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**Emerging Challenges
in Primary Care: 2006
Conference**
September 9, 2006

*Dallas, Texas
Doubletree Dallas Market Center*

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**Program Evaluation
September 27, 2006**

Introduction

In September 2006, NACE sponsored a CME program, *Emerging Challenges in Primary Care: 2006*, in Dallas, TX. 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 56 healthcare providers attended *Emerging Challenges in Primary Care: 2006* in September in Dallas, TX. 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-three completed forms were received. The data collected is displayed in this report.

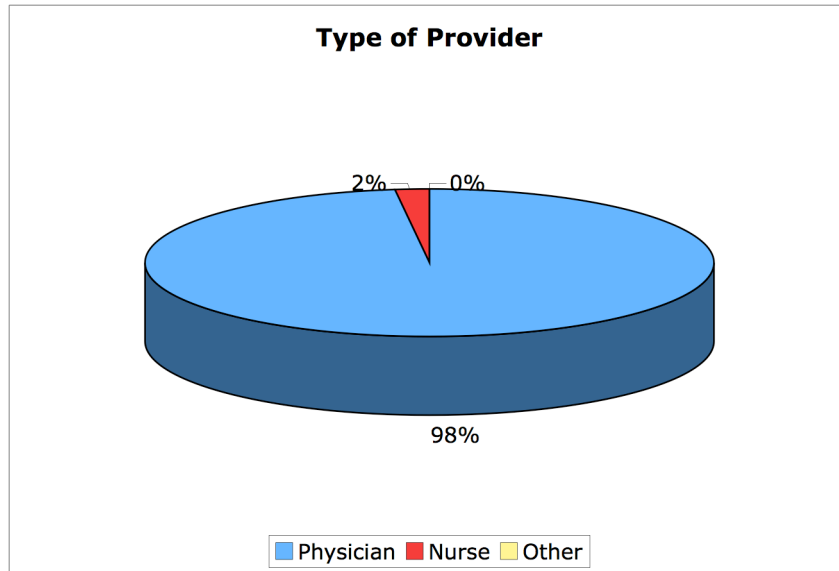
Conference Schedule

Saturday, September 9, 2006

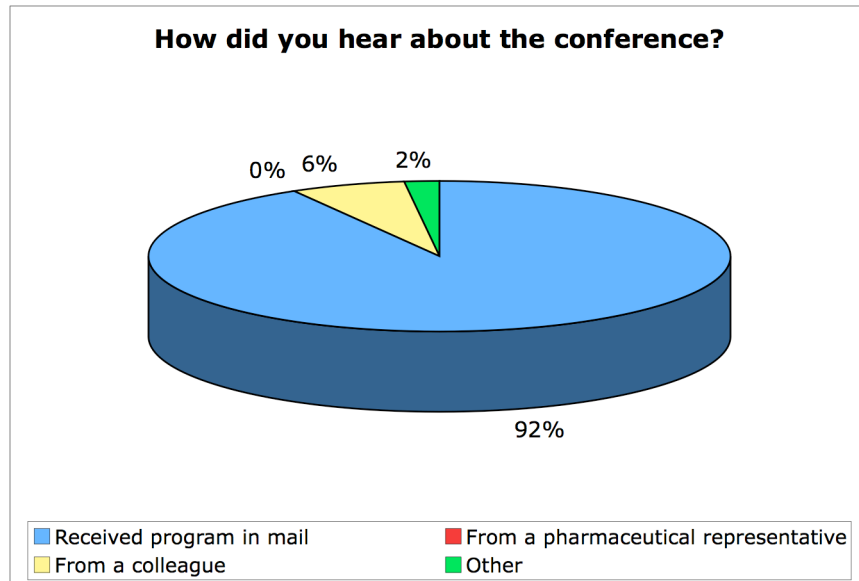
- 7:30-8:00 Continental Breakfast and Registration
- 8:00-8:10 Welcome Remarks — Gregg Sherman, MD
- 8:10-9:00 Metabolic Syndrome as a Multicomponent Risk Factor for Cardiovascular Disease
Scott Grundy, MD
- 9:00-9:50 Treatment Early in the Time Course of Type 2 Diabetes
Patrick Boyle, MD
- 9:50-10:10 Break
- 10:10-11:00 Thyroid Nodules: Growth in our Knowledge
Susan J. Mandel, MD MPH
- 11:00-11:50 Update on Insulin therapy
Kathleen Wynn, MD
- 11:50-12:40 Anemia in Chronic Kidney Disease: Clinical Implications and Treatment Options
William McClellan, Jr., MD, MPH
- 12:40-1:30 Lunch
- 1:30-2:20 Recent Developments on COPD and its Management
Nicholas Gross, MD
- 2:20-3:10 Pulmonary Hypertension
Fernando Torres, MD
- 3:10-3:30 Break
- 3:30-4:20 Paving the Way to Relief in Chronic Constipation
Brooks D. Cash, MD, FACP
- 4:20-5:10 Hypertension - The Role of the Renin-Angiotensin System, Focus on Target Organ Damage
Joshua Furman, MD, FACC
- 5:10 Conference Wrap-Up — Gregg Sherman, MD

Participant Information

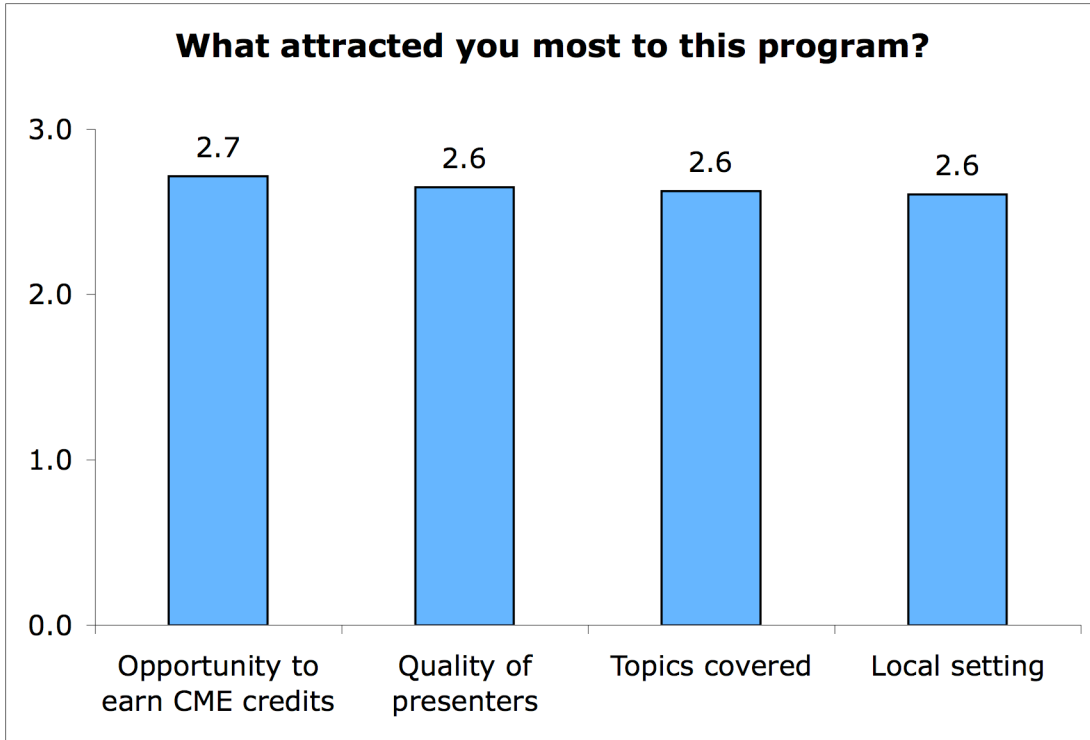
Ninety-eight percent of attendees were physicians, the majority specializing in Internal Medicine and Family Practice. Nurses comprised 2% of the attendees.



Ninety-two percent of attendees heard about the conference through the mailed program. The remainder of attendees heard about the program from a colleague (6%) or from another source (2%).

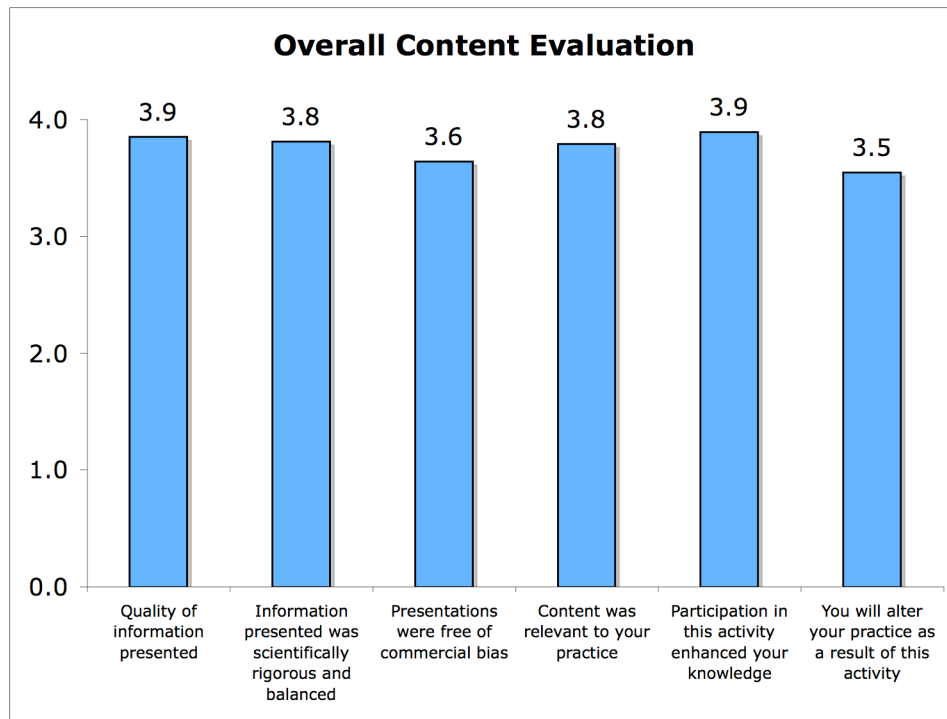
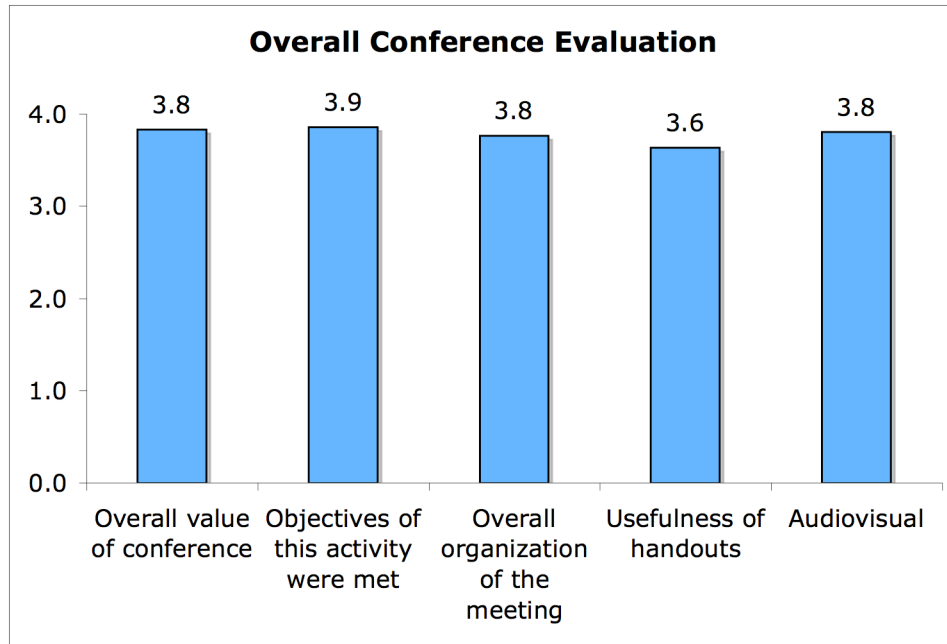


Attendees were asked to rate the importance of the aspects that attracted them to the program as “Not At All Important”, “Somewhat Important”, or “Very Important”. All aspects were rated on average as “Very Important”, with opportunity to earn CME credits as most important (average score of 2.7 on a 3.0 scale).

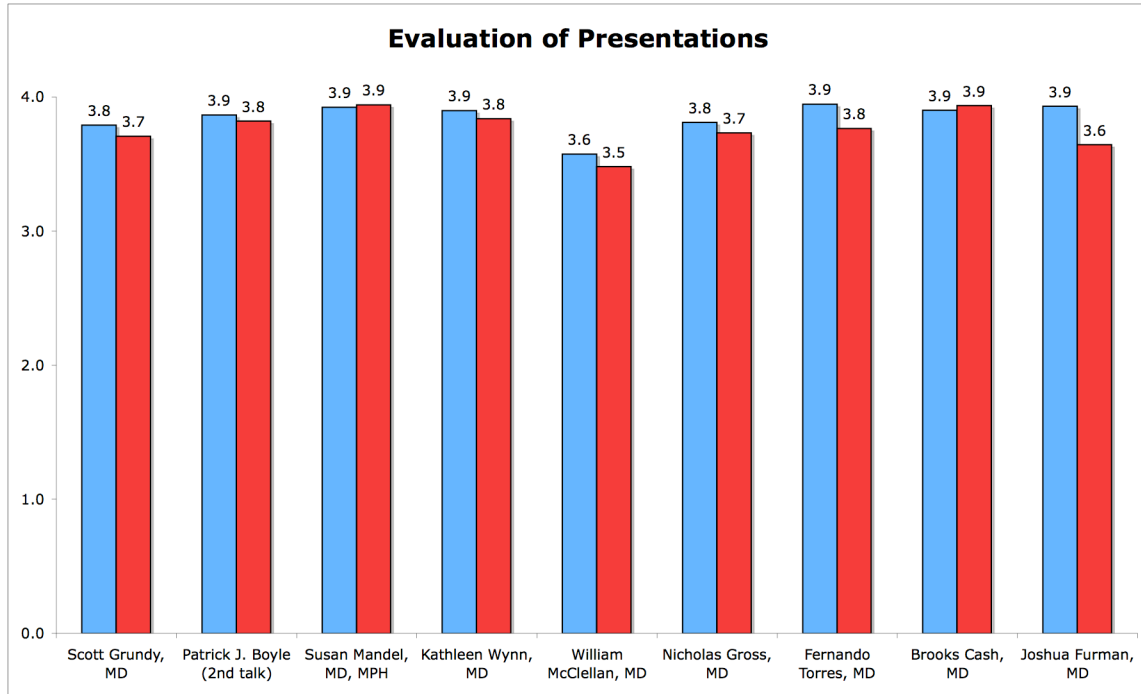


Program Evaluation

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 3.8. 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?

- Alzheimer's (2)
- Asthma (2)
- Chronic Pain (3)
- Congestive Heart Failure (2)
- COPD (2)
- Coronary Artery Disease (5)
- Dermatology (3)
- Gynecology/Womens Health (3)
- HTN (2)
- Nutrition (2)
- Dash Diet
- Good & Bad Fats
- Obesity (2)
- Parkinson's Disease (2)
- Peripheral Vascular Disease (2)
- Preventative Health Care Topics (2)
- Rheumatoid Arthritis (3)
- Stroke (3)
- Vaccinations (2)

What diagnostic procedures would you like to learn more about?

- Arthrocentesis
- Cryotherapy
- CT Angio
- Diabetes
- Diagnosis of CAD
- FNA
- How to read chest x-rays/MRI's
- Ingrown Nail Removal
- Joint Exam
- Joint Injections
- Skin Biopsy
- Thyroid

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

- Diabetes (2)
- Hypertension (3)
- Pain Management (3)

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?

ALS	Metabolic Syndrome
Alzheimer's (2)	Migraines
Arthritis in light of NSAID connection	MS
Asthma (2)	Myocardial Infraction
Back Disorders	Nasal Allergies
Cardiac Arrhythmias	Non-Viral Hepatitis
Chronic Abdominal Pain	Nutrition (2)
Chronic Cough	Dash Diet
Chronic Liver Disease	Good & Bad Fats
Chronic Pain (3)	Obesity (2)
Congestive Heart Failure (2)	Office Orthopedics
Connective Tissue Disorders	Oral Contraceptives
COPD (2)	Pain Injuries
Coronary Artery Disease (5)	Parkinson's Disease (2)
Dermatology (3)	Pediatric Mood Disorders
Diabetes	Peripheral Vascular Disease (2)
EKG interpretation	Preventative Health Care Topics (2)
Ethics	Pulmonary Medicine
Eye Injury	Rheumatoid Arthritis
Gout	Radiology
Gynecology/Womens Health (3)	Renal Disease
HIV	Sleep Apnea
HPV Vaccine in preteens	Smoking cessation
HTN (2)	Sports Medicine
IBS	Stroke (3)
Lactose Intolerance	Thyroid
Melanoma	Vaccinations (2)

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ALS/CA

Chemotherapy for Lung Cancer

Chronic Cough

Diabetes (2)

Heart disease

Hypertension (3)

Lipid Rx

Melanoma Rx

Migraines

Myocardial Infraction

New contraceptive agents

New Vaccines

Obesity

Office geared etanercept treatment

Pain Management (3)

Parkinson's

PUD

Renal Disease

Stroke

Appendix B

Overall Comments/Suggestions

Suggestions

Room little tight.

Provide soft drinks.

Grundy's handouts were missing from book. (3)

General Feedback

Dr. Mandel was great.

Excellent.

Outstanding.

Very well presented.

Excellent.

Great.

Interested in future programs.