Introduction

Carbohydrates represent a large portion of the world’s daily diet, yet approximately 70% of the world’s population experiences some form of carbohydrate malabsorption. Incomplete carbohydrate absorption can cause serious problems in affected children, including poor nutrition and delayed growth. Diagnosis continues to be an issue in these children due to a lack of proper primary care physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, dietitians, and other health care professionals who are interested in treating children and young adults with carbohydrate-induced diarrhea.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be better able to:

- Explain the pathophysiology of carbohydrate-induced diarrhea
- Utilize current diagnostic approaches
- Provide individualized and appropriate management to meet specific patient needs
- Educate patients and parents on etiology and physiologic consequences as well as the importance of dietary modifications

Physicians

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Target Audience

This activity is designed for pediatrics, pediatric endoscopy, pediatric gastroenterology, primary care physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, dietitians, and other health care professionals who are interested in treating children and young adults with carbohydrate-induced diarrhea.

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