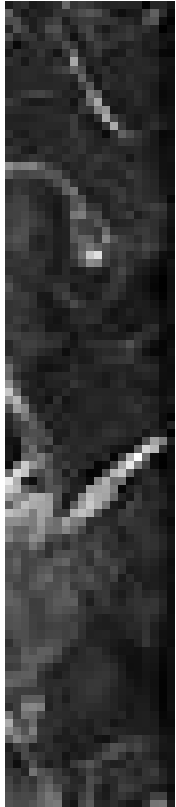


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The purpose of this course is to provide clinicians with the information necessary to appropriately diagnose and treat irritable bowel syndrome and improve patients' quality of life. In addition, members of the public may use this course to enhance their personal knowledge of the subject matter presented. Upon completion of this course, you should be able to: 1. Describe the incidence and prevalence of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). 2. Identify conditions that are commonly comorbid with IBS. 3. Outline the natural history and disease burden of IBS. 4. Review the pathogenesis and pathophysiology of IBS. 5. Discuss risk factors for the development of IBS and underlying etiology. 6. Describe the assessment of patients with suspected IBS, including presenting signs and symptoms, testing, and clinical diagnostic criteria. 7. Identify conditions that should be included in the differential diagnosis of IBS. 8. Discuss the role of laboratory studies and alarm features in reaching a diagnosis of IBS. 9. Evaluate the role of nonpharmacologic therapies for the treatment of IBS. 10. Compare and contrast available pharmacotherapies for the treatment of the various IBS subtypes. This 10-hour continuing education course is available for download for professional development; if continuing education credit is desired, please see instructions included in eBook.