Free IDF Internet-Based Continuing Education

Nurses Can Earn Free CE Credit at Their Convenience

The Immune Deficiency Foundation is proud to offer the Continuing Education course based on its publication IDF Guide for Nurses on Immune Globulin Therapy for Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases. This free Internet-based course was developed by the IDF Nurse Advisory Committee, a group established by IDF in 1999 to improve the quality of healthcare and education provided by nurses for patients with primary immunodeficiency diseases.

This CE Course is targeted for certified registered nurse infusionists (CRNI), registered nurses (RN), and licensed practical nurses (LPN) to enhance their professional skills by familiarizing them with immunoglobulin replacement therapy, including:

- clinical uses
- product characteristics
- infusion management
- complications of therapy

Accreditation is provided through the Health Communication Research Institute, Inc., a CMA-accredited provider. Participants will receive 1.0 contact hours for their participation in this session. Please check with your individual state for specific requirements for continuing education credits.

To access the CE Course on Immune Globulin Therapy for Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases, go to the IDF Web site, www.primaryimmune.org.

About the IDF Nurse Advisory Committee

The Nurse Advisory Committee is available as a resource for nurses administering immune globulin therapy or treating patients with primary immunodeficiency diseases. The members can be reached by contacting IDF and staff will assist in contacting a member of the committee. Please contact IDF at 1-800-296-4433 or idf@primaryimmune.org.

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SCID Initiative

The Immune Deficiency Foundation is proud to announce the creation of a new Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) Initiative. Driven by requests from our SCID community, a new dedicated fund has been created for the purpose of supporting SCID specific programs including: education, awareness, diagnosis, newborn screening, and the search for a cure. The creation of the SCID Initiative is a new step for IDF, as this is the first disease specific initiative to be proposed by the organization. As another first, IDF has developed an oversight committee for the SCID Initiative fund which is comprised of community members with specialized interest and knowledge specific to SCID. It is hoped that the creation of the SCID Initiative will encourage IDF’s members and supporters with an interest in seeing the development of new SCID programs, to step up by contributing specifically to the SCID Initiative. The program goals that the SCID Initiative desires to accomplish cannot be met without community support and resources. The first program that the SCID Initiative supported was the SCID Conference 2008. More specifically, the SCID Initiative provided additional scholarships to assist families who might not otherwise have been able to attend.

The opening contribution to the new SCID Initiative has been made by Molly Rennels and her fiancé Nick Lazzara as part of their wedding commitment to one another. The donation is being made in memory of two members of Molly’s family, Raleigh Houck and Colin Marquard, both of whom lost their battle with SCID.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the SCID Initiative should direct their contribution to: Immune Deficiency Foundation - SCID Initiative 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue Suite 308 Towson, MD 21204

All contributions will be fully tax deductible, as are all donations made to Immune Deficiency Foundation.