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PROGRAM AGENDA

Time	Activity/Speaker	Learning Objective(s):
7:30am	<i>Registration and Continental Breakfast</i>	
8:00am	Welcome and Introductions <i>Armando Paez, MD</i>	
8:05am	Infectious Diseases: The Past and Future <i>Richard Brown, MD</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify 3 antibiotics introduced after 1976 that have impacted infectious disease management. 2. Identify 3 antibiotics that were available in 1976 but are no longer commonly used or available in 2026. 3. Compare 2 advances in infectious diseases practice or management that have improved patient care between 1976 and 2026.
8:20am	HIV Update - Long-Acting HAART <i>Amanda Westlake, MD</i> <i>This presentation includes discussion of on-demand oral FTC/TDF PrEP (2-1-1 dosing), which is not currently FDA- or CDC-approved. However, this approach is supported by evidence and is recommended by organizations including the World Health Organization and International Antiviral Society–USA</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify pros and cons of using long-acting ART for treatment of HIV 2. Identify pros and cons of using long-acting ART for prevention of HIV (PrEP)
9:00am	Childhood immunizations in times of misinformation and mistrust <i>Cecilia Di Pentima, MD, MPH</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the landscape of infant mortality and the context of childhood immunization recommendations 2. Explain the role of ACIP pediatric vaccine recommendations in the affordability and access to childhood immunizations. 3. Identify immunization resources available for providers, parents and caregivers
9:40am	<i>Coffee Break and Visit Exhibitors</i>	
10:10am	Impactful ID Literature in the Past Year <i>Megan Gallagher, MD, MPH</i> <i>This presentation includes discussion of investigational and/or off-label uses of medications,</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluate multiple studies impacting the treatment of bloodstream infections (BSIs) 2. Discuss the latest data surrounding antiviral treatment for mpox 3. Describe the challenges and possible futures in NTM clinical trials

	<p><i>including omadacycline for the treatment of Mycobacterium abscessus, dalbavancin for the treatment of Staphylococcus aureus bloodstream infections, and tecovirimat for the treatment of mpox.</i></p>	<p>4. Evaluate new trials impacting PrEP for HIV</p>
10:50am	<p>STIs, Doxycycline PEP and Challenges in CDC STI screening guidelines Kevin Ard, MD, MPH</p> <p><i>This presentation includes discussion of doxycycline post-exposure prophylaxis (doxy-PEP), which is an off-label use of doxycycline supported by current evidence and clinical guidelines.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Summarize the current evidence on benefits and harms of doxycycline post-exposure prophylaxis (doxy PEP) for STI prevention. 2. Describe the evidence for and against screening for chlamydia and gonorrhea among men. 3. Explain how considerations about antimicrobial stewardship pertain to both doxy PEP and STI screening for men
11:30am	<p>Evaluating Antibiotic Allergies for Accurate Assessment and Safe Prescribing Seth T Housman, PharmD, MPA, BCIDP</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluate a reported antibiotic allergy to distinguish between intolerance, side effects, delayed reactions, and immediate hypersensitivities. 2. Interpret current guidance related to beta-lactam cross reactivity. 3. Risk stratify patients with beta-lactam allergies to determine appropriate challenge or avoidance. 4. Identify strategies to address antibiotic allergy delabeling into clinical practice.
12:10pm	<p>Common Mimics of Skin Infections Emily Ramasra, MD</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify common skin infection mimics 2. Reviewed characteristics of skin infection mimics – Recommend: Describe the clinical characteristics of common skin infection mimics. 3. Recognize diagnostic clues to help recognize noninfectious mimics of skin infections
12:50pm	<p>Q&A Panel Luncheon: Infection Control in the Outpatient Setting Moderators: Course Co-Directors Participants: IC providers</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss strategies for promptly identifying these patients. 2. Describe best practices related to isolation protocols and personal protective equipment (PPE). 3. Identify appropriate individuals and teams to involve in patient management.
2:00pm	<p><i>Adjourn</i></p>	

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