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***NEW INSIGHTS INTO HE* EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME LAUNCHES AT UEG WEEK**

Berlin. Monday 14 October, 2013, 09.00 – A major new educational resource will be launched at the [United European Gastroenterology Week](http://www.uegweek.com) Congress in Berlin for all European healthcare professionals who treat patients living with hepatic encephalopathy (HE), a major complication of cirrhosis.

The *New Insights into HE* programme - available online at <http://www.hepaticencephalopathy.info> - delivers a variety of 'on-demand' educational activities to help medical professionals keep up-to-date on the latest thinking around hepatic encephalopathy. There are a number of educational presentation and case-based, interactive programmes which explore best practice diagnosis and management of this common debilitating condition, while regularly-updated highlights of key publications will refresh and inform clinical practice. A series of regional teaching activities are planned by the Steering Committee for 2014 and the website will be regularly updated with new web-based activities.

The *New Insights into HE* educational programme is funded by a grant from Norgine. Norgine has no involvement in the content of the programme, which is developed independently by an expert faculty. Norgine provides logistical support, where required, for the associated live meetings.

The *New Insights* Steering Committee of leading experts is led by Professor Rajiv Jalan of the Royal Free Hospital/UCL Medical School, London, United Kingdom, incoming President of the International Society for Hepatic Encephalopathy and Nitrogen Metabolism (ISHEN) and past Secretary of the British Association for the Study of the Liver (BASL), who commented:

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“Hepatic encephalopathy is a major complication of cirrhosis. Around half of patients with well-compensated disease will still experience minimal HE which seriously impacts both their physical and psychosocial quality of life. Regrettably, HE is not necessarily reversible. Even when a patient has stabilised after an initial episode, around one-third of patients will have another episode in next six months, so it’s crucial both to manage the acute episode and prevent recurring or secondary episodes. Appropriate intervention is key so we all hope that our fellow healthcare professionals will find this *New Insights* resource both explanatory and useful in informing how they approach their HE patients.”

Registration is free for all medical professionals. An application has been made to the EACCME® and UKRCP for CME accreditation of this resource.

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- Dr Deborah Shawcross, Kings College Hospital/Kings College, London School of Medicine, London, UK
- Professor Heiner Wedemeyer, Hannover Medical School, Hannover, Germany

New Insights into HE: Content

Module 1: Epidemiology and burden of Hepatic Encephalopathy - Professor Wim Laleman

Module 2: Hepatic Encephalopathy: Pathogenesis and Precipitants - Dr Deborah Shawcross

Module 3: Diagnosis of Hepatic Encephalopathy - Dr Gerald Kircheis

Module 4: Management of Hepatic Encephalopathy: Treatment and Follow-up - Dr Robert J. deKnecht

Module 5: Case-based practice pointer: A 55-year-old Man with Long-standing Mild Agitation and Disorientation - Professor Juan Cordoba

Module 6: Case-based practice pointer: A 53-year-old Woman with Recurrent Episodes of Hepatic Encephalopathy - Dr Deborah Shawcross

Module 7: Case-based practice pointer: A 59-year-old Woman with Hepatitis C-related Cirrhosis and Acute, Severe Hepatic Encephalopathy - Professor Wim Laleman

Module 8: Must-know Literature on HE: Commentary from the Course Director - Professor Rajiv Jalan

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