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SESSION 110

Pulmonary Embolism: Diagnosis, Management, and Controversies

My talk aims to summarize the state of the art of diagnosing and treating pulmonary embolism, with a focus on streamlining diagnosis and decision making in a resource-limited setting. Spanning the usage of laboratory markers and diagnostic imaging (including bedside point-of-care ultrasound), to choosing the appropriate treatment for your patients, I hope to concisely but thoroughly review the ins and outs of pulmonary embolism. I also will review some of the newest literature and controversies in pulmonary embolism management in the hopes that you can take this new information back in to your own practice.

- 1. Review the risk factors and diagnostic algorithm of pulmonary embolism.
- 2. Review the strengths and weaknesses of imaging for pulmonary embolism, including point-of-care ultrasonography.
- 3. Review the treatment of pulmonary embolism, including use of thrombolytics, DOACS.
- 4. Review some of the latest research and controversies in pulmonary embolism, including home treatment, workup in pregnancy, adjustments to the D-Dimer threshold, and sub-segmental pulmonary embolism.