



Pharmacy Grand Rounds

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Too Much Pressure? Non-Selective Beta-Blocker Use in Portal Hypertension

Session Date: 05/21/2024

Session Time: 11:00 – 11:45 AM (CST)

Target Audience

This continuing education (CE) session was planned to meet the needs of professional staff who deal with the selection and monitoring of medication(s) as part of their patient care duties, including pharmacists, RNs, APRNs, PAs, MDs.

Activity Overview

Portal hypertension is a driving force for decompensation in patients with cirrhosis, which is associated with significant increases in morbidity and mortality in this patient population. Non-selective beta-blocker therapy was historically recommended upon development of high-risk varices to prevent bleeding; or as secondary prophylaxis after an initial variceal bleed event. However, new evidence suggests an earlier role in therapy for those with clinically significant portal hypertension prior to high-risk varices. This presentation will evaluate the literature surrounding the use of non-selective beta-blockers in patients with portal hypertension, explore whether there is a preferred non-selective beta-blocker in this patient population, and identify patients who would benefit from non-selective beta-blocker therapy.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this knowledge-based CE session, participants should be able to:

- Describe the pathophysiology of portal hypertension and the mechanisms of non-selective beta-blockers.
- Evaluate the literature assessing the use of non-selective beta-blockers in patients with portal hypertension.
- Identify patients with portal hypertension that would benefit from non-selective beta-blocker therapy.

Faculty Information

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