

## Week 8: Course Reflection

1. How have your attitudes changed about selecting appropriate medications based on patient presentation and unique patient factors?
  - a. Prior to starting this course, my attitude towards selecting the correct class of medication based on presentation and symptoms were at a beginner level. I was able to gain a good basis of knowledge upon completion of my prior class, which was Advanced Pharmacology Fundamentals. This course did a great job of supplementing knowledge by a variety of assignments, required readings, online continuing education modules and projects. This has allowed me to become more confident in my pharmacological knowledge, thus allowing me to be more successful at prescribing medications to patients in the future.
2. How confident do you feel about selecting an appropriate pharmaceutical agent for a patient with a specific diagnosis in the primary care setting? What resources are needed, if any, to help you feel more confident?
  - a. My confidence level is at a moderate level. My basis of knowledge has definitely expanded throughout the course. Each module allowed me to analyze different factors that go into making an appropriate drug prescription, which is based on the HPI, ROS, social/family history and physical exam. Based on the knowledge gained I would be able to suggest a medication based on a specific diagnosis.
3. How has your understanding changed about determining the therapeutic effects, adverse responses, and side effects of drug therapy?
  - a. My understanding regarding these components of prescriptive practice have greatly increased compared to the beginning of the course. This class began to focus in on the unique characteristics of each drug class, as well as