



Practical Solutions to Challenges in Internal Medicine

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Presented by the VCU Department of Internal Medicine and VCU Health Continuing Education

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SCHEDULE & REGISTRATION

Come learn about advances and more at “Practical Solutions to Challenges in Internal Medicine.” Experts from VCU will discuss innovative new approaches and how best to work with subspecialists to improve the care of patients. Medicine is moving fast, and this conference will help you keep pace with new advances in obesity, heart failure, depression, and other health conditions.

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- 7:00 **Registration and Breakfast with Exhibitors**
- 7:55 **Welcome and Introduction**
Alan Dow, MD
- 8:00 **Obesity: Understanding Connections and Treatment Outcomes**
Morgan Vargo, MD
- 8:45 **The Heart Failure Revolution**
Corey R. Trankle, MD
- 9:30 **Break with Exhibitors**
- 9:45 **Advances in CKD Staging and Management**
Sarah Street, MD
- 10:20 **Anemia Pearls for Primary Care**
Ruchi Desai MD
- 10:55 **Lung Nodules: Screening and Evaluation**
Toribiong Uchel, MD
- 11:30 **Lunch Pick-up**
- 11:45 **Top 10 POEMS That Will Change Your Practice for 2025**
Scott M. Strayer, MD

P.M.

- 12:30 **Break with Exhibitors**
- 12:40 **Advances in Addiction Management**
Hannah Kissel-Smith, MD
- 1:15 **Inflammatory Arthritis**
Neha Gupta, MD
- 1:50 **Break with Exhibitors**
- 2:00 **Challenges in Depression Management**
John L. Beyer, MD
- 2:35 **The Coughing Adult**
Farukh Abbas, MD
- 3:10 **Final Comments**
- 3:15 **Adjourn**

Course Objectives

- Describe recent advances in medical practice that are important for improving patient care.
- Recognize which conditions can be managed in a non-specialty setting and which patients require tertiary care expertise.
- Identify how best to collaborate with subspecialists in the care of primary care patients.

Accreditation and Credit



In support of improving patient care, VCU Health Continuing Education is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

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Registration

Register online at vcu.cloud-cme.com/practical2025.

Fee: General Registration \$249

Registration Deadline: September 19, 2025

Venue

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
1800 Lakeside Ave, Henrico, VA 23228



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