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Emerging Challenges
in Primary Care: 2006
Conference
September 16, 2006

Atlanta, Georgia
Crowne Plaza Atlanta Ravinia

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Program Evaluation
September 28, 2006

Introduction

In September 2006, NACE sponsored a CME program, *Emerging Challenges in Primary Care: 2006*, in Atlanta, GA. The conference was geared toward physicians, physician's assistants, and nurse practitioners. The program provided Primary Care Providers the opportunity to learn first hand from national thought leaders in their field. The goal of the program was to provide a clearer understanding of the most common disease processes, in light of the rapid scientific advances.

Approximately 83 healthcare providers attended *Emerging Challenges in Primary Care: 2006* in September in Atlanta, GA. Each attendee was asked to complete and return a conference satisfaction and planning form and a needs assessment form prior to the end of the conference. Seventy-three completed forms were received. The data collected is displayed in this report.

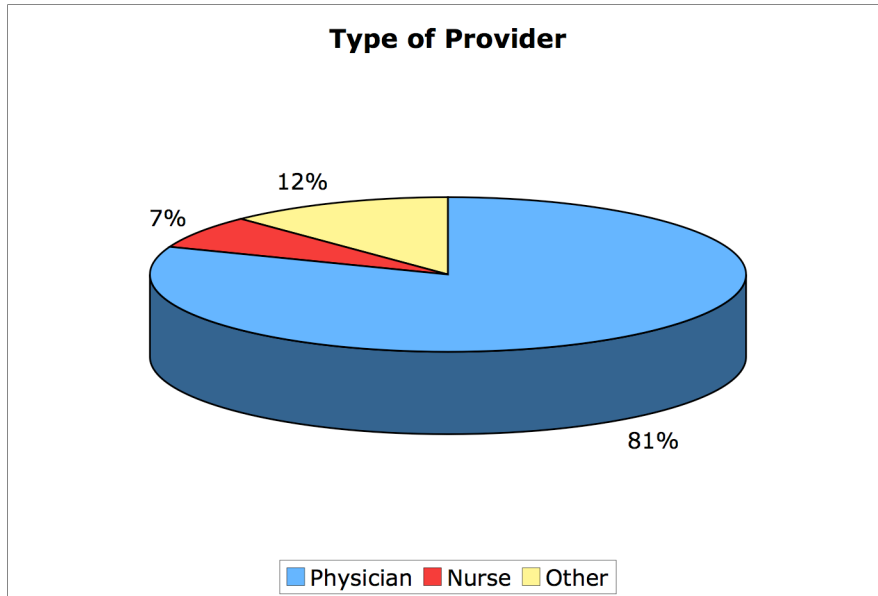
Conference Schedule

Saturday, September 16, 2006

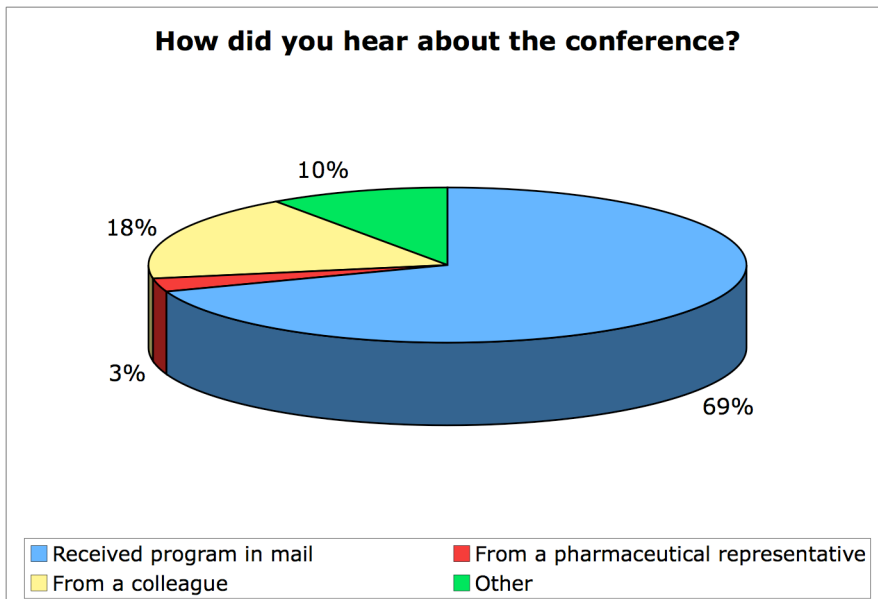
7:30-8:00	Continental Breakfast and Registration
8:00-8:10	Welcome Remarks — Gregg Sherman, MD
8:10-9:00	Insulin Resistance: From Impaired Glucose Tolerance to Type 2 Diabetes – Pathophysiologic Origins, Progression to Diabetes, Prevention of Atherosclerosis Patrick Boyle, MD
9:00-9:50	Treatment Early in the Time Course of Type 2 Diabetes Patrick Boyle, MD
9:50-10:10	Break/Vendor Area
10:10-11:00	Beyond Oral Agents: Insulin Initiation and Management Cristina Mata, MD
11:00-11:50	Difficult Constipation: Getting to the Bottom of It Amy Foxx-Orenstein, DO, FACG, FACP
11:50-12:40	Thyroid Nodule Evaluation 2006 John B. Tourtelot, MD, FACE, FACP
12:40-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:20	COPD: An Optimistic View Bart Celli, MD
2:20-3:10	Pulmonary Hypertension Wendy Book, MD
3:10-3:30	Break
3:30-4:20	Anemia in Chronic Kidney Disease: Clinical Implications and Treatment Options William McClellan, Jr., MD, MPH
4:20-5:10	The Importance of Blood Pressure Control in The Management of Hypertension: Improving Outcomes in 2006 Jan N. Basile, MD
5:10	Conference Wrap-Up — Gregg Sherman, MD

Participant Information

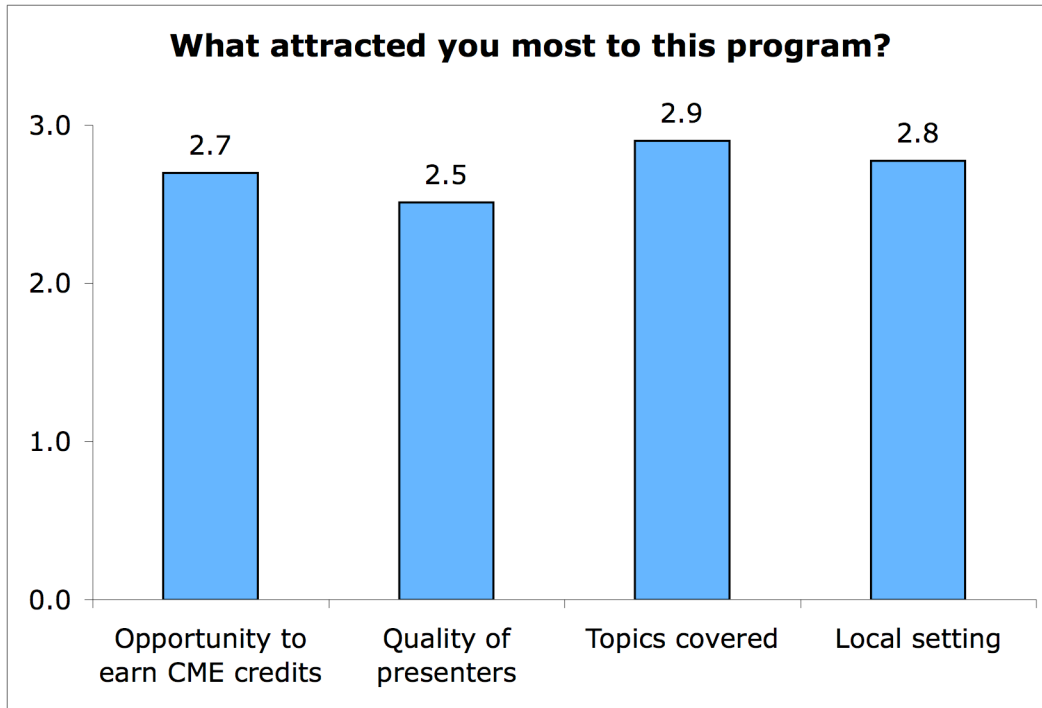
Eighty-one percent of attendees were physicians, the majority specializing in Internal Medicine and Family Practice. Nurse practitioners and physician assistants comprised 12% of attendees. Nurses comprised 7% of the attendees.



Sixty-nine percent of attendees heard about the conference through the mailed program. The remainder of attendees heard about the program from a colleague (18%), from a pharmaceutical representative (3%), or from another source (10%).

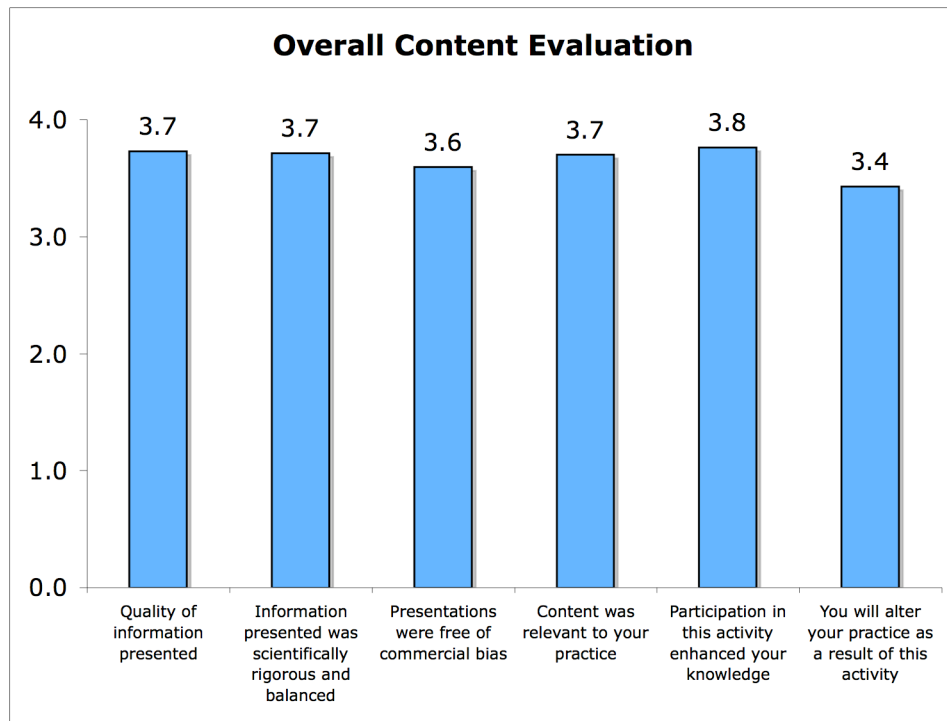
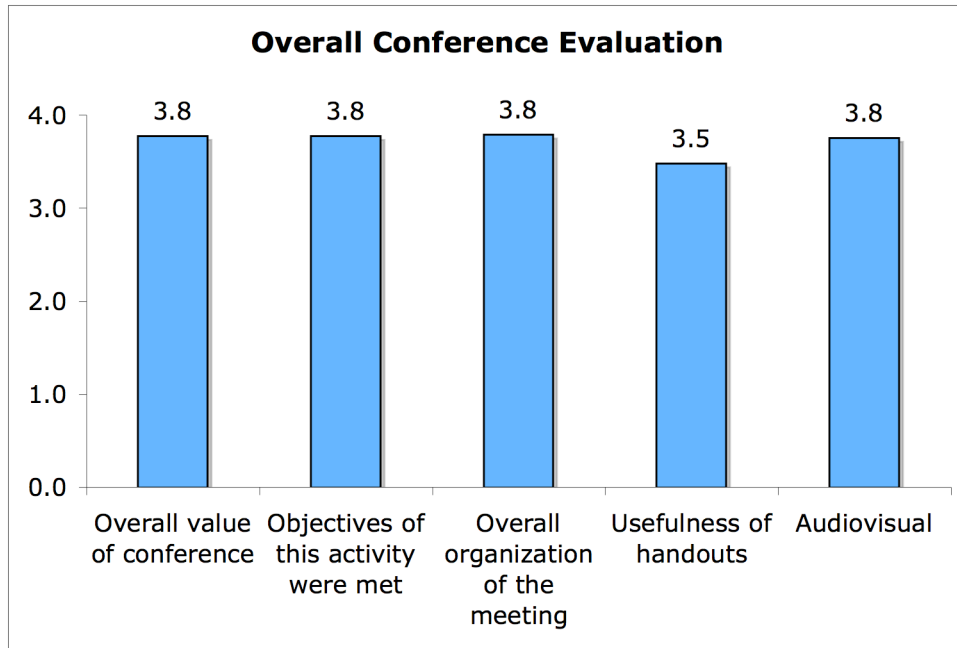


Attendees were asked to rate the importance of the aspects that attracted them to the program as “Not At All Important”, “Somewhat Important”, or “Very Important”. All aspects were rated on average as “Very Important”, with topics covered as most important (average score of 2.9 on a 3.0 scale).

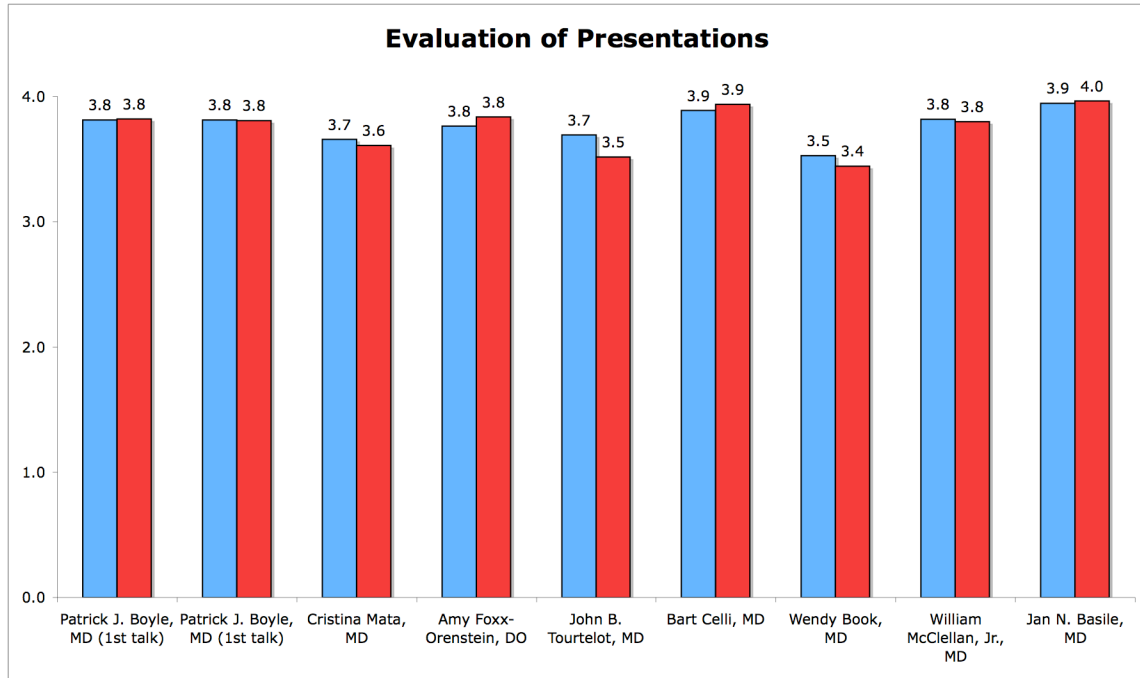


Program Evaluation

Attendees were asked to rate aspects of the overall conference on a four-point scale, with one being “Unsatisfactory” and four being “Excellent”. Overall, attendees rated the program as “Excellent”, with an average score of 3.7. Average scores for each aspect are displayed in the charts below.



Attendees were also asked to rate the content of each presentation and the presentation skills of each speaker on a four-point scale, with one being “Unsatisfactory” and four being “Excellent”. Average scores for each presentation and speaker are displayed in the chart below.



Needs Assessment

Attendees were asked to complete a needs assessment survey to assist in planning future continuing education activities. Below is a list of the most frequently suggested topics. For a complete list, Appendix A.

What medical disorders or topics would you like to receive further information about through a continuing education activity?

- Cardiology (5)
- Dermatology (5)
- Diabetes (4)
 - and Pregnancy
- HIV/AIDS (5)
- Hyperlipidemia (3)
- Hypertension (6)
- Lipid Disorders (4)
- Neurological Disorders (3)
- Obesity (6)
- Rheumatology (4)

What diagnostic procedures would you like to learn more about?

- Colonoscopy (3)
- Echocardiogram (2)
- Joint injections (2)
- MRI/CT Scans (2)
- Pulmonary Function testing (5)
- Skin biopsy (3)
- Stress Test (2)

What types of therapies or treatments would you wish courses to be offered about?

- Diabetes (3)
- Hypertension (3)
- Obesity (3)
- Smoking Cessation (3)
- Weight management (2)

Summary

Overall, *Emerging Challenges in Primary Care: 2006* was successful. Attendees were satisfied with the topics, speakers, and overall quality of the conference.

Ninety-four percent responded that they would attend another primary care conference next year in the same location.

Based on the evaluations, attendees were very pleased with the conference.

Appendix A

Suggested Topics

What medical disorders or topics would you like to receive further information about through a continuing education activity?

Aging	IBS
Anemia	Infectious Disease
Anxiety	Insomnia
Cardiology (5)	Kidney Disease
Chemotherapy	Lipid Disorders (4)
Coronary Heart Failure	Memory Loss
Cholesterol (2)	Menstrual Problems
Chronic Hepatitis B (2)	Metabolic Syndrome (2)
Chronic Kidney disease (2)	Migraines
Colon Cancer	Mood Disorders
Dementia	MS
Depression (2)	Musculoskeletal disorders
in children	Neurological Disorders (3)
Dermatology (5)	Neurosurgery Advances
Diabetes (4)	Obesity (6)
and Pregnancy	Orthopedics
Dizziness	Osteoporosis (2)
Drug Interactions (2)	Outpatient wound infection
Dyslipidemia	Parkinson's Disease
Eczema	Pediatrics
Emergency Medicine (2)	Post MI
Endocrine	Psychiatric Treatment
Evaluation of Cardiac risks for general surgery	Pulmonary Critical Care Med.
Fatigue	Restless leg syndrome
Genetics	Rheumatology (4)
GERD	Seizures
GI (2)	Sjorgen's
Head Injury Dynamics	SLE
Hepatitis C (2)	Sports Medicine (2)
Herbs for prevention of disease	Stroke
Herpes	TB
HIV/AIDS (5)	Thyroid Disease (2)
HPV	Tremors
Hyperlipidemia (3)	Weight Management
Hypertension (6)	

What diagnostic procedures would you like to learn more about?

ABI

Arthrocentesis- Knee/Shoulder

Colonoscopy (3)

Dermatology

Doppler Studies

Echocardiogram (2)

Endoscopy

Excision Biopsy of Thyroid Nodule

Lesions

Exercise tolerance test

Flex Sigmoidoscopy

FNA

Gynecologic Treatment

In-office procedures

Joint Aspirations

Joint injections (2)

Liver function tests

MRI/CT Scans (2)

Pulmonary Function testing (5)

Radio frequency

Robotic Surgeries

Sentinel Node Biopsy

Skin biopsy (3)

Stress Test (2)

Thyroid Function Testing

Tobacco Cessation

Uterine Embolization

Ventilatory support- monitoring equipment

What types of therapies or treatments would you wish courses to be offered about?

Antibiotics

Antidepressants

CAD

Critical Care Management

Depression/Anxiety Management

Diabetes (3)

Electrolyte and acid balance

Fractures and dislocations

Gout

Headache

Hepatitis C

HIV

Hormone replacement

Hypertension (3)

Immunization HPV

Insulin spray therapy

Joint Injections

Lipid Therapies

Low back pain

Lung Cancer

Migraine headaches

Obesity (3)

Oral contraceptive pills

Osteoporosis

Pain Management (3)

Parkinson's

Post op nausea and vomiting

RA

Skin problems

Smoking Cessation (3)

Stroke

Varicose Veins

Weight management (2)

Appendix B

Overall Comments/Suggestions

Suggestions

Room too cold
Improve handouts (8)

General Feedback

Like to come back next year.
Hope this conference will be Annual- Excellent
Boyles' presentation was excellent
Excellent Speakers
Excellent
Excellent Speakers & Presentations