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**Improving the Odds in the Battle
 Against Alcohol Dependence**

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The prevalence of alcohol abuse/dependence is among the top three psychiatric disorders in the United States. It is estimated that 1 in 13 Americans battles this condition, which ranks as the 4th leading cause of disability in this country. The costs to society are enormous, and include detrimental effects on productivity and safety, mounting public and private expenditures for treatment services, and diminished quality of life for sufferers, families, and friends. Chronic alcohol dependence increases risk for cardiovascular disease, liver disease, cancer, depression, and anxiety disorders. Psychosocial intervention has been the mainstay treatment for helping patients maintain abstinence following detoxification. Adjunctive pharmacotherapy may enhance the efficacy of psychosocial rehabilitation. In this evidence-based psychCME TALK audioconference series, the experts will explore the chronic battle of alcohol dependence and propose strategies for improving patient outcomes.

Activity Goal

To provide an evidence-based educational program that will help clinicians identify alcohol dependence and offer pharmacological and psychosocial supports to patients who wish to work toward a goal of abstinence.

Learning Objectives

- At the end of this CE activity, participants should be able to:
- Identify the etiology of alcohol dependence and the psychiatric and medical comorbidities associated with the disease.
 - Implement screening tools to uncover alcohol dependence.
 - Examine the role of adjunctive pharmacotherapy for maintaining abstinence in patients receiving psychosocial treatment for alcohol dependence.

Target Audience

Physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, psychologists, social workers, certified case managers, pharmacists, and other healthcare professionals with an interest in mental health.

Commercial Support

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November 21, 2005

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October 17, 2005

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