Nearly 1 in 10 adults and nearly 15% of children suffer the fluctuating symptom patterns of abdominal pain, disturbed defecation, and extra-intestinal symptoms associated with Irritable Bowel Syndrome. IBS represents a significant health burden owing to direct medical costs and indirect costs. Misdiagnosis and under treatment lends to waste and unnecessary patient suffering.

Diet, stress and other sociocultural factors can influence prevalence, health care-seeking behavior, symptoms, and treatment response. Regrettably, practicing physicians and mid-level providers do not always fully understand the pathways and treatment options available now and those in development.

Topics to be covered in this highly interactive seminar include:

- An overview of the pathogenesis of IBS in both adults and children and update on the Rome IV diagnostic criteria
- Primary care’s role in the diagnosis and treatment of the IBS-D patients - including diet and behavioral approaches
- Recently approved medications and those in development
- A team approach to patient care management
- When to refer patients to GI specialists and the range of available therapeutic options

Those who complete this activity will better identify how to screen, diagnose and treat their patient with Irritable Bowel Syndrome and when to refer them for more advanced care.

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