

Dear Colleague,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to attend our upcoming CME lecture series:

**SURGEON-PCP PARTNERSHIP ON EXCELLENCE IN SHARED PATIENT MANAGEMENT**  
**Surgical Education for Primary Care Practitioners**

The concept of this CME series is to offer periodic 1-hour lectures to primary care practitioners (PCP) to address surgical topics of interest to primary care practitioners. Nowadays many diseases have shared management involving primary care and surgeons of various specialties.

In diseases such as benign prostatic hyperplasia, degenerative joint disease, vascular arterial and venous diseases, just to mention a few, patients can be cared for by specialists and/or primary care practitioners, depending on the stage of disease, symptoms, comorbid conditions, etc. There is a substantial need for intensive communications and collaboration.

Frequently, the same patient might seek care at some point of the course of a disease from surgeons, go back to the primary care practitioner, return to the surgeons and so on. Sometimes the care of an individual patient is not only shared sequentially but also simultaneously in a patient with multiple comorbidities.

Consequently, there is a significant unmet need in primary care practitioners to learn about surgical diseases, their symptoms and signs, their presentation and prognosis in addition to their non-surgical treatments and indications for referrals. In addition, there is an unmet need in primary care to learn about counseling patients about their surgical diseases and treatment options. Finally, there is an unmet need among surgeons and primary care practitioners on how to optimize the surgeon-PCP partnership in the management of patients.

The Department of Surgery at SBH Health System is pleased to offer this lecture series to primary care practitioners in 2017 in a schedule that highlights each time a different surgical specialty. This lecture series is suitable for general practitioners, family medicine doctors, internists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, and surgeons of various specialties.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After participating in this activity, you should be able to:

Define and describe symptoms, signs, presentation and diagnosis of various surgical diseases in the context of surgeon-PCP shared management.

Summarize medical and surgical treatment options and distinguish indications for patient referral for various surgical diseases in the context of surgeon-PCP shared management.

Outline counseling of patients with various surgical diseases in the context of surgeon-PCP shared management.

Propose ways to optimize communication and collaboration between surgeons and PCPs.

## ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of Albert Einstein College of Medicine and SBH Health System. Albert Einstein College of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Albert Einstein College of Medicine designates **each live activity** for a maximum of **1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## SPECIAL NEEDS

Albert Einstein College of Medicine and SBH Health System fully comply with the legal requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If any participant is in need of special accommodations, submit a written request at least two weeks prior to the activity to Shazije Arifova at [sarifova@sbhny.org](mailto:sarifova@sbhny.org).

**The lectures will take place 6:30pm–7:30pm at the auditorium at St. Barnabas Hospital 4422 Third Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457. See the dates in the attached lecture schedule. Attendance is free of charge. Please RSVP with Shazije Arifova at 718-960-6127 or [sarifova@sbhny.org](mailto:sarifova@sbhny.org).**

Sincerely,

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