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2006 Saturday Morning Programs

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Program Evaluation

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Introduction

The National Association for Continuing Education (NACE) sponsored 10 CME programs entitled *Rheumatology Practice in the Post-Biologic Era* in the Summer/Fall of 2006. The program was designed for specialists in rheumatology and supported through an educational grant from Centocor Inc.

The three-part program was designed to increase awareness of new diagnostic and treatment options, demonstrate the application of these procedures through case studies, and provide a comprehensive plan designed for the rheumatology practice to implement new diagnostic and therapeutic procedures to both improve patient care and today's rheumatology practice.

In Part I, *New Diagnostics Methods and New Treatment Choices*, the presenter discussed new investigative methods for the diagnosis and management of rheumatic diseases including MRI, CT Scan, Ultrasound, and serological markers with the focus on testing done through the rheumatologist's office.

In Part II, *Case Presentation and Discussion*, attendees joined national and local experts in an interactive discussion of the clinical application of treatments.

Part III, *Rheumatology Practice in the Post Biologic Era*, focused on how a rheumatologist should develop his/her practice to include all of the new diagnostic and therapeutic modalities to enable the patient to be treated in one complete holistic musculoskeletal environment. This part of the program prepared rheumatologists to modify their practices and implement new procedures. The development of office-based clinical research studies and the utilization and management of imaging tools including MRI, Ultrasound, and DEXA will be presented. The integration of practice extenders (nurse practitioners, physician assistants, clinical research coordinators) into the practice, and the implementation of electronic medical record (EMR) systems, all important in today's rheumatology practice, was discussed.

About Ninety healthcare providers attended *Rheumatology Practice in the Post Biologic Era*. Each attendee was asked to complete and return a conference satisfaction and planning form prior to the end of the conference. This form asks attendees to evaluate the course content, logistics, and speakers, provide recommendations for future CME programs, and provide information that will be used to plan and market future programs. Eighty-three (92% of attendees) completed forms were received. This report displays the data collected from this program as a whole as well as from each individual program.

Overall, attendees consistently rated the program as "excellent" with average scores ranging from 3.5 – 3.9 on a four-point scale, in which one is "unsatisfactory" and four is "excellent", for each program.

Program Locations, Dates, and Faculty

PROGRAM DATE/LOCATION	PROGRAM FACULTY	
Santa Monica, CA May 13, 2006	Sergio Schwartzman, MD <i>Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine Cornell Weill Medical School The Hospital for Special Surgery The New York Hospital New York, New York</i>	Norman Gaylis, MD, FACP, FACR <i>Program Chair Clinical Associate Professor, University of Miami School of Medicine President and Managing Partner, Arthritis and Rheumatic Disease Specialties Aventura, Florida</i>
Buffalo, NY June 3, 2006	Sergio Schwartzman, MD	Orrin Troum, MD <i>Clinical Professor of Medicine Keck School of Medicine University of Southern California Los Angeles, California Orrin M. Troum, MD and Medical Associates Arthritis/Rheumatology/Osteoporosis Santa Monica, California</i>
Short Hills, NJ June 3, 2006	Marc D. Cohen, MD <i>Professor of Medicine Mayo Medical School Chairman of Division of Rheumatology Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, Florida</i>	Norman Gaylis, MD, FACP, FACR
Dallas, TX June 10, 2006	Sergio Schwartzman, MD	Norman Gaylis, MD, FACP, FACR
Virginia Beach, VA June 17, 2006	Marc D. Cohen, MD	Norman Gaylis, MD, FACP, FACR
Baton Rouge, LA June 17, 2006	Sergio Schwartzman, MD	Orrin Troum, MD
Phoenix, AZ August 26, 2006	Marc D. Cohen, MD	Norman Gaylis, MD, FACP, FACR
Pittsburgh, PA September 9, 2006	Sergio Schwartzman, MD	Norman Gaylis, MD, FACP, FACR
Minneapolis, MN September 16, 2006	Marc D. Cohen, MD	Orrin Troum, MD
Indianapolis, IN September 30, 2006	Marc D. Cohen, MD	Orrin Troum, MD

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this program, participants should be able to:

1. Discuss new investigative methods for the diagnosis and management of rheumatic diseases including MRI, CT Scan, ultrasound, and serological markers with the focus on testing done through the rheumatologist's office.
2. Discuss and compare new and emerging therapies for the treatment of rheumatic diseases including RA, Lupus, Psoriatic Arthritis, Ankylosing Spondylitis, and Osteoporosis.
3. Apply new diagnostic and therapeutic modalities to clinical cases to enhance their ability to make treatment decisions.
4. Discuss the management of clinical studies, incorporation of new diagnostic services and treatment services, and other rheumatology office logistics.

Program Schedule

8:00 am – 8:30	Registration and Continental Breakfast Welcome
8:30 am – 9:45 am	New Diagnostic Methods and Treatment Choices in Rheumatic Diseases
9:45 am – 10:45 am	Case Presentation and Discussion
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am – 12:15 pm	Rheumatology Practice in the Post Biologic Era

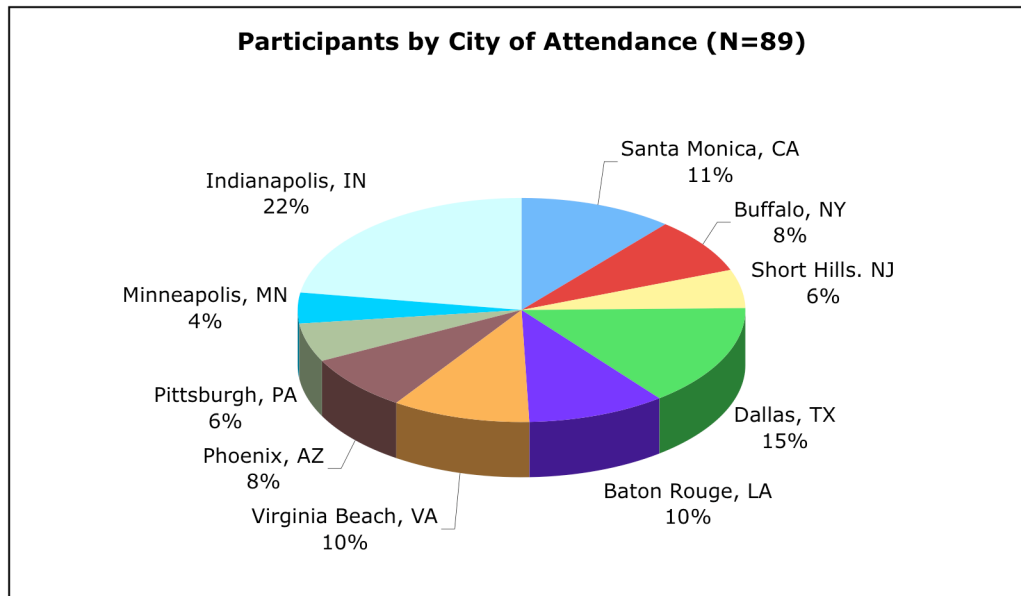
Overall Results - 10 Sessions

N = 83

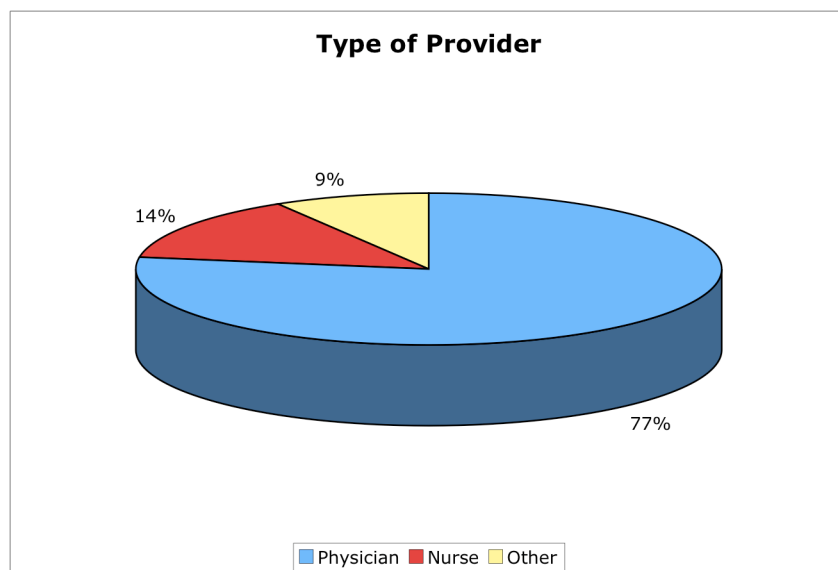
1. Check whether you are here as a					
Physician	77%				
Nurse	14%				
Other	9%				
2. Specialty					
Rheumatology	65%				
Other	2%				
Did not respond	33%				
3. How did you first hear about this conference?					
Received program in mail	54%				
Heard about it from a pharmaceutical representative	33%				
Heard about it from a colleague	12%				
Other	1%				
4. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the following...		Excellent	Good	Fair	Unsatisfactory
Overall value of this conference	3.8				
Objectives of this activity were met	3.8				
Quality of the information presented	3.8				
Information presented was scientifically rigorous and balanced	3.8				
Presentations were free of commercial bias	3.7				
Content was relevant to your practice	3.8				
Participation in this activity enhanced your knowledge	3.7				
You will alter your practice as a result of this activity			3.3		
Overall organization of the meeting	3.7				
Usefulness of handouts in conference book	3.7				
Audiovisual	3.7				
5. What attracted you most to this program?		Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not at all Important	
Opportunity to earn CME/CE credits	2.6				
Quality of the presenters	2.7				
Topics covered	2.7				
Local setting	2.7				

Participant Information

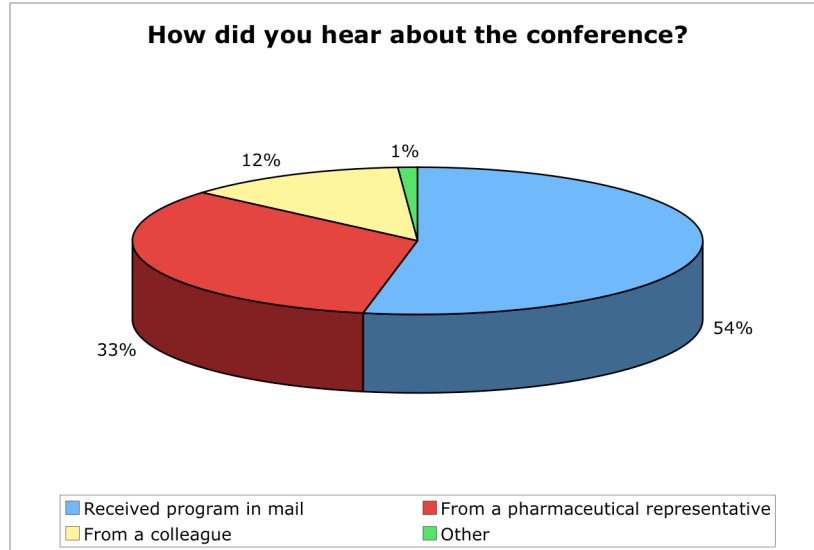
This program captured a total of 89 healthcare providers from across the country. The chart below shows the participants by city of attendance.



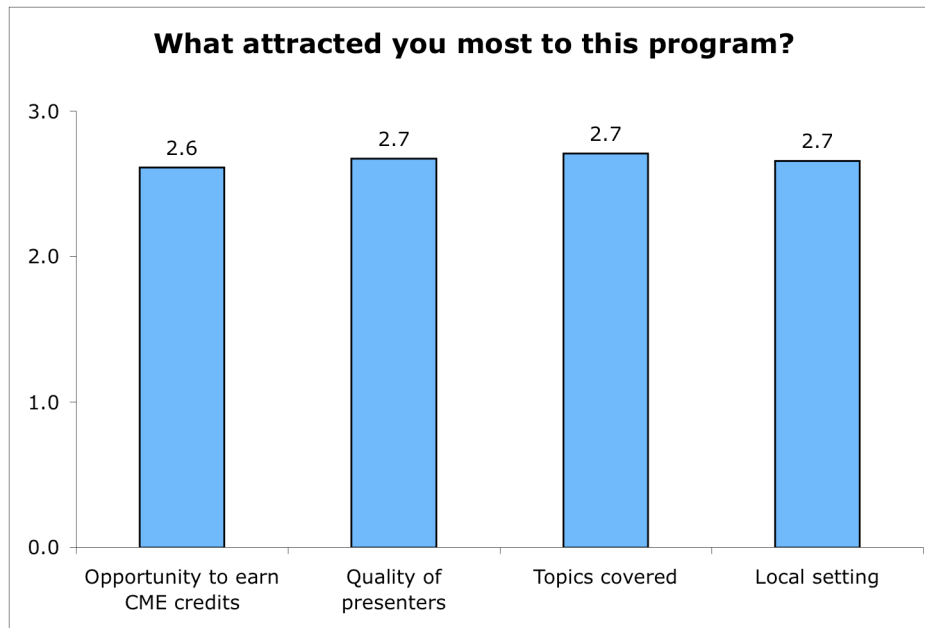
Seventy-seven percent of attendees were physicians, the majority specializing in Rheumatology. Nurses comprised 14% of attendees. The remaining 9% of attendees were other types of health care providers including nurse practitioners and physician assistants.



Fifty-four percent of attendees heard about the conference through the mailed program and 33% of attendees heard about the program from a pharmaceutical representative. The remainder of attendees heard about the conference from a colleague (12%) or from another source (1%).

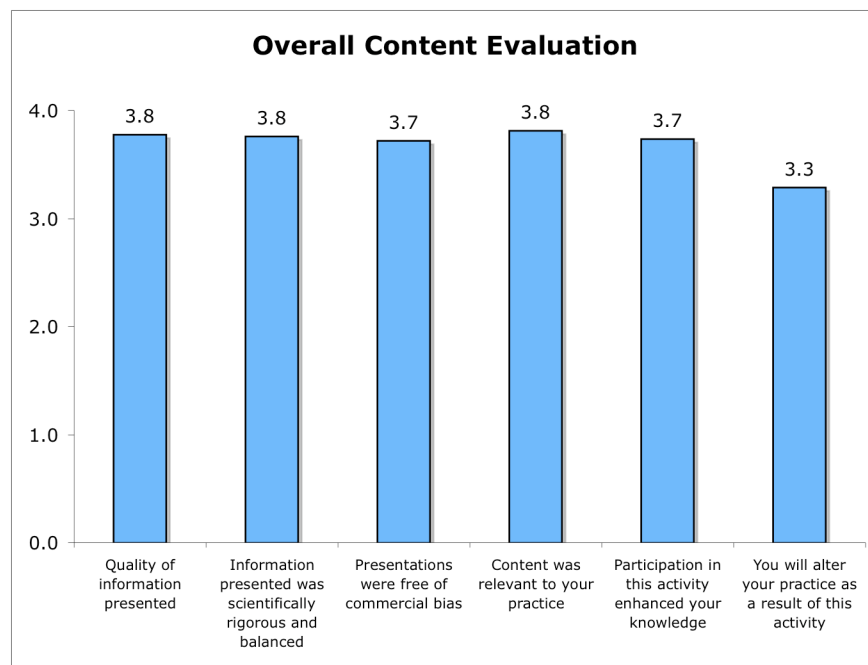
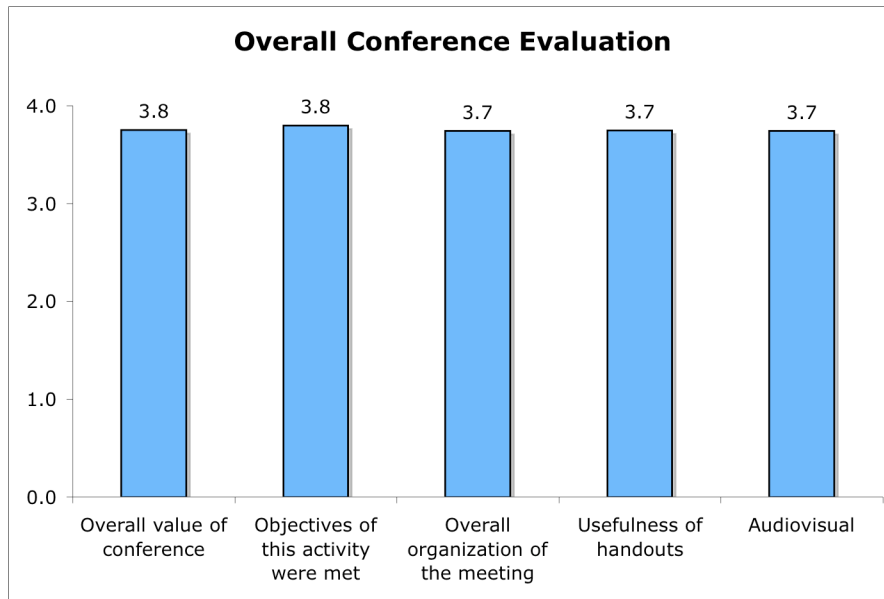


Attendees were asked to rate the importance of the aspects that attracted them to the program as “Not At All Important”, “Somewhat Important”, or “Very Important”. All aspects were rated on average as “Very Important”.



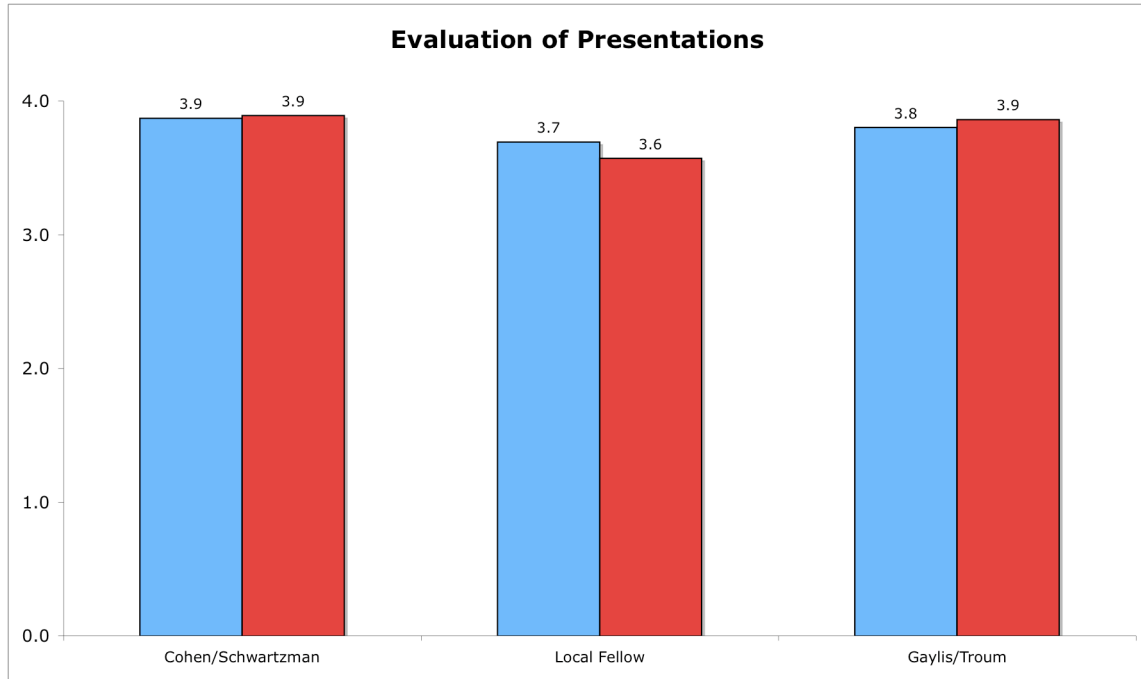
Program Evaluation

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 chart below.



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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 recommend topics for future meetings and provide suggestions for improving the conference. Below is a list of the suggested topics.

Acupuncture

Advanced imaging in rheumatic disease

Ankylosing spondylitis (4)

Assessment of disease activity

Autoimmune diseases

B-cell regulation and development

Behlet's

Biologics (12)

Blys/CTLA-4

Bone density (2)

Clinical research promotion

Clinical topics

Current immunologic diagnostic tests and future tests in development

DAS28

Dermatologic manifestations of rheumatic disease

DMARDS

DXA (3)

Elderly onset rheum disease

ESR v. CRP

Eular Meetings

Fibromyalgia (2)

Genetics (3)

Hepatitis C

Immunological work- Cell Designations- Concepts

Infusions

IV Drugs (3)

Joint replacement

Latest orthopedic interventions for knees, hips, and small joints of hands/feet in RA

Lupus (15)

Men's Rheumatology

MRI (12)

Mylesitis

New treatments for rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis (2)

Opiates in pain management

Osteoarthritis

Osteoporosis (6)

Physical therapy

Practice management

Psoriatic arthritis (3)

Rheumatoid arthritis (4)

RANK

Review lab tests

Rituxan

Scleroderma (6)

SLE (11)

Synovial Bx

TNF Inhibitors

Ultrasound (21)

Underlying immunology

Vasculitis (7)

Overall Comments

Excellent program
Excellent interaction between speakers and audience
Excellent
Very good program
Thoroughly enjoyed
Excellent presentations
Program was excellent. Very helpful.
Very useful.
Overall well organized and presented!
Thanks!

Info on staffing and practice management of practice and infusion suite.

All day meeting.

Clearer handout

Case presentation introduction most useful.

More time for questions

Summary

Overall, the *Rheumatology Practice in the Post Biologic Era* program was successful. The program captured a wide-range of healthcare providers from across the country. Attendees indicated on their evaluation forms high satisfaction with the topics, speakers, and overall quality of the conference.

Rheumatology Practice in the Post Biologic Era

Santa Monica, California

May 13, 2006

Summary of Evaluations

10 attendees

PROGRAM EVALUATION SUMMARY

1. Check whether you are here as a				
Physician	70%			
Nurse	0%			
Other	30%			
2. Specialty				
Rheumatology	60%			
Other	10%			
Did not respond	30%			
3. How did you first hear about this conference?				
Received program in mail	20%			
Heard about it from a pharmaceutical representative	20			
Heard about it from a colleague	50%			
Other	10%			
4. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the following...				
	Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Unsatisfactory (1)
Overall value of this conference	3.9			
Objectives of this activity were met	3.8			
Quality of the information presented	3.8			
Information presented was scientifically rigorous and balanced	3.8			
Presentations were free of commercial bias	4.0			
Content was relevant to your practice	3.9			
Participation in this activity enhanced your knowledge	4.0			
You will alter your practice as a result of this activity		3.0		
Overall organization of the meeting	3.7			
Usefulness of handouts in conference book	3.9			
Audiovisual	3.7			
5. What attracted you most to this program?				
	Very Important (3)	Somewhat Important (2)	Not at all Important (1)	
Opportunity to earn CME/CE credits		1.7		
Quality of the presenters		2.4		
Topics covered	2.9			
Local setting	3.0			

COMMENTS

Excellent interaction between speakers and audience

NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Advanced imaging in rheumatic disease
 B-cell regulation and development
 Biologic therapies (2)
 Current immunologic diagnostic tests and future tests in development
 Gene therapy
 Genetic and cytokine typing
 Hepatitis C

Lupus (4)
 New treatments for rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis
 Osteoarthritis
 Osteoporosis (3)
 TNF Inhibitors
 Ultrasound (3)

Rheumatology Practice in the Post Biologic Era

Buffalo, NY
June 3, 2006

Summary of Evaluations
7 attendees

PROGRAM EVALUATION SUMMARY

1. Check whether you are here as a				
Physician	60%			
Nurse	0%			
Other (Nurse Practitioner)	40%			
2. Specialty				
Rheumatology	100%			
Other	0%			
Did not respond	0%			
3. How did you first hear about this conference?				
Received program in mail	40%			
Heard about it from a pharmaceutical representative	60%			
Heard about it from a colleague	0%			
Other	0%			
4. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the following...	Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Unsatisfactory (1)
Overall value of this conference	4.0			
Objectives of this activity were met	4.0			
Quality of the information presented	3.8			
Information presented was scientifically rigorous and balanced	3.8			
Presentations were free of commercial bias	3.8			
Content was relevant to your practice	3.8			
Participation in this activity enhanced your knowledge	3.6			
You will alter your practice as a result of this activity	3.3			
Overall organization of the meeting	4.0			
Usefulness of handouts in conference book	3.8			
Audiovisual	4.0			
5. What attracted you most to this program?	Very Important (3)	Somewhat Important (2)	Not at all Important (1)	
Opportunity to earn CME/CE credits	2.8			
Quality of the presenters	3.0			
Topics covered	3.0			
Local setting	2.6			

COMMENTS

Very useful.

Case presentation introduction most useful.

Overall well organized and presented!

NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Immunological work- Cell Designations- Concepts

Lupus

MRI (2)

Mylsitis

Scleroderma

Rheumatology Practice in the Post Biologic Era

Short Hills, New Jersey

June 3, 2006

Summary of Evaluations

5 attendees

PROGRAM EVALUATION SUMMARY

1. Check whether you are here as a				
Physician	100%			
Nurse	0%			
Other	0%			
2. Specialty				
Rheumatology	100%			
Other	0%			
Did not respond	0%			
3. How did you first hear about this conference?				
Received program in mail	60%			
Heard about it from a pharmaceutical representative	40			
Heard about it from a colleague	0%			
Other	0%			
4. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the following...				
	Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Unsatisfactory (1)
Overall value of this conference	3.8			
Objectives of this activity were met	3.8			
Quality of the information presented	3.6			
Information presented was scientifically rigorous and balanced	3.6			
Presentations were free of commercial bias	3.6			
Content was relevant to your practice	3.8			
Participation in this activity enhanced your knowledge		3.4		
You will alter your practice as a result of this activity		3.2		
Overall organization of the meeting	3.8			
Usefulness of handouts in conference book	3.6			
Audiovisual	3.8			
5. What attracted you most to this program?				
	Very Important (3)	Somewhat Important (2)	Not at all Important (1)	
Opportunity to earn CME/CE credits	2.5			
Quality of the presenters	3.0			
Topics covered	2.8			
Local setting	3.0			

COMMENTS

Excellent program

NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Ankylosing Spondylitis

Biologic agents and clinical decision-making(3)

Blys/CTLA-4

Lupus

Genetics

MRI

Osteoporosis

Psoriatic Arthritis

Review lab tests

Ultrasound (3)

Vasculitis (2)

Rheumatology Practice in the Post Biologic Era

Dallas, Texas

June 10, 2006

Summary of Evaluations

13 attendees

PROGRAM EVALUATION SUMMARY

1. Check whether you are here as a				
Physician	92%			
Nurse	8%			
Other (Nurse Practitioner)	0%			
2. Specialty				
Rheumatology	100%			
Other	0%			
Did not respond	0%			
3. How did you first hear about this conference?				
Received program in mail	58%			
Heard about it from a pharmaceutical representative	25%			
Heard about it from a colleague	27%			
Other	0%			
4. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the following...				
	Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Unsatisfactory (1)
Overall value of this conference	3.6			
Objectives of this activity were met	3.6			
Quality of the information presented	3.5			
Information presented was scientifically rigorous and balanced	3.4			
Presentations were free of commercial bias	3.8	3.3		
Content was relevant to your practice	3.8			
Participation in this activity enhanced your knowledge	3.5			
You will alter your practice as a result of this activity		3.3		
Overall organization of the meeting	3.6			
Usefulness of handouts in conference book	3.6			
Audiovisual	3.6			
5. What attracted you most to this program?				
	Very Important (3)	Somewhat Important (2)	Not at all Important (1)	
Opportunity to earn CME/CE credits	3.0			
Quality of the presenters	2.3			
Topics covered	2.6			
Local setting	2.5			

COMMENTS

More time for questions

NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

AS

Autoimmune diseases

Behlet's

Biologics (2)

Bone density

DMARDS

Eular Meetings

Fibromyalgia

IV Drugs (3)

MRI (2)

Practice management

Scleroderma

SLE (4)

Synovial Bx

Ultrasound (4)

Vasculitis

Rheumatology Practice in the Post Biologic Era

Virginia Beach, VA

June 17, 2006

Summary of Evaluations

9 attendees

PROGRAM EVALUATION SUMMARY

1. Check whether you are here as a				
Physician	100%			
Nurse	0%			
Other	0%			
2. Specialty				
Rheumatology	100%			
Other	0%			
Did not respond	0%			
3. How did you first hear about this conference?				
Received program in mail	89%			
Heard about it from a pharmaceutical representative	11%			
Heard about it from a colleague	0%			
Other	0%			
4. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the following...				
	Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Unsatisfactory (1)
Overall value of this conference	3.6			
Objectives of this activity were met	3.8			
Quality of the information presented	3.6			
Information presented was scientifically rigorous and balanced	3.6			
Presentations were free of commercial bias	3.6			
Content was relevant to your practice	3.9			
Participation in this activity enhanced your knowledge	3.8			
You will alter your practice as a result of this activity		3.4		
Overall organization of the meeting	3.6			
Usefulness of handouts in conference book	3.9			
Audiovisual	3.6			
5. What attracted you most to this program?				
	Very Important (3)	Somewhat Important (2)	Not at all Important (1)	
Opportunity to earn CME/CE credits	2.6			
Quality of the presenters	2.5			
Topics covered	2.2			
Local setting	2.4			

COMMENTS

None.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Elderly onset rheum disease

Vasculitis (2)

Lupus (3)

Men's Rheumatology

MRI studies

New biologics

Opiates in pain management

RA (2)

SLE (2)

Ultrasound

Rheumatology Practice in the Post Biologic Era

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

June 17, 2006

Summary of Evaluations

9 attendees

PROGRAM EVALUATION SUMMARY

1. Check whether you are here as a				
Physician	62.5%			
Nurse	25%			
Other (Nurse Practitioner)	12.5%			
2. Specialty				
Rheumatology	33%			
Other	11%			
Did not respond	56%			
3. How did you first hear about this conference?				
Received program in mail	50%			
Heard about it from a pharmaceutical representative	25%			
Heard about it from a colleague	25%			
Other	0%			
4. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the following...	Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Unsatisfactory (1)
Overall value of this conference	3.9			
Objectives of this activity were met	3.9			
Quality of the information presented	4.0			
Information presented was scientifically rigorous and balanced	4.0			
Presentations were free of commercial bias	4.0			
Content was relevant to your practice	3.9			
Participation in this activity enhanced your knowledge	4.0			
You will alter your practice as a result of this activity	4.0			
Overall organization of the meeting	4.0			
Usefulness of handouts in conference book	3.8			
Audiovisual	3.9			
5. What attracted you most to this program?	Very Important (3)	Somewhat Important (2)	Not at all Important (1)	
Opportunity to earn CME/CE credits	3.0			
Quality of the presenters	2.8			
Topics covered	2.7			
Local setting	2.8			

COMMENTS

Thanks!

All day meeting.

Info on staffing and practice management of practice and infusion suite.

Clearer handout

NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Clinical topics

New treatments

Scleroderma

SLE

Rheumatology Practice in the Post Biologic Era

Phoenix, Arizona

August 26, 2006

Summary of Evaluations

7 attendees

PROGRAM EVALUATION SUMMARY

1. Check whether you are here as a					
Physician	86%				
Nurse	0%				
Other (Nurse Practitioner)	14%				
2. Specialty					
Rheumatology	71%				
Other	0%				
Did not respond	29%				
3. How did you first hear about this conference?					
Received program in mail	57%				
Heard about it from a pharmaceutical representative	29%				
Heard about it from a colleague	14%				
Other	0%				
4. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the following...		Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Unsatisfactory (1)
Overall value of this conference		3.7			
Objectives of this activity were met		4.0			
Quality of the information presented		4.0			
Information presented was scientifically rigorous and balanced		4.0			
Presentations were free of commercial bias		3.7			
Content was relevant to your practice		3.8			
Participation in this activity enhanced your knowledge		3.8			
You will alter your practice as a result of this activity			3.2		
Overall organization of the meeting		3.8			
Usefulness of handouts in conference book		3.8			
Audiovisual		3.8			
5. What attracted you most to this program?		Very Important (3)	Somewhat Important (2)		Not at all Important (1)
Opportunity to earn CME/CE credits			2.4		
Quality of the presenters		3.0			
Topics covered		2.8			
Local setting		2.5			

COMMENTS

Excellent.

Very good program.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Assessment of disease activity

DAS28

Dexascan

Infusions

Lupus

MRI

Scleroderma

Ultrasound

Underlying immunology

Vasculitis

Rheumatology Practice in the Post Biologic Era

Pittsburgh, PA
September 9, 2006

Summary of Evaluations
5 attendees

PROGRAM EVALUATION SUMMARY

1. Check whether you are here as a				
Physician	100%			
Nurse	0%			
Other (Nurse Practitioner)	0%			
2. Specialty				
Rheumatology	100%			
Other	0%			
Did not respond	0%			
3. How did you first hear about this conference?				
Received program in mail	100%			
Heard about it from a pharmaceutical representative	0%			
Heard about it from a colleague	0%			
Other	0%			
4. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the following...	Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Unsatisfactory (1)
Overall value of this conference	3.6			
Objectives of this activity were met	3.6			
Quality of the information presented	3.6			
Information presented was scientifically rigorous and balanced	4.0			
Presentations were free of commercial bias	4.0			
Content was relevant to your practice	3.6			
Participation in this activity enhanced your knowledge	3.4			
You will alter your practice as a result of this activity	3.4			
Overall organization of the meeting	4.0			
Usefulness of handouts in conference book	3.4			
Audiovisual	3.8			
5. What attracted you most to this program?	Very Important (3)	Somewhat Important (2)	Not at all Important (1)	
Opportunity to earn CME/CE credits	3.0			
Quality of the presenters	3.0			
Topics covered	2.5			
Local setting	2.7			

COMMENTS

None.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Ultrasound (2)

Rheumatology Practice in the Post Biologic Era

Minneapolis, MN
September 16, 2006

Summary of Evaluations
3 attendees

PROGRAM EVALUATION SUMMARY

1. Check whether you are here as a				
Physician	33.3%			
Nurse	33.3%			
Other	33.3%			
2. Specialty				
Rheumatology	100%			
Other	0%			
Did not respond	0%			
3. How did you first hear about this conference?				
Received program in mail	33.3%			
Heard about it from a pharmaceutical representative	67%			
Heard about it from a colleague	0%			
Other	0%			
4. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the following...				
	Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Unsatisfactory (1)
Overall value of this conference		3.3		
Objectives of this activity were met	4.0			
Quality of the information presented	3.7			
Information presented was scientifically rigorous and balanced	3.7			
Presentations were free of commercial bias	4.0			
Content was relevant to your practice	3.7			
Participation in this activity enhanced your knowledge	3.7			
You will alter your practice as a result of this activity		3.0		
Overall organization of the meeting	3.7			
Usefulness of handouts in conference book		3.3		
Audiovisual	3.7			
5. What attracted you most to this program?				
	Very Important (3)	Somewhat Important (2)	Not at all Important (1)	
Opportunity to earn CME/CE credits		1.5		
Quality of the presenters		2.0		
Topics covered	3.0			
Local setting	2.5			

COMMENTS

None.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Biologics

Dermatologic manifestations of rheumatic disease

Latest orthopedic interventions for knees, hips, and small joints of hands/feet in RA

MRI

SLE

Ultrasound

Rheumatology Practice in the Post Biologic Era

Indianapolis, IN
September 30, 2006

Summary of Evaluations
19 attendees

PROGRAM EVALUATION SUMMARY

1. Check whether you are here as a				
Physician	53%			
Nurse	37%			
Other	11%			
2. Specialty				
Rheumatology	100%			
Other	0%			
Did not respond	0%			
3. How did you first hear about this conference?				
Received program in mail	44%			
Heard about it from a pharmaceutical representative	56%			
Heard about it from a colleague	0%			
Other	0%			
4. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the following...	Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Unsatisfactory (1)
Overall value of this conference	3.8			
Objectives of this activity were met	3.9			
Quality of the information presented	3.9			
Information presented was scientifically rigorous and balanced	3.8			
Presentations were free of commercial bias	3.7			
Content was relevant to your practice	3.8			
Participation in this activity enhanced your knowledge	3.8			
You will alter your practice as a result of this activity		3.0		
Overall organization of the meeting	3.8			
Usefulness of handouts in conference book	3.7			
Audiovisual	3.8			
5. What attracted you most to this program?	Very Important (3)	Somewhat Important (2)	Not at all Important (1)	
Opportunity to earn CME/CE credits	2.8			
Quality of the presenters	2.7			
Topics covered	2.7			
Local setting	2.7			

COMMENTS

Thoroughly enjoyed.
Excellent presentations.
Program was excellent. Very helpful.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Acupuncture
Ankylosing spondylitis (2)
Biologics (3)
Bone density
Clinical research promotion
DXA (2)

ESR v. CRP
Fibromyalgia
Joint replacement
Lupus (5)
MRI (4)
Osteoporosis (2)

Physical therapy
Psoriatic arthritis (2)
RA
RA nodules
RANK

Rituxan
Scleroderma (2)
SLE (3)
US (6)
Vasculitis