Cutaneous Allergies for Nurses in Dermatology
Nurses Course | 28-30 November 2022 | Alfandega Congress Centre - Porto, Portugal

Description
The course focuses on the spectrum of cutaneous manifestations of allergy that will be discussed with particular attention for practical aspects and diagnostic tools. We will first deal with general information concerning main “allergic” skin diseases included, even though some have additional pathomechanisms. It is our intention to analyse the clinical presentations of urticaria (acute, chronic spontaneous and inducible), chronic prurigo, atopic dermatitis and contact dermatitis (irritant, allergic and photoallergic and immediate contact reactions).
Main skin tests (patch, prick, photopatch tests), their indications, procedures and interpretation will then be illustrated as well as tests for establishing the threshold in inducible urticaria (frictest, temp test, etc.) with emphasis on the contribution of the nurses for improving these procedures.
Also, there will be explanation on PROs that can be used to evaluate the severity of these skin diseases and their impact on patients’ QoL (DLQI, EASI, SCORAD, ADCT, PCT, UCT, UAS7, AAS7, HECSI, etc).
Discussion between the faculty and participants is welcome. There will be also some practical training on performing most of these tests and some time for presentations on the topic by the participants.

Learning Objectives
1. Improve the knowledge of skin diseases labelled as “allergic reactions” and other conditions (differential diagnosis).
2. Give an overview of the skin test methods with practical advice to obtain the most reliable results.
3. Enhance the role of the nurse in the management of atopic dermatitis and contact dermatitis and Therapeutic Patient Education programmes.

Faculty
Chair: Margarida Gonçalo
Speakers: Pedro Mendes Bastos, Christa De Cuyper, An Goossens
Tutors: Miguel Teixeira, Joanna Valério, Luís Miguel Dias, Teresa Borralho
Programme

Monday, 28 November 2022
14.00-14.30 Welcome and introduction from the course chair - Margarida Gonçalo
14.30-15.15 Itch - Christa De Cuyper
15.15-16.00 Prurigo - Pedro Mendes Bastos
16.00-16.45 Urticaria - Margarida Gonçalo
16.45-17.00 Coffee break
17.00-17.30 Itch and Mental Health - Miguel Teixeira
17.30-19.00 Clinical cases and Q&As - Christa De Cuyper

Tuesday, 29 November 2022
08.30-10.00 Contact dermatitis
  Principles of patch testing and immediate testing: techniques and pitfalls -
  Margarida Gonçalo, An Goossens
10.00-10.15 Coffee break
10.15-12.00 Contact dermatitis
  Teaching avoidance in allergic and irritant contact dermatitis. TPE (see also Day 3)
  - Margarida Gonçalo, An Goossens
12.00-13.00 Lunch break
13.00-14.15 Drug eruptions - Margarida Gonçalo
  - Clinical spectrum
  - How to test?
14.15-15.15 Photosensitivity - Margarida Gonçalo, An Goossens
  - Phototesting and photopatch testing
15.15-15.30 Coffee break
15.30-16.00 Food allergy: Facts and myths - Christa De Cuyper
16.00-16.45 Clinical trials - Joanna Valério
16.45-18.15 Case presentations by participants and Q&As - Christa De Cuyper
19.00 Networking Cocktail with speakers and participants

Wednesday, 30 November 2022
08.30-10.45 Atopic Dermatitis - Pedro Mendes Bastos
  - Recognizing skin lesions and evaluating severity (EASI, SCORAD, Pruritus NRS,
    POEM, etc.)
  - ETFAD guidelines
  - How to use topical corticosteroids and calcineurin inhibitors?
10.45-11.00 Coffee break
11.00-11.30 Atopy Schools - Luís Miguel Dias
11.30-12.00 Day care centres - Teresa Borralho
12.00-12.45 Quiz: What did we learn? - Margarida Gonçalo, Pedro Mendes Bastos
12.45-13.00 Conclusions and farewell - Margarida Gonçalo
13.00 End of the course