

## Course Description

This program provides a clinically applicable review of cardiovascular physiology and pathophysiology, cardiac assessment, cardiovascular pharmacology and interventions based on current guidelines for the most common cardiac disorders seen in clinical practice. Content includes a review of cardiac physiology that can be applied in daily practice, the physiological basis for cardiovascular drug therapy and the pathophysiology, diagnosis and guideline-based treatment strategies for heart failure, acute coronary syndromes and atrial fibrillation. Clinically useful tips on noninvasive assessment techniques and 12-Lead ECG interpretation can be applied in any clinical setting where cardiac patients receive care. Evidence-based practice standards for bedside cardiac monitoring for arrhythmia identification, ST-segment monitoring and QT interval monitoring provide a foundation for the delivery of high-quality patient care in any monitored setting. Take your knowledge of cardiovascular patient care to a higher level and improve outcomes for your patients.

## Program Learning Outcomes

*This program prepares the learner to:*

- Increase knowledge in the pathophysiology and current management guidelines for heart failure patients.
- Increase knowledge in the pathophysiology and current management guidelines for patients presenting with acute coronary syndromes.
- Increase knowledge in the pathophysiology and current management guidelines for patients with ECG abnormalities.

## Agenda

*Sign-in begins at 7:30 am.* Each 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.

### Day 1, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

- 0800 **Essential Cardiovascular Physiology**  
Normal Cardiac Valve Function | Coronary Artery Anatomy and Blood Supply to the Heart | Cardiac Conduction System | Origin of ECG Waves and Intervals | Determinants of Cardiac Output and Noninvasive Evaluation | Blood Pressure Regulation
- 0845 **Essential Assessment Skills**  
Blood Pressure Evaluation | Evaluating Neck Veins | Heart Sounds | Compensatory Mechanisms for Decreased Cardiac Output | Signs of Peripheral Hypoperfusion | Signs of Pulmonary Congestion
- 0945 **Break**
- 1000 **Cardiovascular Pharmacology**  
Manipulating Determinants of Cardiac Output | Balancing Myocardial O<sub>2</sub> Supply and Demand | Altering the Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone System | ACE Inhibitors | Beta Blockers | Calcium Channel Blockers | Antiplatelets and Anticoagulants | Vasoactive Drugs
- 1200 **Lunch**
- 1300 **Essentials of 12-Lead ECG Interpretation**  
Anatomy | Normal ECG Waves and Intervals | Easy Axis Determination | Bundle Branch Block
- 1430 **Break**

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- 1445 **Acute Coronary Syndromes**  
Pathophysiology | Diagnosis | ECG Signs of Ischemia vs. Injury | Identifying Site of Infarction | 18-Lead ECG | Guidelines for Managing ST-Elevation MI and Non-ST Elevation MI
- 1630 **Adjourn**

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### Day 2, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

- 0800 **Understanding Heart Failure**  
Pathophysiology | Systolic vs. Diastolic | Signs and Symptoms | Classification Systems | Acute Decompensated HF | Drug Therapy | Biventricular Pacing | Ventricular Assist Devices
- 1000 **Break**
- 1015 **Atrial Fibrillation: Risks and Management**  
Pathophysiology | Detrimental Effects | Determining Stroke Risk | Management | Anticoagulation Guidelines | Ablation and Surgical Management
- 1200 **Lunch**
- 1300 **Cardiac Monitoring: Using the Bedside Monitor and 12-Lead ECG for Rhythm Identification**  
Advantages and Disadvantages | Proper Electrode Placement for 5-Wire Systems | Best Practice for Bedside Monitoring | Alternative Monitoring Leads | Best Leads for ST-Segment Monitoring | Technical Aspects of ST-Segment Monitoring
- 1430 **Break**
- 1445 **Cardiac Monitoring: Using the Bedside Monitor and 12-Lead ECG for Rhythm Identification (cont.)**  
Supraventricular Tachycardias | Ventricular Tachycardias | Mechanisms of Aberrant Conduction | Differential Diagnosis of Wide QRS Tachycardias
- 1630 **Adjourn**

## Accreditation

**RN/LPN/LVN/Other: 14 Contact Hours**

**CRNA: 14 Class A CE Credit Hours**

***Includes 4 Pharmacology Contact Hours***

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