across the public and private sectors.

Dr. Wright earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences.

Dr. Wright has nothing to disclose.

Continuing Education Credit Available:

IACET Designation Statement:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is authorized by IACET to offer .1 CEU(s) for this program. CEU will be awarded to participants who meet all criteria for successful completion of this educational activity. CEU credit for this course expires June 30, 2014.

ACCME Designation Statement:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Credit for this course expires June 30, 2014.

Accreditation Statements

[Please click here for accreditation statements](#)

Instructions for Continuing Education Credit

Learning Management System (LMS) Instructions

In order to receive continuing education credits for the Developing a Compliance Plan webinar, you must pass the session post-assessment and complete the evaluation. The "**AHRQ and Million Hearts CVD Webinar**" continuing education post-assessments and evaluations are being administered through the Medicare Learning Network®.

Registering To Take a Post-Assessment

If you have previously taken Medicare Learning Network® (MLN) web-based training courses, you may use the login ID and password you created for those courses. If you are a new user, you will need to register.

To register:

1. Go to <http://go.cms.gov/MLNProducts> on the CMS website.
2. Under "Related Links" click on "Web-Based Training (WBT) Courses".
3. Click on a course title (not the icon next to the title) to open a Course Description Window.
4. At the top of the Course Description Window, click "Register".
5. You will be redirected to a page that instructs you to enter an e-mail address and click "Submit."
6. The screen returned will read: No account was found matching your search criteria. Please click **here** to proceed with registration. Click the word "Here" to continue with registration. After completing this registration, you will be re-directed to your home page.

To login if you already have an account:

1. Go to <http://go.cms.gov/MLNProducts> on the CMS website.
2. Under "Related Links" click on "Web-Based Training (WBT) Courses."
3. Click on a course title (not the icon next to the title) to open a Course Description Window.
4. At the top of the Course Description Window, click "Login."
5. Enter your login ID and password. You will be re-directed to your home page.

Finding the Post-Assessment

Once you are logged into the LMS:

1. Click on the Web-Based Training Courses link.
2. At the top of the page on the right-hand side, you will see “**AHRQ Million Hearts Webinar.**” Scroll through the topics and select “**AHRQ and Million Hearts Webinar**” and click “Search.”
3. Find the title of the session you attended and click on the title.
4. Scroll to the bottom of the page. Use the radio buttons to select Certification of Completion or Certificate of Continuing Education.
5. Click the “Take Course” button. The post assessment will appear in a new pop-up window.

Viewing Your Transcript and Certificates

1. Go to <http://go.cms.gov/MLNProducts> on the CMS website.
2. Click on Web-Based Training Modules link at the bottom of the page.
3. Click on the title of a course and click on Login.
4. Log in using your CMS LMS credentials.
5. To access your certificate, click on “My Homepage” in the left hand menu.
6. Click on “Transcript/Certificate.”
7. Click on the Certificate link next to the course title. The course evaluation will display. Once you complete the course evaluation, your certificate will display.

Hardware/Software Requirements

[Please click here for hardware and software requirements](#)

CMS Privacy Policy

[Please click here for CMS' Privacy Policy](#)

Help

For assistance with continuing education credits, contact the CMSCE at CMSCE@cms.hhs.gov via e-mail.

Learning Management System Support

The Medicare Learning Network® (MLN) will assist participants with any issues encountered while accessing the webinar post-assessment and/or completing the evaluation via e-mail at MLN@cms.hhs.gov