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DEAR COLLEAGUE,

Multiple sclerosis (MS) affects over 400,000 people in the United States and up to 2.5 million in the world. Pediatric onset MS accounts for approximately 3-5% of all cases of MS.

Diagnosing MS in children is challenging due to the frequency of other childhood disorders with similar symptoms and characteristics. As a result, a delay in diagnosis can occur. Because the course of pediatric MS is very inflammatory and children experience approximately 2-3 times as many relapses as a typical adult-onset MS patient, early and accurate diagnosis is critical.

Pediatric clinicians are on the front line to recognize motor, sensory, and cognitive deficits that may help establish a diagnosis of MS. While referral to a neurologist is often made, children and adolescents with chronic illnesses such as MS inevitably will be seen in the pediatric office. Pediatric clinicians are in a position to help identify and manage relapses, symptoms, and treatment-related side effects that all can affect the course of the disease.

There are currently over a dozen U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved disease-modifying agents available for MS patients, with dozens more options for the management of relapses and symptoms associated with the disease. Currently there are no FDA-approved treatments for MS in children, but many disease-modifying therapies are frequently used off-label.

Please join us for an exciting educational program discussing the challenges associated with managing patients with MS and the role that the pediatric clinician can play in the comprehensive care of children with the disease.

Sincerely,

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AGENDA

- 7:00 PM Registration and Dinner
- 7:30 Welcome, Housekeeping Notes, and Pre-test
- 7:35 Recognizing MS Symptoms in Children and Adolescents
- 8:05 Case Review and Interactive Questions
- 8:15 Overview of Disease-Modifying Therapy for Pediatric MS and the Role of Pediatric Clinicians in Assisting and Supporting Specialists in Managing Treatment Expectations
- 9:00 Case Review and Interactive Questions
- 9:10 Management of MS in the Pediatric Setting and Working Collaboratively with the Specialist Team
- 9:30 Case Review and Interactive Questions
- 9:45 Concluding Remarks and Post-test
- 10:00 Adjourn

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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

- Review the signs and symptoms of MS to facilitate prompt diagnosis and appropriate triage
- Identify conditions that mimic MS with strategies to facilitate a differential diagnosis in a pediatric patient
- Discuss evidence-based management approaches for the pediatric patient and the family
- Review current and emerging disease modifying therapies appropriate for the treatment of MS in children and adolescents
- Identify the characteristics of an MS relapse versus progression versus specific variants seen in pediatric patients as normal landmarks in growth and development
- Review best practices of collaborative care management of pediatric MS patients

TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity has been designed to meet the education needs of pediatric physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other healthcare professionals in the pediatric setting who are involved in the care of patients with MS.

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