



## Bridging Specialties<sup>®</sup>: Timely Diagnosis and Treatment for Refractory Chronic Cough

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### **Course Description**

#### **A Guideline-Directed Interactive Infographic on Refractory Chronic Cough**

This interactive clinical reference guides clinicians through a structured, guideline-directed approach to refractory chronic cough across four key domains: epidemiology and disease burden, the CHEST diagnostic pathway, current evidence-based treatment options, and the emerging therapeutic pipeline. Learners can navigate the algorithm at their own pace, with embedded clinical guidance at each step, from initial assessment and common-cause evaluation through neuromodulator sequencing and investigational P2X3 antagonists. A downloadable reference version is included for use outside the learning environment.

#### **From Evaluation to Management in Refractory Chronic Cough – An Adaptive Case Simulation**

This session places clinicians in an interactive patient encounter with a 41-year-old middle school teacher whose four-month chronic cough has disrupted her sleep, her classroom, and her daily life. Learners will conduct a history, select physical exam elements, order and interpret diagnostic testing, and work through a CHEST guideline-directed workup. They will also navigate real-world access barriers, including distance to specialty care, insurance requirements, and limited time off work. The case adapts in real time to the learner's specialty, presenting tailored decision points for primary care, pulmonology, and otolaryngology. This session includes a shared decision-making conversation leading to a personalized management plan.

### **Course Objectives**

1. Recognize RCC prevalence, disease burden, and quality-of-life impacts while identifying health care disparities affecting diagnosis and care access.
2. Apply systematic, guideline-directed diagnostic pathways incorporating clinical assessment, imaging, and physiological testing to establish a timely RCC diagnosis.
3. Evaluate RCC pathophysiology and assess emerging therapies, including mechanisms of action, evidence, and safety profiles.
4. Implement prompt multidisciplinary referrals for optimal RCC management.

### **Targeted Audience**

United States Health Care Providers, Pulmonologists, Cough Specialists, ENT Specialists, Allergists, Primary Care Clinicians, Advanced Practice Providers

### **Participation Feedback**

The participation threshold of a score of 70% or more passing standard for this course, includes learner completion of the final self-assessment and learner completion of the CME credit evaluation, including the identification of what changes the learner expects to make in practice due to participation in this course.

### **Maintenance of Licensure**

Maintenance of Credit (MOC) offered in medical knowledge.

Scope of Practice – Pulmonary Medicine Education

### **FACULTY**

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