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Understanding the Pharmacology of Analgesics
A Meeting Based on Patient Case Studies
Part of the INROADS into Pain Management Series

Friday, September 5, 2008
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Registration & Dinner
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Presentation
JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa
Arizona Ballroom Salons 7–12

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ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

Using an interactive, case-based format, *Understanding the Pharmacology of Analgesics* will review the mechanistic basis for major classes of medications, outline the benefits and risks of these agents, and discuss the emerging emphasis on multimodal regimens to deliver safer and more rational analgesic therapy. When discussing each case, faculty will provide treatment strategies, expert rationale, and insight. The program will also explore best clinical practices for managing patients with pain, providing nurses with up-to-date knowledge of guidelines and recommendations to improve patient care.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Review the pharmacology and therapeutic rationale for major classes of pain medications
- Discuss multimodal therapy as a means to enhance analgesia and reduce side effects
- Identify key factors for tailoring pain regimens based on a patient's individual health profile
- Analyze best practices in patient assessment and monitoring

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ACCREDITATION STATEMENT



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INROADS into Pain Management: **Improving Nursing Response for Optimal Analgesia and Drug Safety**

INROADS is designed to provide the knowledge and resources for nurses to become more informed, active pain managers by addressing both the pharmacologic and clinical considerations for optimizing analgesic therapy through case-based learning.

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