Point-of-Care Glucose in Critically Ill Patients – The Importance of glucose meter accuracy

Point-of-care (POC) glucose testing in the hospital is a valuable tool for the management of dysglycemia. The use of glucose meters with hospitalized patients, especially critically ill patients, is the subject of much conversation and concern as some POC glucose meters are considered off-label when used on critically ill patients. These same hospitals are now required to define critically ill in order to determine where their POC glucose monitoring can continue and who can actually perform bedside glucose testing. Furthermore, CMS, Joint Commission, CAP and other accreditation agencies are enforcing the off-label meter use issuing written statements of deficiencies.

What will be covered?

This webinar will provide two perspectives of hospital POC glucose testing. Dr. Ntrivalas will cover clinical cases and studies showing the significance of confounding factors that affect glucose meter performance on hospitalized patients including the critically ill and the regulatory requirements for glucose meter use in the hospital. Dr. Combs will provide POC glucose testing from a critical care physician’s perspective including the special considerations when performing glycemic management with critically ill patients.

Featured Speaker 1:
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President, FutureTech Strategies, Inc.

Speaker Credentials: Dr. Arthur Combs is a graduate of New York Medical College. He is double Board-certified in Internal Medicine and Critical Care Medicine having completed his fellowship training at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York. He currently holds a faculty appointment at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, and 2 honorary fellowships from the American Colleges of Chest Physicians and Critical Care Medicine.

Featured Speaker 2:
Evan Ntrivalas, MD, PhD.
Director, Medical and Scientific Affairs
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Speaker Credentials: Dr. Evan Ntrivalas is currently the Director of Medical and Scientific Affairs in Nova Biomedical. He is a physician, trained and board-certified in Laboratory Medicine. He is a former CLIA Laboratory Director, and serves on various committees related to clinical diagnostics.

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Who Should Attend:
• Critical care physicians • Critical care nurses • Diabetes/endocrine physicians
• Diabetes specialist nurses • POC coordinators • Laboratorians

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