**MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF GLAUCOMA**

**Scope**
Glaucoma is one of the commonest ocular conditions and causes significant visual morbidity, the majority of patients are successfully treated with topical drug therapy. Recent developments have resulted in a number of new glaucoma medications becoming available for better glaucoma control and management. The major drug classes will be discussed as well as an outline of the various types of glaucoma will be highlighted.

**Objectives**
- To familiarise with the various forms of glaucoma.
- To discuss the medical treatments available
- To highlight the advantages of the newer drugs now available.

**Delivered by**
Thomas Fenech
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Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon, St. Luke’s Hospital
Senior Lecturer, University of Malta

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**RECENT UPDATES IN CONTACT LENS PRACTICE**

**Scope**
An outline of the different types of contact lenses found on the local market, also available within community pharmacies with a special emphasis on any recent developments in CLs as well as in CL care. Another point of discussion will be problems, which may be encountered with CL use and abuse.

**Objectives**
To provide pharmacists with further knowledge to identify general ophthalmic conditions which may result from CL wear so as to be able to give correct advice on proper course of action.

**Delivered by**
Kerstien Gabarretta
BSc. Optom. (Hons.), MC Optom.

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**EXCLUSIVE ATTENDANCE**
These workshops are being organised for Health Care Professionals. All registered pharmacists are invited to become members of the Malta College of Pharmacy Practice and attend.
Dear colleague,

The conditions associated with the ear, nose and throat are among the most frequently encountered in our daily practice. It is our duty and responsibility to ensure that the patients receive optimum, safe and efficacious treatment for these conditions. Our input in the appropriate selection of drug therapy, patient education, monitoring and responsibility in the outcomes of drug therapy are crucial to the wellbeing of the patient.

The preparations available for ophthalmic conditions are increasing and becoming more complex. An update in this area is definitely warranted. Nowadays most pharmacies also dispense contact lenses and the solutions necessary for their care. A detailed overview of both the products and their care will enable us to provide better care and improve our service.

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We would like to thank our speakers who have taken the time from their very busy schedule and have kindly volunteered to prepare and facilitate these workshops.

We would also like to thank the pharmaceutical companies for their support. We would like to remind you, for reasons, which we have repeatedly explained, to book for the sessions.

Maria Cordina  B.Pharm. (Hons) Ph.D. (QUB)
President
Malta College of Pharmacy Practice

**THERAPEUTIC OPTIONS FOR MANAGING THE DIZZY PATIENT**

**Scope**
To provide an understanding of the clinical rationale in treating a dizzy patient.

**Objectives**
Following this presentation the pharmacist should be able to:
- Discuss pathology, types and prevalence of balance disorders.
- Recognise the clinical and economic impact of the disorder.
- Describe the pharmacological and economic parameters of therapeutic options.
- Counsel patients on efficacy of both pharmacological and non-pharmacological treatment options.

**Delivered by**
Alec Lapira
Speech Sci. (Snr), O.I.O.C.S (Eng) MSc Aud. Med. (Gat)
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Fellow of the Am. Assoc. Res. in Otolaryngology

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**Date**
Thursday, 06 February 2003

**Time**
19:30 for 20:00

**Venue**
Lecture Centre, Car Park 2
University of Malta

**Book by**
Thursday, 30 January 2003

This workshop provides 4 credits towards the MCPP continuing education requirement.

**RHINITIS: TAMING THE BEAST**

**Scope**
The term rhinitis continues to be used loosely with reference to a group of nasal conditions which, while presenting in much the same manner, are often very diverse in their aetiology and pathogenesis. The results of medical management of these problems may often appear disappointingly inadequate, unless this diversity is understood and appreciated.

**Objectives**
- To review a range of conditions, their aetiology and clinical presentation.
- To discuss biochemical considerations in their aetiology.
- To obtain a logical pharmacological approach to therapy.
- To discuss failure of treatment.

**Delivered by**
Mario Said
M.D, Dip.O.R.L, Chir.C.F.
Consultant Otolaryngologist,
St Luke’s Hospital
Lecturer in Otolaryngology
University of Malta

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**Date**
Thursday, 13 February 2003

**Time**
19:30 for 20:00

**Venue**
Lecture Centre, Car Park 2
University of Malta

**Book by**
Thursday, 06 February 2003

This workshop provides 4 credits towards the MCPP continuing education requirement.

**MANAGEMENT OF UPPER RESPIRATORY TRACT INFECTIONS**

**Scope**
It is estimated that 15-40% of patients attending to a G.P. for an acute complaint have an E.N.T. symptom. Appropriate treatment of the condition is always preferable to symptomatic relief when possible. Optimum resolution of upper respiratory tract infections requires differential diagnosis, determination of the aetiological basis of the disease and selection of appropriate therapy.

**Objectives**
- To outline the major symptoms of common URTI.
- To provide an update on the current pharmacological and non-pharmacological treatment options used to treat the most common URTI.
- To stress the need of timely specialist referral.

**Delivered by**
Charles Borg
M.D., Dip.O.R.L.
Consultant ENT Surgeon
St Luke’s Hospital

**Date**
Thursday, 20 February 2003

**Time**
19:30 for 20:00

**Venue**
Lecture Centre, Car Park 2
University of Malta

**Book by**
Thursday, 13 February 2003

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**EAR INFECTIONS**

**Scope**
To outline the aetiology, symptoms and management of otitis externa, otitis media and otitis interna.

**Objectives**
- To discuss the effectiveness of the various treatment modalities.
- To discuss the merits or otherwise of prescribing and dispensing in these conditions.

**Delivered by**
Eric J Farrugia
MD,FRCSEd,FRCSEng
Consultant ENT Surgeon,
St Luke's Hospital

**Date**
Thursday, 27 February 2003

**Time**
19:30 for 20:00

**Venue**
Lecture Centre, Car Park 2
University of Malta

**Book by**
Thursday, 20 February 2003

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**PHARMACEUTICAL CARE**

...is the responsible provision of drug therapy for the purpose of achieving definite outcomes that improve a patient’s quality of life...

...is provided for the direct benefit of the patient and the pharmacist is responsible directly to the patient for the quality of that care.”

C.D. Hegler