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**Emerging Challenges
in Primary Care: 2006
Conference**
October 28-29, 2006

*Chicago, Illinois
Doubletree Chicago – Arlington Heights*

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**Program Evaluation
December 14, 2006**

Introduction

In October 2006, NACE sponsored a CME program, *Emerging Challenges in Primary Care: 2006*, in Chicago, IL. 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.

Fifty-five healthcare providers attended *Emerging Challenges in Primary Care: 2006* in October in Chicago, IL. 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. Fifty-two completed forms were received. The data collected is displayed in this report.

Conference Schedule

Saturday, October 28, 2006

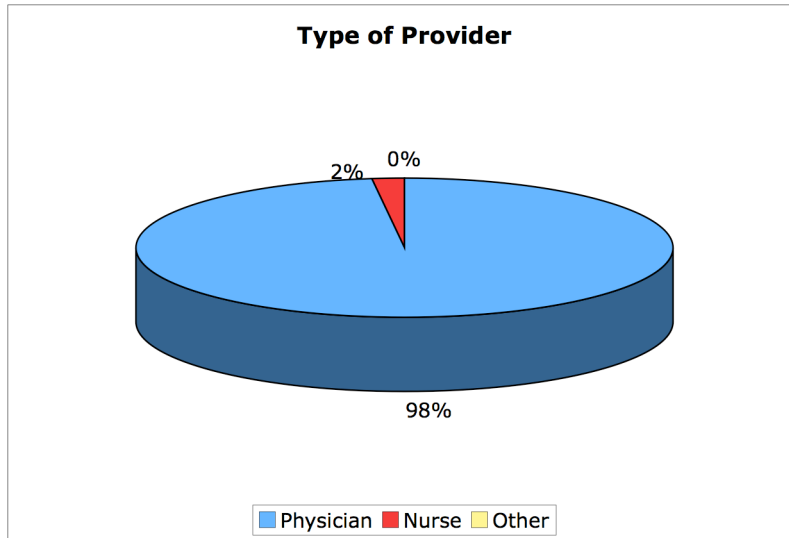
7:30-8:10	Continental Breakfast and Registration
8:10-8:20	Welcome Remarks — Gregg Sherman, MD
8:20-9:20	Insulin Resistance: From Impaired Glucose Tolerance to Type 2 Diabetes – Pathophysiologic Origins, Progression to Diabetes, Prevention of Atherosclerosis Patrick Boyle, MD
9:20-10:20	Treatment Early in the Time Course of Type 2 Diabetes Patrick Boyle, MD
10:20-10:40	Break/Vendor Area
10:40-11:40	Beyond Oral Agents: Insulin Initiation and Management Cristina Mata, MD
11:40-12:40	Paving the Way to Relief in Chronic Constipation Brooks D. Cash, MD, FACP
12:40-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:30	Insomnia Phyllis Zee, MD
2:30-3:30	Anemia in Chronic Kidney Disease: Clinical Implications and Treatment Options William McClellan, MD
3:30-3:50	Break
3:50-4:50	Hypertension: New Directions Lou Kuritzky, MD

Sunday, October 29, 2006

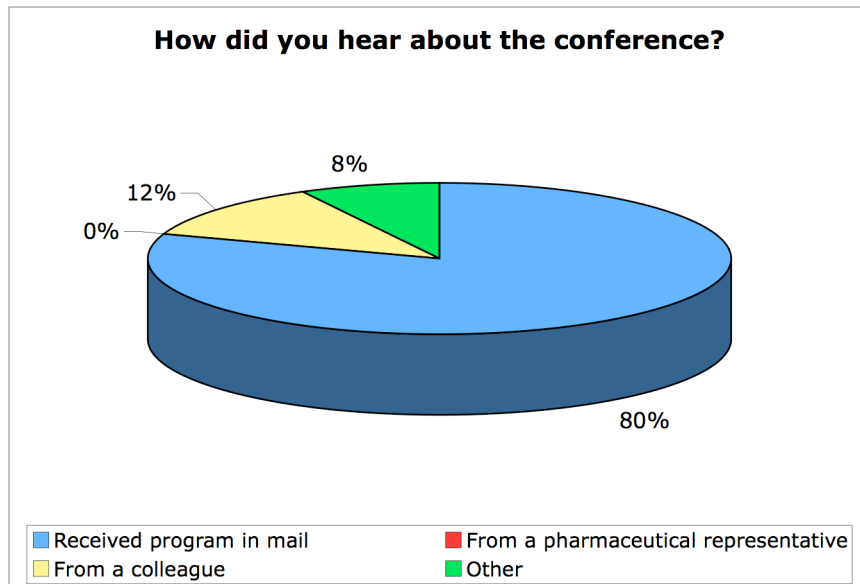
8:00-8:30	Continental Breakfast and Welcome
8:30-9:30	Recent Developments on COPD and its Management Nicholas Gross, MD
9:30-10:30	Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Franck F. Rahaghi, MD, MHS, FCCP
10:30-10:50	Break/Vendor Area
10:50-11:50	Thyroid Nodule Evaluation 2006 James Hennessey, MD
11:50-12:00	Conference Wrap Up Gregg Sherman, MD

Participant Information

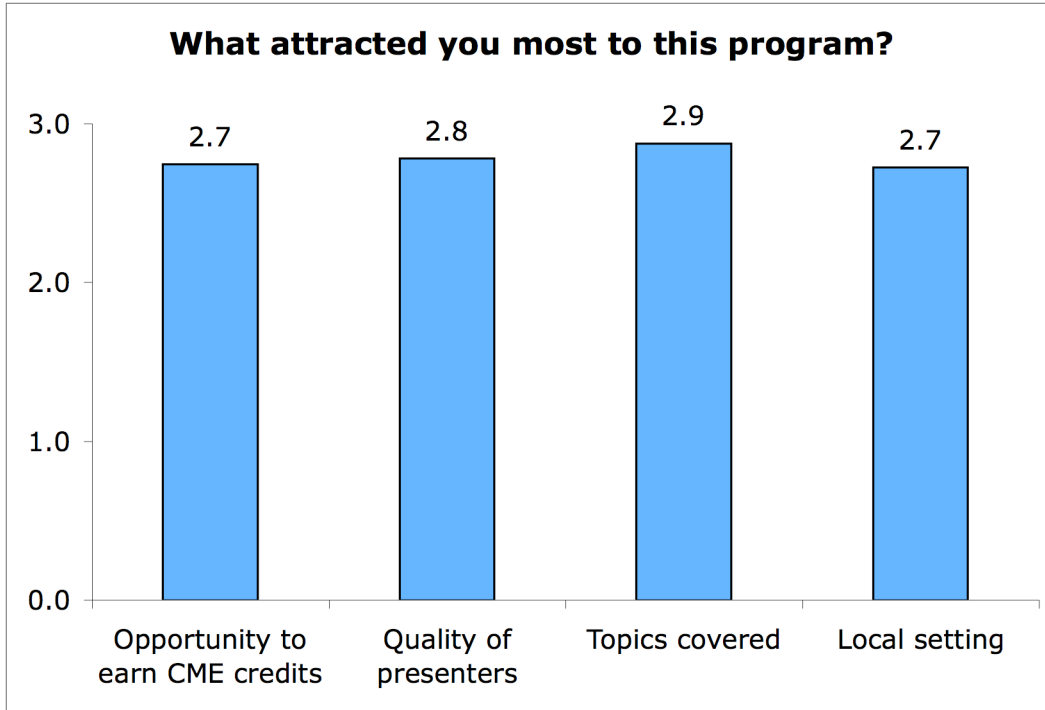
Ninety-eight percent of attendees were physicians, the majority specializing in Internal Medicine and Family Practice. Nurses comprised 2% of the attendees.



Eighty percent of attendees heard about the conference through the mailed program. The remainder of attendees heard about the program from a colleague (12%) or from another source (8%).

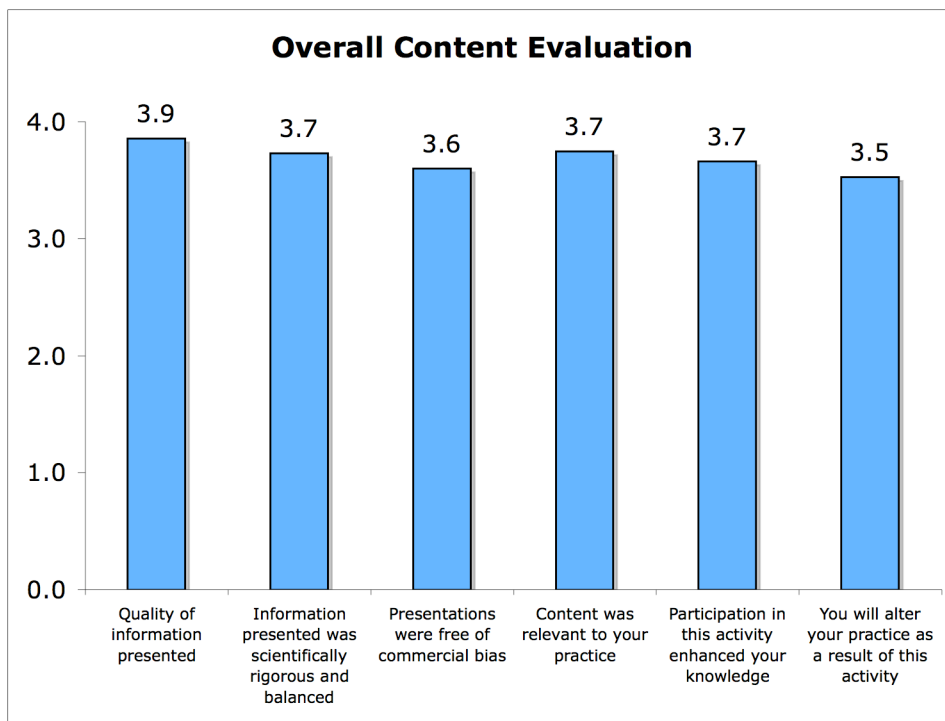
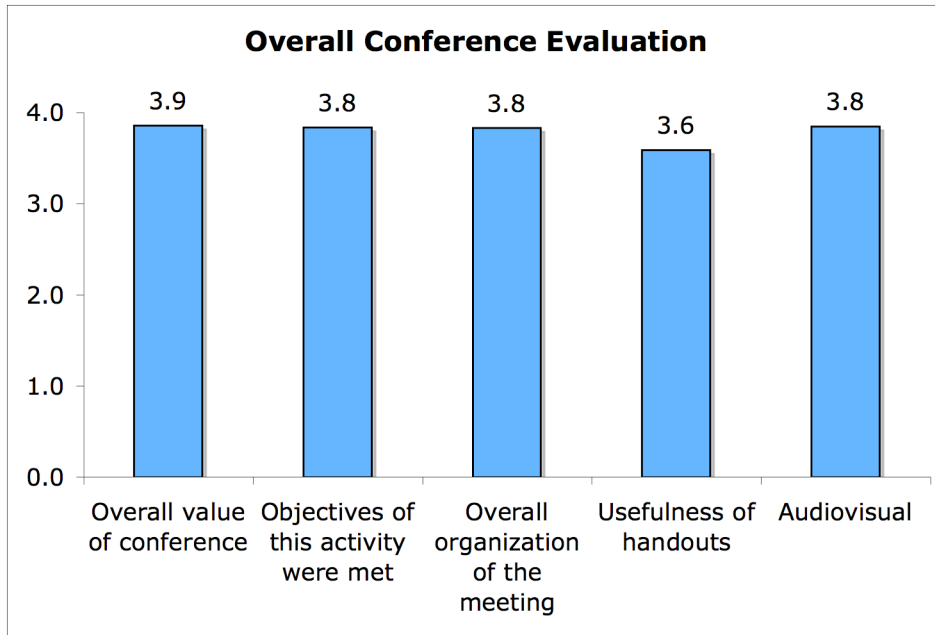


Attendees were asked to rate the importance of the aspects that attracted them to the program as “Not At All Important”, “Somewhat Important”, or “Very Important”. All aspects were rated on average as “Very Important”, with topics covered as most important (average score of 2.9 on a 3.0 scale).

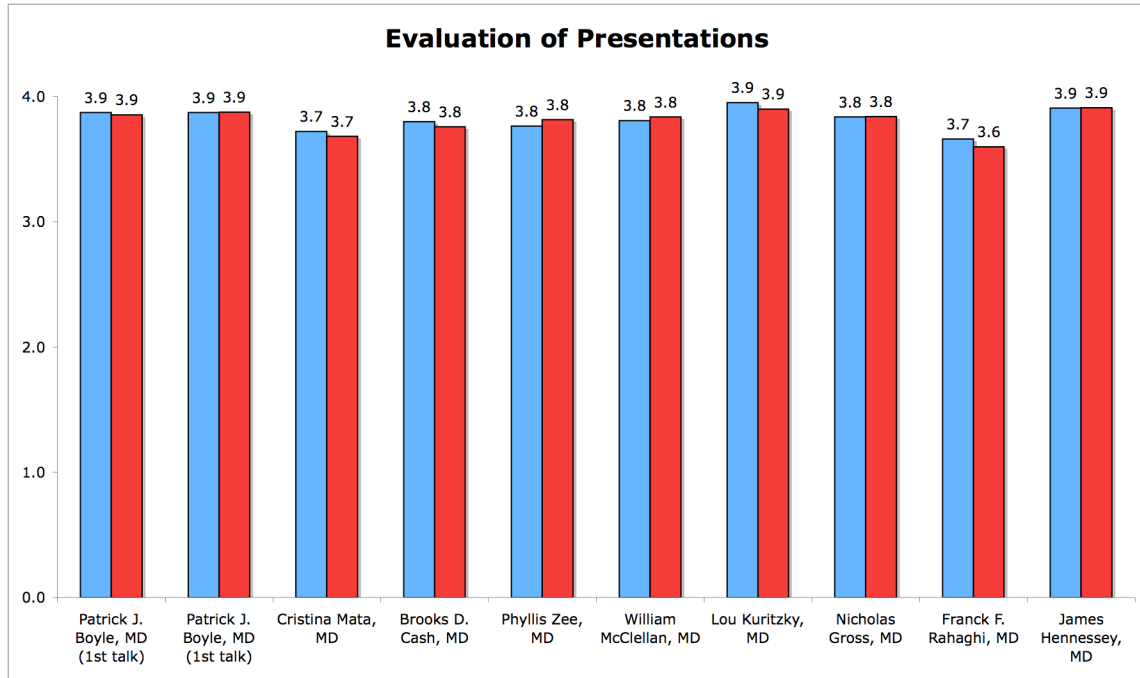


Program Evaluation

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?

- Acute coronary syndrome (2)
- ADD/ADHD (2)
- Alternative Medicine (2)
- Arthritis (2)
- Asthma (3)
- Breast Cancer (2)
- Coronary Artery Disease (2)
- CVD (2)
- Dermatology (3)
- Diabetes (3)
- Endocrinology (3)
- GI Disorders (2)
- Hormone Replacement Therapy (3)
- Hyperlipidemia (3)
- Infectious Diseases (3)
- Obesity (3)
- Osteoporosis (4)
- Strokes (2)

What diagnostic procedures would you like to learn more about?

- Arthrocentesis
- Cat Scans
- CHF
- Colon cancer screening (2)
- Coronary Angio
- Diabetes
- Gall Bladder
- Imaging indication- MRI-PET-CAT scan, etc.
- Laryngoscopy
- Lupus
- MS
- Neuromyopathy
- OA
- Office lab set
- Office Procedures (2)
- Pancreas Cancer
- Proctoscopy
- RA
- Smoking Cessation
- Virtual Colonoscopy
- Weight Loss Mgmt.
- Women's Health
- X-Rays

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

- Allergies
- Care of DM Wounds
- Chronic Pain
- Colonoscopy
- Depression
- Diabetes
- Dyslipidemia
- Fibromyalgia
- Gall Stones
- Heart Failure
- HTN
- Hyperlipidemia

- IBS
- Joint Injection
- Muscle Exercises
- Obesity
- Osteoporosis
- Pain Management
- Pancreas Cancer
- Respiratory Infections
- Smoking Cessation
- Updates on Insulin rx

Summary

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

One hundred 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

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Allergy

Alternative Medicine (2)

Arthritis (2)

Asthma (3)

Athletic Injuries

Bipolar Disorder

Breast Cancer (2)

Cardiology

CHD

CHF

Chronic Fatigue

Colon Cancer

Connective Tissue Disorders

Coronary Artery Disease (2)

CVD (2)

Dementia

Depression

Dermatology (3)

Diabetes (3)

Diastolic dysfunction

Dyslipidemia

Endocrinology (3)

Fibromyalgia

GI Disorders (2)

Gynecological cancers

Headaches

Heart Failure

Hepatitis C & B

HIV

Hormone Replacement Therapy (3)

Hospital Medicine

Hyperlipidemia (3)

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy in young athletes

IBS

Infectious Diseases (3)

Kidney failure

MI

MS

Obesity (3)

Ophthalmology

Osteoporosis (4)

Parkinson's disease

Pulmonary Disorders

Rheumatoid Diseases

Strokes (2)

Substance Abuse

Thyroid

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Appendix B

Overall Comments/Suggestions

Suggestions

Some slides did not copy well in handouts. (4)

General Feedback

Interesting topics and good speakers.

Excellent program, speakers and registration staff too.

Very well organized meeting.

Very nice conference.

Excellent speakers.

Well-organized, practical lectures, excellent.

Job well done.