Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm

Coordinating the care of an 81 year old woman with a 5.5 cm AAA, CKD, carotid artery stenosis, and mild dementia. Focus on shared decision-making.

Moderator—Fred Rubin, MD

At the conclusion of the complex case presentation, an expert panel will discuss and comment based on their specialty area of expertise. Audience participation is strongly encouraged with appropriate time allotted for general discussion. An ‘audience response system’ will be utilized during the presentation for maximum engagement by attendees.

**P A N E L**

- **Daphne Bicket, MD, MLS** — Director of Geriatrics, UPMC McKeospt Family Medicine Residency, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine in the School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Bicket will present the case, highlighting the management issues.

- **Fred Rubin, MD** — Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Chief of Medicine, UPMC Shady Side. Dr. Rubin will present a framework for pre-op evaluation of this patient, which could apply to all patients.

- **Michael Singh, MD** — Associate Professor of Surgery, Chief of Vascular Surgery UPMC Shadyside, Director of the Aortic Center UPMC HVI. Dr. Singh will discuss surgical indications and risk of both AAA repair and asymptomatic carotid artery repair.

- **Jane Schell, MD, MHS** — Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Nephrology and Section of Palliative Care and Medical Ethics, University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Schell will discuss the risks of administering IV contrast with chronic kidney disease. She will also discuss helping patients and family clarify their goals and values.
Introduction
This program is designed to be beneficial for internists, family practitioners, geriatricians, certified nurse practitioners, long term care providers, pharmacists, physicians assistants, and other health care professionals who provide care to older adults.

Participation by all individuals is encouraged. Advance notification of any special needs will help us provide better service. Please notify us of your needs at least two weeks in advance of the program by calling Nadine Popovich at (412) 321-5030.

Learning Objectives
At the end of this course, participants should be able to:
1) Learn a framework for estimating perioperative risk
2) Understand the risks and benefits of carotid artery surgery
3) Understand the risks and benefits of AAA repair
4) Know the risks of administering intravenous contrast dye to patients with CKD
5) Understand the concepts of shared decision-making
6) Appreciate the multidimensional aspects of decision-making with frail elderly patients and their families

CME
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