



Improving Blood Pressure Measurement at the Point of Care

DESCRIPTION

This continuing education activity is intended for a registered nurse, an EKG technician, or other Allied healthcare professionals with responsibility for obtaining blood pressure measurements who would like to learn more about hypertension (high blood pressure), the importance of accurate and standardized blood pressure measurement, and integrating blood pressure measurement into the clinical patient workflow.

WHY ATTEND?

Hypertension affects many Americans and is known as the "silent killer" because symptoms are not always present. Therefore, the patient and their healthcare provider must work together to screen for hypertension at annual physical examinations with accurate, consistent blood pressure measurements. When uncontrolled, hypertension can lead to major health problems that can cause the patient to suffer heart attack, heart failure, stroke, chronic kidney disease, chronic heart disease or any combination of these problems. It is vital for patient safety and well-being that blood pressure measurements are accurate to avoid missed diagnosis or misdiagnosis. This learning activity will focus on hypertension, the importance of accurate and standardized blood pressure measurement, and best practice integration of blood pressure measurement in the clinical setting.

OBJECTIVES

After completing this continuing education activity, the participant should be able to:

- Explain the health risks involved when hypertension is uncontrolled.
- Describe the importance of accurate blood pressure measurement as it pertains to the diagnosis and treatment of hypertension.
- Identify best practice methods to improve blood pressure measurement at the point of care.

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

California Board of Registered Nursing

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NCCT

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