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ANCC Accreditation Program:

Guidelines for calculating and awarding pharmacotherapeutic credit

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Purpose: To establish a standardized method to calculate and award ANCC contact hours for content that meets criteria for pharmacotherapeutic credit

Definition of terms:

- ANCC contact hour: continuing education credit awarded by Accredited Providers, Approved Providers or Individual Activity Applicants
- Pharmacotherapy is that area of practice that is responsible for ensuring the safe, appropriate, and economical use of drugs in patient care.

Content eligible for meeting criteria for pharmacotherapeutic credit includes:

1. Overview of the disease or disease process for which medication therapy is required (context for appropriate medication therapy)
2. Scientific rationale or evidence-base of the use of medication therapy for a disease or disease process
3. All content related to prescribing/recommending safe and appropriate use of medication therapy, including cost-effectiveness
4. All content related to the safe administration of medication therapy, including but not limited to dosage, route, frequency, delivery devices, administration devices and similar
5. All content related to monitoring of medication therapy
6. All content related to possible side effects and/or adverse effects of medication therapy
7. All content related to special considerations related to medication therapy
8. All content related to adjunct therapy that may be used in conjunction with medication therapy