Managing Acute Illness of the Aging Population

Course Description
The hospitalized geriatric patient is at great risk for multiple complications that can result in increased morbidity and mortality. This two-day program is designed to provide the nurse and other healthcare providers with the up-to-date information necessary to provide excellent care for the acutely ill geriatric patient.

Program Learning Outcomes
This program prepares the learner to:

• Gain confidence in the management of the acutely ill geriatric patient.
• Increase awareness of early signs of complications that can occur in this high-risk patient.
• Improve recognition of key differences related to normal aging changes between younger and older patients.
• Develop a better understanding of current management strategies for the acutely ill and hospitalized geriatric patient.

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 4:00 pm

0800  Intro to Geriatrics
What is It? | Who is It? | Where is It?

0830  The Hazards of Hospitalization
Immobility | Iatrogenesis | Functional Decline | Medication Errors

0915  The Physiologic Changes of Aging
Cardiovascular | Pulmonary | Renal

1000  Break

1015  The ‘Pick’ Syndrome
Acute Delirium vs. Dementia | Depression

1145  Lunch

1245  Pharmacologic Principles in Geriatrics
Pharmacokinetics | Pharmacodynamics | Dosing Strategies

1400  Break

1415  Acute Respiratory Failure
The Mechanically Ventilated Patient | Failure States | Drug Therapy

1530  Case Studies

1600  Adjourn
Agenda

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

0800  Dying the Good Death
       Advance Directives | The Death Culture | Ethical Issues: Terminal Dehydration/Anorexia

1000  Break

1015  Infectious Disease in the Elderly
       Common Organisms | UTI | Pneumonia Syndromes

1100  Family Dynamics

1145  Lunch

1245  Cardiovascular Syndromes
       Acute MI | Cardiogenic Shock

1415  Break

1430  Chronic Heart Failure
       The New Epidemic | Drug Therapy

1530  Case Studies

1600  Adjourn

Accreditation

RN/LPN/LVN/Other: 13 Contact Hours
Includes 1.25 Pharmacology Contact Hours

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