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Program Description

In this CME activity, experts in the treatment of diabetes and diabetic retinopathy present recent data on the efficacy of emerging agents used in the treatment of diabetic macular edema. The molecular mechanisms for the development of this condition are reviewed. Recent updates in the management of diabetes are highlighted.

Educational Objectives

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

- Describe the molecular mechanisms underlying the development and progression of diabetic retinopathy (DR), including diabetic macular edema (DME), and the consequences of these microvascular complications
- Review recent clinical data on available and emerging management options for DR/DME and their benefits and limitations
- Outline the role of systemic factors in DR and identify new techniques and medications for monitoring and treating diabetes
- Develop strategies to appropriately screen for and manage DR/DME

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