Care of the Aging Medical Patient in the Emergency Room (CampER) Curriculum
Audience Response Questions

These questions are included in the slide presentations as pre-lecture items to assess pre-lecture knowledge. You may use them as audience response questions or as test items. They are included as a separate module document for your ease of review.

Lecture Topic: Pain, Palliative Care & End of Life Issues

1. What is the best analgesic of choice for mild to moderate knee pain due to osteoarthritis in a 78 year old female patient?
   a) Acetaminophen
   b) Aspirin
   c) Celocoxib
   d) Propoxyphene
   e) Tramadol

Answer: A

2. You are in the ED treating a 78 year old female patient with a history of breast cancer treated 7 years prior with surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation. She complains of severe, unrelenting pain in her low back without radicular symptoms or bowel or bladder dysfunction. The pain has been present for 3 months as a nagging ache, but, for the past 3 days, it has been unbearable. Her BP is 150/100, pulse 105, RR 18, Temp 98.8, pulse ox 96% on room air. What is the appropriate intravenous dose of morphine in mgs per kilogram of body weight to treat her pain?
   a) 0.01
   b) 0.05
   c) 0.1
   d) 1.0
   e) 2.5

Answer: C

3. Which of the following classifications best describes pain in the elderly resulting from inflammation, musculoskeletal, or ischemic disorders?
   a) Limbic system mediated
   b) Nociceptive
   c) Neuropathic
   d) Parasympathetic mediated
   e) Sympathetic mediated

Answer: B