

**Heart Failure: Strategies for Reducing Acute Care
Hospitalization Using Best Practices
October 6, 2010 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. CT**

Presenter: Sandy Sanderson, RN, BSN, CCM, ACSM-HFS

This session will discuss many of the risk factors for heart failure, the medications used in the management of the disease, how best to assess heart failure patients and actions that can be taken to help keep patients at home as control of their symptoms is addressed.

**Diabetes: Strategies for Reducing Re-Hospitalization
November 9, 2010 11:00 to 12:30 p.m. CT**

Presenter: TBA

CMS has focused initiatives on Diabetes and its status as a national epidemic which has led to a federal mandate to diagnose and treat DM earlier as a means to prevent complications. Diabetic complications can be dire, including diabetic ulcers, amputations, dialysis and blindness. This session will stress careful assessment, symptom management, patient and family caregiver teaching and other best practices. Strategies aimed to keep your patient out of the hospital.

**Wound Management Strategies to Assess and Progress the
Wound Patient at Home
December 1, 2010 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. CT**

Presenter: Patti Johnston, RN, CWOCN, COS-C

Adequate utilization of your home care services is key to reducing re-hospitalization. What role does your home health agency play in transitioning a patient home and how do you provide quality wound management that leads to keeping your patient at home? This 90 minute telephone conference will provide effective wound management strategies to help you assess the wound and provide interventions that lead to progress...at HOME. (Not recorded)

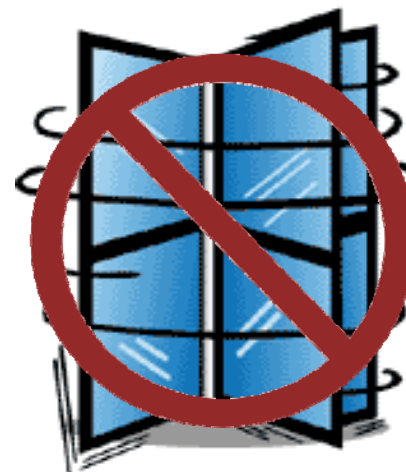
**Pain Management Strategies for Effective Assessment,
Intervention and Process Measurement
January 20, 2011 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. CT**

Presenter: Lisa Gorski, MS CNS-BC CRNI FAAN

More than 80% of older adults have chronic medical conditions that are typically associated with pain, such as osteoarthritis and peripheral vascular disease. This webinar will address completion of the OASIS items related to pain and pain management, including the Plan of Care and Intervention Synopsis, best practices in pain assessment, intervention, and evaluation. Topics will include identifying types of pain, choosing the best validated pain assessment tool, pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic interventions, and patient education including how to address misconceptions patients have about pain and pain medications. (Not recorded)

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