Year in Review
Update in Cystic Fibrosis: A Success Story of Personalized Medicine

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TARGET AUDIENCE
Attending physicians, house staff/fellows, medical students, nurses, physician assistants.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT
Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a multisystem disease that is characterized by chronic sinusitis, obstructive lung disease, pancreatic insufficiency, chronic constipation, CF-related diabetes, and CF-related liver disease that contribute to a significantly reduced life span. CF patient outcomes have improved over the past 20 years because of center-based care, improved nutrition, airway clearance therapies, new anti-infectives, and the more recent introduction of modulators that modify specific CF mutations, which represents a new era in personalized medicine for CF. Despite this progress, individuals with CF continue to suffer from chronic lung inflammation and bronchiectasis that cause recurrent pulmonary exacerbations, which are complicated by increasingly drug resistant pathogens. Therefore, there remains a significant need for novel anti-inflammatory and anti-infective treatments.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
At the conclusion of this activity, participants will learn to:
1. Improved CF outcomes: compare significant improvements in clinical outcomes over the past 20 years; highlighting important quality improvement projects and the impact of patient advocacy.
2. Personalized medicine in CF: describe CF genetics and the evolution of CFTR “modulators.”
3. Novel CF therapies: the potential for bacteriophages to represent a personalized medicine treatment in CF.

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