

## PCABs: A New Hope for GERD or Just Another Heartburn Story?

**Session Date:** 03/25/2025

**Session Time:** 11:00 – 11:45 AM (CST)

### Target Audience

This continuing education (CE) session was planned to meet the needs of professional staff who deal with the selection and monitoring of medication(s) as part of their patient care duties, including pharmacists, RNs, APRNs, PAs, MDs.

### Activity Overview

The 2022 American College of Gastroenterology guidelines for the diagnosis and management of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) emphasize proton pump inhibitors as the foundation of pharmacologic treatment, followed by histamine-2-receptor antagonists and antacids for additional gastric acid reduction. Vonoprazan, a novel potassium competitive acid blocker (PCAB), was originally approved to eradicate *Helicobacter pylori* in combination with antibiotic therapy. This presentation will review primary literature leading to vonoprazan's recent Food and Drug Administration approval for the healing of erosive esophagitis, maintenance of healing for erosive esophagitis, and heartburn relief associated with non-erosive GERD, to evaluate its potential place in therapy against current GERD guidelines.

### Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this knowledge-based CE session, participants should be able to:

1. Describe current guideline pharmacotherapy recommendations to treat erosive and non-erosive GERD
2. Recognize pharmacotherapy mechanisms for GERD management
3. Describe vonoprazan's efficacy, safety and place in therapy in relation to current treatment options

### Faculty Information

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