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*Annual Rheumatology Conference
Update 2006 – New Perspectives in the
Management of the Rheumatic Diseases*

September 9, 2006

*Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa
3555 South Ocean Drive
Hollywood, Florida*

Conference Committee
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Program Evaluation
September 20, 2006

Introduction

In September 2006, NACE sponsored a CME program, *Update 2006 – New Perspectives in the Management of the Rheumatic Diseases*, in Hollywood, FL. The conference was geared toward rheumatologists. The goal of the program was to enable rheumatologists to learn first hand from thought leaders in their field. The program covered osteonecrosis of the jaw, osteoarthritis treatment, anti-phospholipid syndrome, treatment of gout, and B cell and T cell therapy.

Approximately 99 healthcare providers attended *Update 2006 – New Perspectives in the Management of the Rheumatic Diseases*, in Hollywood, FL. Each attendee was asked to complete and return a conference satisfaction and needs assessment form prior to the end of the conference. Ninety-four completed forms were received. The data collected is displayed in this report.

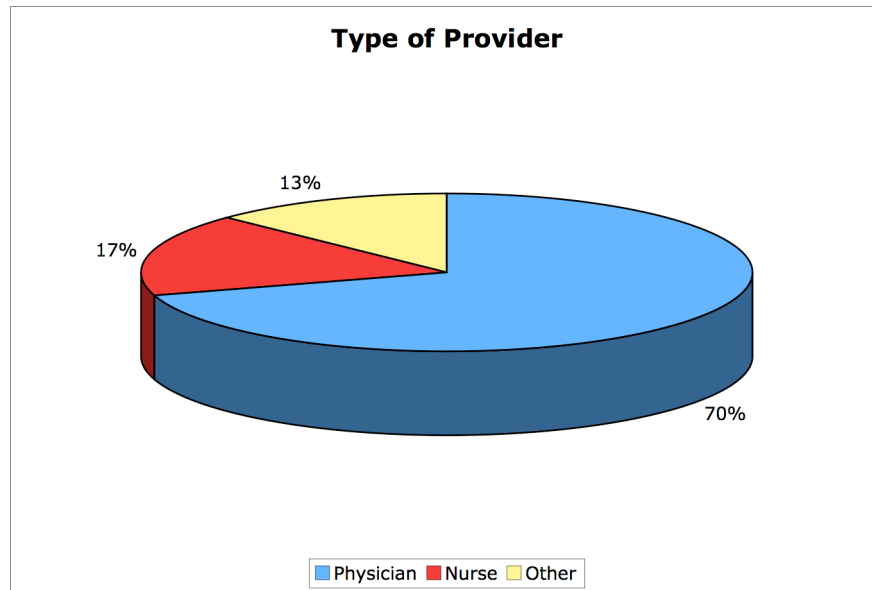
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 9, 2006

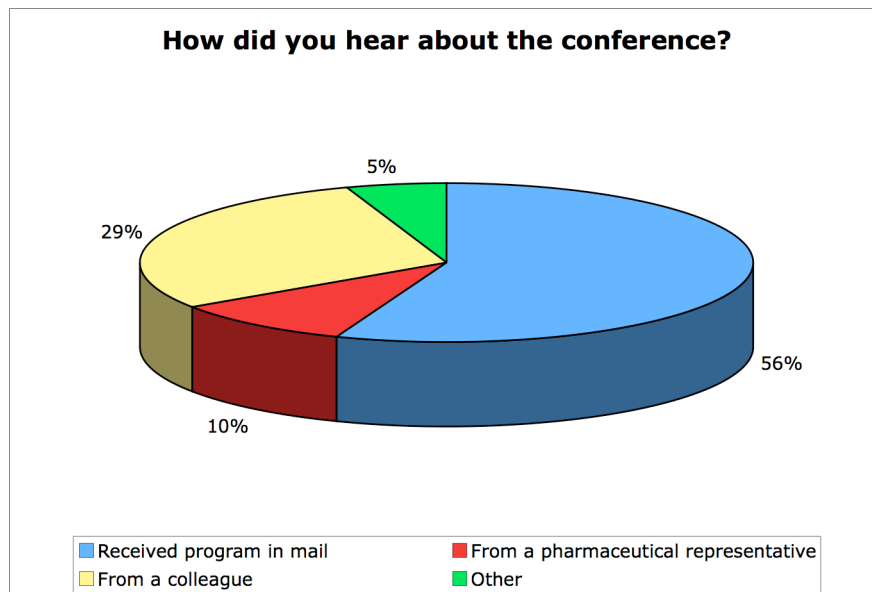
- 7:45-8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast
Welcome—Charles Kahn, MD and Wayne Riskin, MD
- 8:30-9:20 What Do We Tell Our Patients Taking Bisphosphonates Regarding
Osteonecrosis of the Jaw?
Michael McClung, MD
- 9:20-10:10 At Last! A disease modifying treatment for psoriatic arthritis
Alan Brown, MD
- 10:10-10:30 Morning Break — Tour Exhibits
- 10:30-11:20 Abatacept: When and why?
Carlos J. Lozada, M.D., FACP, FACR
- 11:20-12:10 Intra-articular Hyaluronan: Evidence, controversies, and product
comparisons
Edward Miller, MD
- 12:10-1:10 Lunch
- 1:10-2:00 Anti-Phospholipid Syndrome: Current thinking on evaluation and
management
Robert Lahita, MD
- 2:00-2:50 B-Cell Therapy: Another option for second line therapy in the rheumatic
diseases
Marc Cohen, MD
- 2:50-3:10 Afternoon Break — Tour Exhibits
- 3:10-4:00 Gout Update
Marc Cohen, MD
- 4:00-4:50 Treatment of Osteoarthritis: Challenges, myths and realities
Lee Simon, MD
- 4:50-5:00 Closing Remarks
Charles Kahn, MD and Wayne Riskin, MD

Participant Information

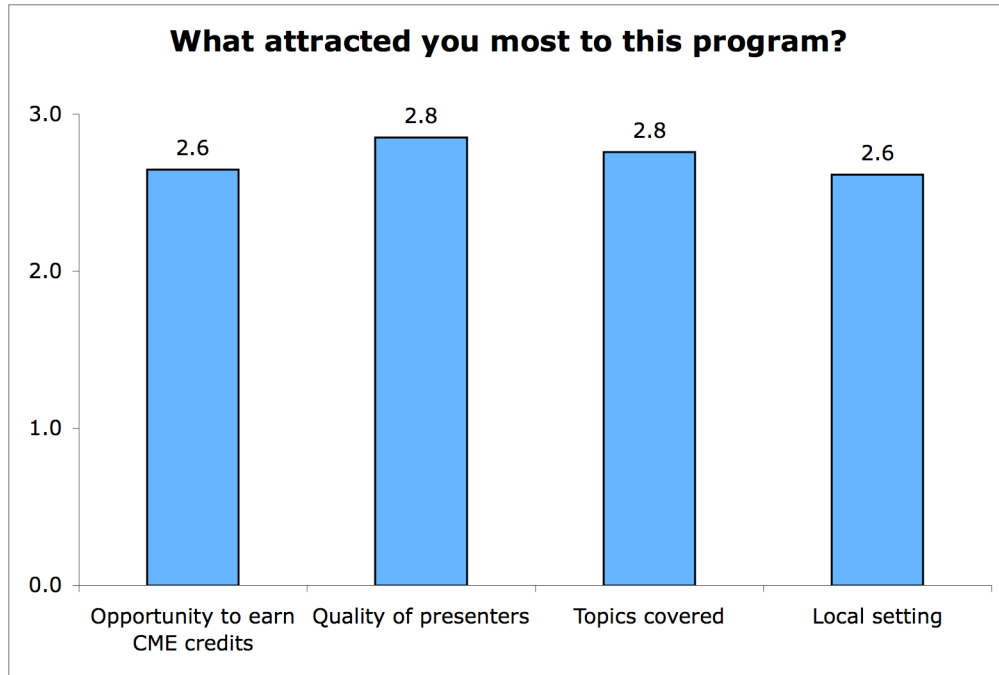
Seventy percent of attendees were physicians, the majority specializing in Rheumatology and Internal Medicine. Seventeen percent of attendees were nurses. Physician assistants and nurse practitioners comprised 13% of the attendees.



Fifty-six percent of attendees heard about the conference through the mailed program. The remainder of attendees heard about the program from a colleague (29%), from a pharmaceutical representative (10%), or from another source (5%).

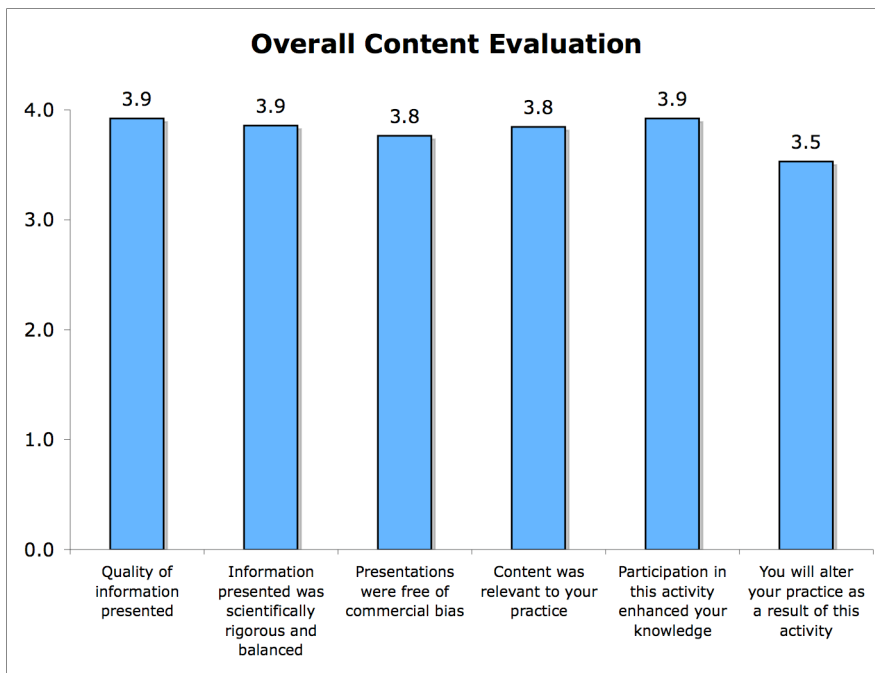
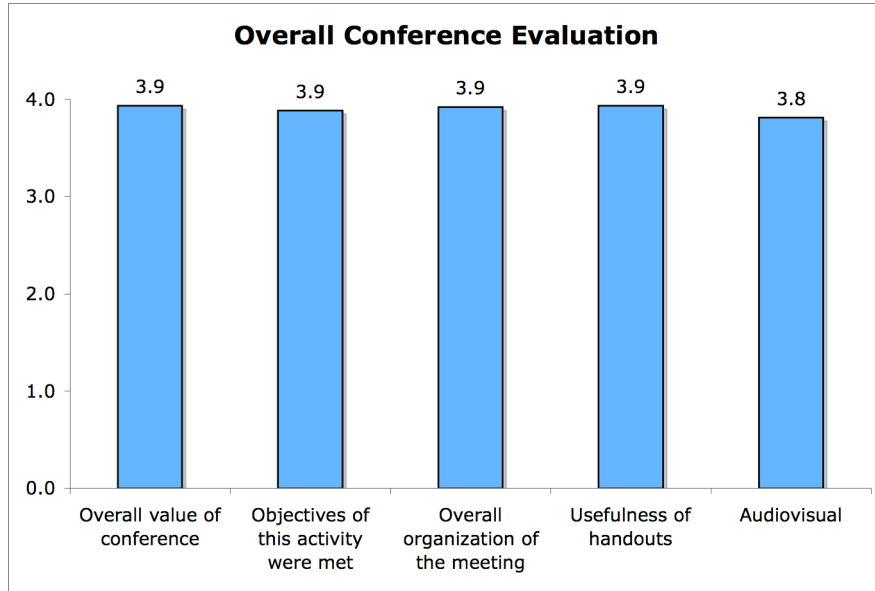


Attendees were asked to rate the importance of the aspects that attracted them to the program as “Not At All Important”, “Somewhat Important”, or “Very Important”. All aspects were rated on average as “Somewhat Important”, with the quality of presenters and topics covered as the most important (2.8 on a 3-point scale).

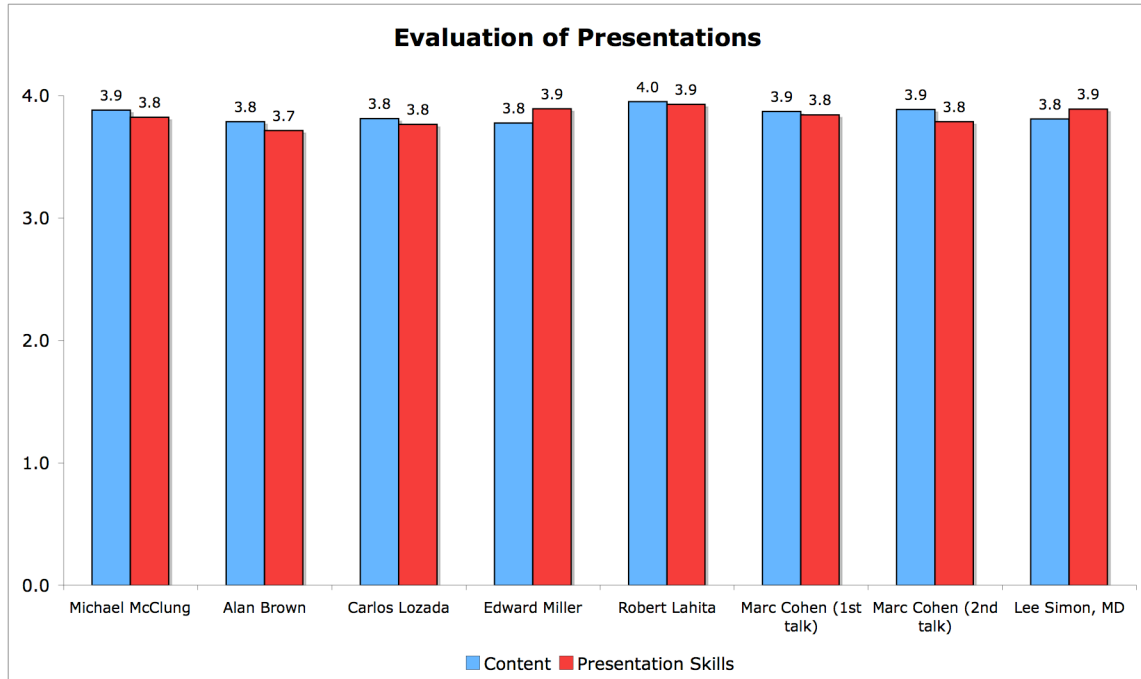


Program Evaluation

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 full list, refer to the Appendix.

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

- Ankylosing Spondilitis (2)
- Dermatology (2)
- Fibromyalgia (4)
- Gout (2)
 - as related to Heart DX
- Hypertension (2)
- Lupus (7)
- Nephritis (2)
- Pregnancy & Rheum Disease (3)
- Radiology (2)
- Rheumatology (3)
- Sarcoidosis (2)
- Scleroderma (5)
- Vasculitis (7)

What diagnostic procedures would you like to learn more about?

- MRI (9)
- Osteoporosis (2)
- Skin biopsy (3)
- Ultrasound (6)

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

- Alternative Medicine (2)
- Insulin Therapies (2)
- Latest RX of RA (2)
- Lupus (2)
- Novel therapies (2)
- Nutrition (2)

Summary

Overall, *Update 2006 – New Perspectives in the Management of the Rheumatic Diseases* was successful. Attendees were satisfied with the topics, speakers, and overall quality of the conference.

One hundred percent of the attendees said that they would attend another 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?

Ankylosing Spondilitis (2)

Anti-Aging

APS

Autoinflammatory Disease

Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

Colorectal Cancer

Dermatology (2)

Endocrine

Fibromyalgia (4)

Genetics/Molecular Biology

Geriatric issues

Gout (2)

as related to Heart DX

Hepatis B & C treatments

Hypertension (2)

Immunology & Arthritis

Inflammatory Eye Disease

Lung Disease

Lupus (7)

Myositis

Nepheritus (2)

New Heart Medicines

New Insulins

Obesity in young children.

Orthopedics approach to joint replacement

Osteoarthritis

Osteoporosis

Pain management

Periodic Fever Syndromes

Pregnancy & Rheum Disease (3)

Psychometrics

Pulmonary HTN

Radiology (2)

Renal issues

Respiratory Diseases

Rheumatology (3)

Rheumatoid Arthritis and

Complementary Therapies

Rx of Spinal Injections

Sarcoidosis (2)

Scleroderma (5)

Sleep Disorders

Soft Tissue Musculoskeletal Disorders

Still's Disease

Thyroid Diseases

Tuberculosis Management

Updates on New Medication

Vasculitis (7)

What diagnostic procedures would you like to learn more about?

Adrenal Disorders

Antiphospholipid syndrome

Arthroscopy

Bone Density

Dexa

Diagnostic lab testing

Flouroscopy

Joint aspiration

Joint Injections of Steroids

Joint taps

Lumber taps

MRI (9)

Nerve Conduction Studies

Osteoporosis (2)

Pap smear

Parathyroid Disease

PET

Prosorba

Role of prolotherapy in pain

management of rheumatic joint disease

Sigmoidoscopy
Skin biopsy (3)
Synovial Fluid
TEE

Ultrasound (6)
VFA on DRA's

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

Alternative for Knee Replacement
Alternative Medicine (2)
Anti-Scleroderma
Biologics
CAM
Cellcept
Cyclophosphemide
Gene therapy
Immune Modulation
Insulin Therapies (2)
IV Bisphosphonates
Latest RX of RA (2)

Lupus (2)
Novel therapies (2)
Nutrition (2)
Opioid Use
Orencia
Phosphocitrate
Radiotherapy
Rheumatological disorders
Rituxan
Sjorgens Syndrome
Vasculitis

Appendix B

Suggested Speakers

Marc Cohen
Robert Lahita

Appendix C

Overall Comments/Suggestions

Best Handouts Ever

Difficulty hearing
Door noise bad.
A/C too cold.

Excellent

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Excellent

Good Conference

Great

Great

Great Conference

Great Program

Great, Excellent

Info. Very informative. Excellent speakers.

Refreshing, Nicely done

This will enhance my practice

Very good choice of speakers and subjects

Glad only on Saturday

Liked one day set-up

Small Room for amount of people.

Hall too small for all attendees.

Dr. Cohen/Lahitta was very impressive.

A little too much focus on RA.

Dr. Cohen rushed lecture.