Activity Announcement

Breaking Down Prior Authorization Barriers in Accessing Disease Modifying Therapies for Multiple Sclerosis

Planned in cooperation with the ASHP Section of Specialty Pharmacy Practitioners

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Release Date: May 7, 2020
Expiration Date: May 7, 2023
Activity Type: Knowledge-based
CE Credits: 0.50 hour, no partial credit
Activity Fee: Members – Free / Non-Member – Not Available

Accreditation for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians

The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education.

Target Audience

This activity was planned to meet the educational needs of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who practice in specialty pharmacy.

Activity Overview

Disease Modifying Therapies (DMT) are costly and require Prior Authorizations (PA) which can lead to barriers in accessing DMT. This activity will demonstrate specialty pharmacy taking ownership of the approval process of infusible DMT, which is often outside of the scope of the specialty pharmacy workflow. Discussion will also include the addition of staff members focused on infusible DMT PA in order to increase the number of approved authorizations, increase the timeliness of authorizations in order for patients to receive appropriate and timely DMT, and address the costs associated with this new process.

Learning Objectives

- Describe the specialty pharmacy workflow that includes the prior authorization process of infusible DMTs.
- Identify outcomes associated with the prior authorizations.
- Discuss the value for the patient, team, and organization when specialty pharmacy takes ownership of the prior authorization process for infusible DMTs.

Schedule of Educational Activities

- Introduction and Announcements
- Presentation
- Questions, Answers, and Discussion

Faculty Information

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Faculty Disclosures

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- All planners, presenters, reviewers, and ASHP staff report no financial relationships relevant to this activity.

Methods and CE Requirements

This activity consists of a recordings of faculty slides presentations, active learning activities, discussion, and handouts. Participants must participate in the activity in its entirety to claim continuing pharmacy education credit online at ASHP eLearning Portal. Follow the prompts online to complete the evaluation, claim credit and view the statement of credit immediately after completing the activity.

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System Technical Requirements

Courses and learning activities are delivered via your Web browser and Acrobat PDF. Users should have a basic comfort level using a computer and navigating web sites.

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