Making Sense of Lab Studies



Course Description

This seminar will answer questions regarding common laboratory and diagnostic tests. Participants will learn the significance of both the normal findings of numerous commonly ordered laboratory tests as well as the implications of various abnormalities. Content will cover hematology and chemistry studies, culture and sensitivity results and cardiovascular topics. This seminar is meant to enhance the practice of healthcare workers in all clinical areas.

Program Learning Outcomes

This program prepares the learner to:

• Experience enhanced knowledge of common laboratory studies and implications for bedside providers.

Agenda

Sign-in begins at 7:30 am. The day includes a one-hour lunch (on your own), as well as a morning and afternoon break of 15 minutes each. The order of lectures presented and break times may vary according to speaker preference.

8:00 am to 3:15 pm

Introduction to Laboratory Tests

Test Reliability | Phlebotomy Best Practices | Sepsis Labs

Untangling Alphabet Soup of Hematologic Studies

Blood Basics | Red Blood Cells | Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate | White Blood Cells | Platelets | A1C | Case Studies

The Positives and Negatives of Electrolyte Studies

Fluid Compartments | Osmolality | Sodium | Potassium | Chloride | Calcium | Phosphorous | Magnesium | Anion Gap | Case Studies

CSI: Culture and Sensitivity Investigation

Microbiology Review | Culture and Sensitivity | Antibiogram | Specimen Collecting Tips | Practical Application

Lunch 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Testing Through the Ages

Pregnancy-Related Hormones | Urine, Serum Pregnancy Tests | Normal Lab Values During Pregnancy | Gestational Diabetes | ABGs in Pregnancy | Geriatric Considerations

Cardiovascular Studies

Risk Factors | Cholesterol | C-Reactive Protein | Cardiac Enzymes | Natriuretic Peptides

Accreditation

RN/LPN/LVN/Other: 5.75 Contact Hours

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