Infectious, Paraneoplastic, Autoimmune? Diagnosis and Treatment of Rapidly Progressive Encephalopathies

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Program Description
Faculty will highlight advances and emerging concepts in encephalitis, a rapidly expanding area of neurology. The goal is to provide updates for rational expert opinion-based actionable approaches to diagnosis and treatment of infectious, autoimmune, and paraneoplastic encephalitis.

Learning Objectives
Participants should become familiar with the differential diagnosis of infectious, autoimmune, and paraneoplastic encephalitides; understand the rational use of antibody testing and microbiologic/viral diagnostics for defining encephalitis; become familiar with expert opinion strategies for using immunosuppression as treatment for autoimmune and paraneoplastic encephalitis.

Recommended Audience
Trainee; General Neurologist; Specialist Neurologist; Advanced Practice Provider

Core Competencies
Medical Knowledge; Patient Care; Practice-based Learning and Improvement

Schedule

8:00 a.m.–8:50 a.m.  Diagnosis and Management of Acute Viral Encephalitis  Allen J. Aksamit, Jr., MD, FAAN, Rochester, MN

8:50 a.m.–8:55 a.m.  Questions and Answers  Allen J. Aksamit, Jr., MD, FAAN, Rochester, MN

8:55 a.m.–9:45 a.m.  Paraneoplastic Encephalitis and Autoimmune Encephalitis  Sean J. Pittock, MD, Rochester, MN

9:45 a.m.–9:50 a.m.  Questions and Answers  Sean J. Pittock, MD, Rochester, MN

9:50 a.m.–10:05 a.m.  Break

10:05 a.m.–10:55 a.m.  Immunosuppression for Treatment of Autoimmune and Paraneoplastic Encephalopathies  Jeffrey Gelfand, MD, San Francisco, CA

10:55 a.m.–11:00 a.m.  Questions and Answers  Jeffrey Gelfand, MD, San Francisco, CA

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