

# Delfini Seminar

## Critical Appraisal of the Medical Literature for Therapies

September 20 & 21, 2012—Portland, Oregon

Join us in the stunning, lively, quirky, beautiful and friendly Rose City—Portland, Oregon—for two-day seminars of learning and scintillating discussion about key issues in evidence- and value-based clinical improvement activities.



### About the Program

- Assorted special topics in critical appraisal
- Of particular interest to those looking to enhance their skills in critical appraisal of the medical literature—others are welcome too
- This 2-day program includes basics and more advanced topics. This program will be particularly helpful to those who routinely evaluate the medical literature.



### Topics Made Understandable & Time Saving Tips include—

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Highlights of the Essentials of Critical Appraisal—The 5 "A"s of Evidence-based Practice<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The 3 Basic Steps of Critical Appraisal</li><li>○ Assessing the 4 Phases of Primary Studies for Bias, Confounding &amp; Chance:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Subject Selection</li><li>2. Study Performance</li><li>3. Attrition</li><li>4. Assessment</li></ol></li><li>○ Meaningful Clinical Benefit</li><li>○ Evidence Grading</li></ul></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Composite Endpoints</li><li>• Selected Analysis Issues</li><li>• Time-to-Event Analysis (Survival Curves) Interpreting Forest Plots</li><li>• Understanding &amp; Applying Confidence Intervals</li><li>• Safety Issues</li><li>• Evaluating Comparative Study Designs</li><li>• Cross-over Designs</li><li>• Working with Secondary Studies &amp; Sources</li></ul> <p>Educational handouts and tips will also be provided for diagnostic testing and screening.</p> |
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### Faculty

Michael E. Stuart MD  
Co-founder, President & Medical Director, Delfini Group  
Assistant Clinical Professor, University of Washington

Sheri Ann Strite  
Co-founder, Principal and Managing Partner, Delfini Group

### Location

- **Hotel Modera . 515 SW Clay St, Portland, Oregon 97201 | 877.484.1084**  
<http://hotelmodera.com>

### Dates & Times

Thursday, September 20, Day 1: 8 AM—4 PM  
Friday, September 21, Day 2: 8 AM—3 PM

### Program Website

Full program information is available at—  
[http://www.delfini.org/page\\_Delfini\\_Seminars\\_2012\\_Sept\\_CA.htm](http://www.delfini.org/page_Delfini_Seminars_2012_Sept_CA.htm)



Cherry Blossoms on Portland Waterfront  
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### Fast Facts & Fine Print

This is a no-frills \*keep-it-simple\* program:

1. Continuing education credit will be available for pharmacists in the States of Montana, Oregon and Washington at a minimum.
2. For those of other professions or in other states, no continuing education credit is offered (we are happy to explore this with you)—but you will receive valuable, practical information and learn key skills which will improve your ability to evaluate studies and perform professionally.
3. You are on your own for meals and beverages; great choices abound. This is a foodie city. We will give you great tips!
4. Registration fees are not available by day. This is a total package.
5. Select handouts and tools will be provided.

### Registration & Payment

Fees are as follows (all in US Currency)—

- \$500.00—Regular
- \$385.00—Full-time students

Student rates are available to **full-time** students and are **only available** by choosing the Student Rate at the time of payment.

You can use your credit card to pay online via PayPal at the program website (page 1), or mail payment to—

**Michael Stuart**  
**6831 31st Ave NE**  
**Seattle WA USA 98115**

### Registration Information

To secure your spot, we need your payment and the following information which can be mailed or emailed to us:

1. Name
2. Email Address
3. Mailing Address
4. Phone Number
5. Company
6. Profession or Student or Other (please specify)
7. Indicate this is for the **CA** Seminar

**Refunds** must be requested in writing to Dr. Stuart at the above address or by email to [delfini@delfini.org](mailto:delfini@delfini.org). Refunds will be by check only and mailed to the registration mailing address.

### Refund Schedule

- Full refund, less \$100 non-refundable, upon our receipt of your request 3 months prior to the seminar.
- Fifty percent refund, upon our receipt of your request 2 months prior to the seminar.
- No refund after 1 month prior to the seminar.
- We reserve the right to change or cancel the program or program conditions. If the program cancels for any reason, we will refund program registration fees in full.



### Privacy

Any payment information between us is confidential.



### Sip & Schmooze in the Beautiful Rose City

A **No Host** social will follow the seminar on Day 1: Nel Centro Lounge in the Hotel Modera

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Teaching methods include mini-lectures, exercises (includes critical appraisal exercises), discussions, Q&A sessions.

### Day 1

8:00 AM	-	8:40 AM	Introduction to the Import of EBM In Clinical Decision-making
8:40 AM	-	10:00 AM	Highlights of Evaluating Therapies
10:00 AM	-	10:10 AM	- break -
10:10 AM	-	11:15 AM	Distorting Effects of Bias
11:15 AM	-	12:45 PM	- lunch -
12:45 PM	-	2:15 PM	More on Bias Trapping
2:15 PM	-	2:25 PM	- break -
2:25 PM	-	2:45 PM	Meaningful Clinical Benefit
2:45 PM	-	3:05 PM	Understanding & Applying Confidence Intervals
3:05 PM	-	3:35 PM	Time-to-Event Analysis
3:35 PM	-	3:50 PM	Composite Endpoints
3:50 PM	-	4:00 PM	Key Points

### Day 2

8:00 AM	-	8:40 AM	Review
8:40 AM	-	10:00 AM	Exercises in Critical Appraisal
10:00 AM	-	10:10 AM	- break -
10:10 AM	-	10:45 AM	Assessing Comparative Directions
10:45 AM	-	11:15 AM	Oncology Outcomes
11:15 AM	-	12:45 PM	- lunch -
12:45 PM	-	1:00 PM	Cross-over Designs
1:00 PM	-	1:20 PM	Secondary Studies
1:20 PM	-	1:30 PM	Secondary Sources
1:30 PM	-	1:40 PM	- break -
1:40 PM	-	2:20 PM	Exercises
2:20 PM	-	2:50 PM	Review of Tools
2:50 PM	-	3:00 PM	Key Points