ACMT to Host Annual Scientific Meeting in Clearwater, Florida

The American College of Medical Toxicology will hold its Annual Scientific Meeting entitled “Toxicoprevention” in Clearwater, FL from March 27-29, 2015. The conference will feature current research that affects the practice of medical toxicology and recent advances in prevention of toxin-related illness and medication errors.

Phoenix, Arizona (PRWEB) January 08, 2015 -- The American College of Medical Toxicology (ACMT) will hold its Annual Scientific Meeting in Clearwater, Florida from March 27-29, 2015. The conference will focus on how different aspects of prevention can be applied in medical toxicology, from prevention of medication errors in individual patients to prevention of illness, errors, and waste in the population at large. This three-day educational program is intended for physicians and other health care providers wishing to understand ongoing initiatives and advances in prevention science related to toxins and medications and explore the potential unintended consequences of these initiatives. The conference will be held at the Hilton Clearwater Beach.

The Keynote speaker for the Scientific Meeting will be Kenneth W. Kizer, MD, MPH, FACMT. Dr. Kizer is the Director of the Institute for Health Improvement at UC Davis Health System and Distinguished Professor of Emergency Medicine at the UC Davis School of Medicine. He will be speaking on opportunities and challenges for medical toxicology in the emerging value-based health care economy. Dan Budnitz, MD, MPH, CAPT, USPHS, who is the Director of the Medication Safety Program at the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will speak on preventing medication exposures in young children. Kellie Schollar Reynolds, PharmD, of the Division of Clinical Pharmacology IV at the Food and Drug Administration will discuss the science behind package insert labeling and ongoing efforts to prevent adverse effects and errors.

Other conference topics include the expanding distribution and use of naloxone, an antidote to opioid intoxication; the role of medical toxicologists in promotion of pediatric environmental health; the utility of prescription drug monitoring programs in prevention of opioid misuse and its consequences; and representation of medical toxicology in the ABIM Foundation’s Choosing Wisely® campaign. The conference will feature a variety of educational formats, including lecture presentations, panel discussions, and interactive workshops.

Original research will also be prominently featured throughout the Annual Scientific Meeting, with researchers presenting their work in both platform and poster formats. According to Louise Kao, MD, Chair of the conference planning committee, “A record number of research studies will be presented at this year’s Scientific Meeting. This will include a wide variety of efforts, ranging from laboratory-based investigations of emerging antidotes for ultimate use in poisoned patients to studies looking at outcomes of populations exposed to particular poisons. This promises to be a highlight of the entire conference.”

The Annual Scientific Meeting will follow the day-long Addiction Medicine Academy on March 26, also sponsored by ACMT. The Addiction Medicine Academy is open to all healthcare providers and will provide in-depth education regarding current pharmacotherapies that are used in the treatment of substance use disorders.

About The American College of Medical Toxicology
ACMT is a professional, non-profit association of physicians with recognized expertise in medical toxicology.
The ACMT mission is to advance quality care of poisoned patients and public health through physicians who specialize in consultative, emergency, environmental, forensic, and occupational toxicology. For more information, visit http://www.acmt.net, or follow on Twitter @acmt.
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