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8th Annual Rheumatology Conference

Update 2008

New Perspectives in the Management of the Rheumatic Diseases:

*Applying Research
to Practice*

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Hollywood, Florida
Westin Diplomat Resort and Spa*

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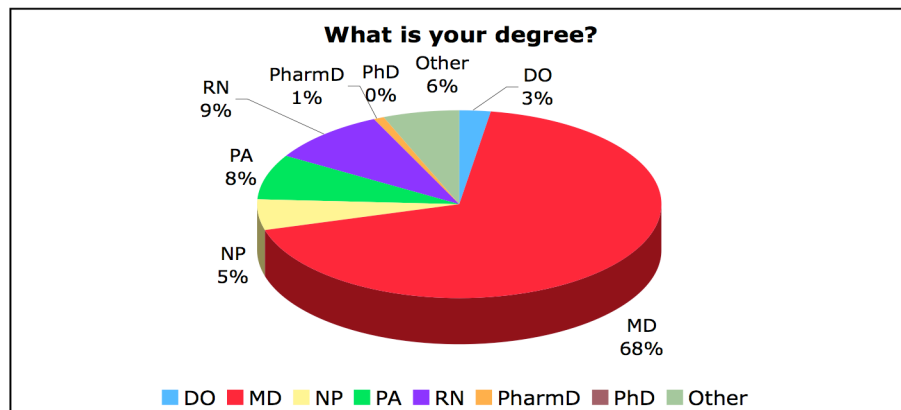
In September 2008, NACE sponsored a CME program, *New Perspectives in the Management of the Rheumatic Diseases: Applying Research to Practice*, in Hollywood, FL.

This educational activity was designed to provide physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and other providers treating patients with rheumatic diseases the opportunity to learn about safety issues in biologic therapy, the importance of managing comorbidities in RA, new biologics for the treatment of RA and lupus, management of fibromyalgia syndrome and chronic pain, CNS vasculitis, cutaneous vasculitis, emerging biologic therapies, and treatments for osteoporosis and osteonecrosis of the jaw.

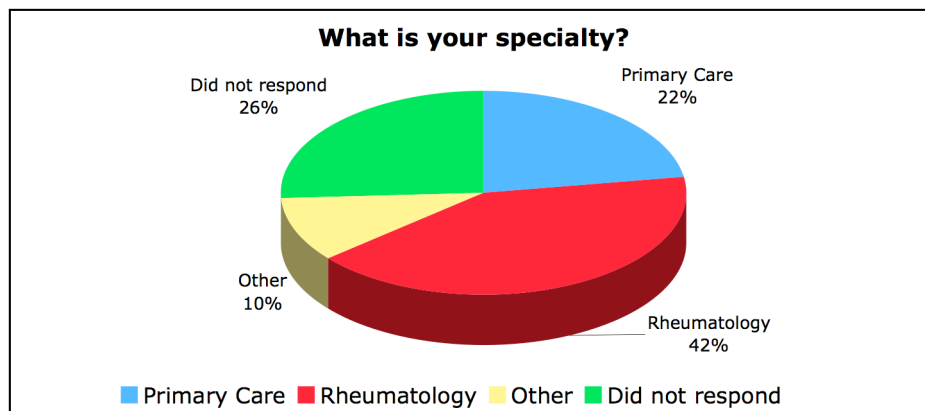
In planning this CME activity, the National Association for Continuing Education (NACE) performed a needs assessment. A literature search was conducted, national guidelines were reviewed, survey data was analyzed, and experts in each therapeutic area were consulted to determine gaps in practitioner knowledge, competence or performance.

One hundred sixteen healthcare providers attended *New Perspectives in the Management of the Rheumatic Diseases: Applying Research to Practice*, in Hollywood, FL. 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. One hundred three completed forms were received. The data collected is displayed in this report.

Sevety-one percent of attendees were physicians. Nurse practitioners (5%), physician assistants (8%), nurses (9%), and other types of health care providers (7%) comprised the remaining 29% of the audience.

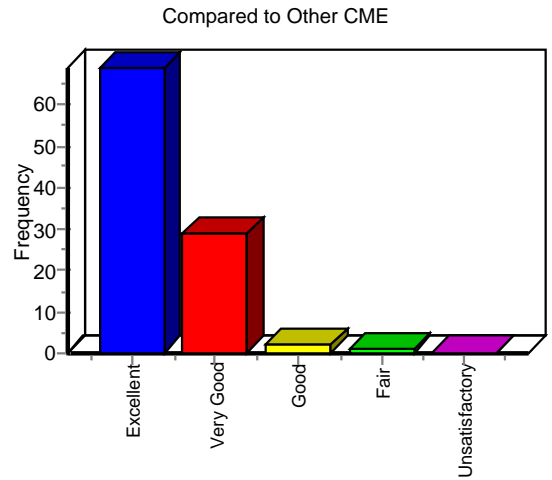


The majority of attendees specialize in rheumatology (42%) and primary care (22%).



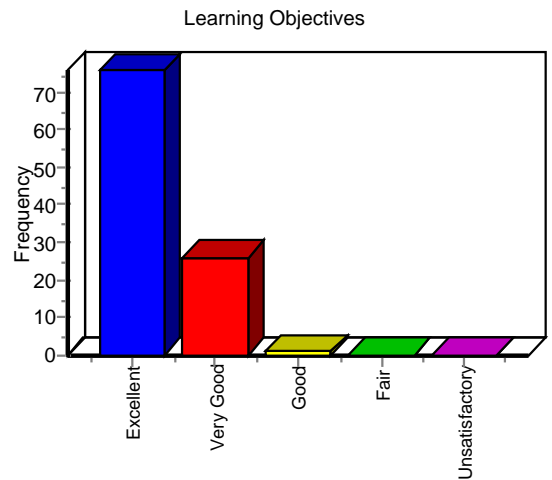
Compared to other CME activities that I have participated in over the past year, I would rate this activity as:

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	69	67.0	68.3
Very Good	29	28.2	28.7
Good	2	1.9	2.0
Fair	1	1.0	1.0
Unsatisfactory	0	0.0	0.0
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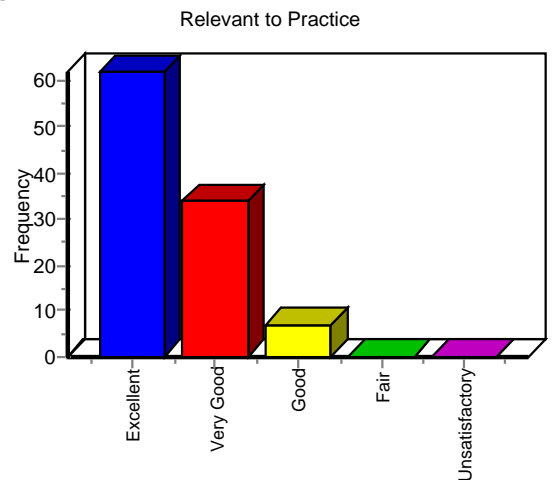
How effective was the activity in meeting the stated learning objectives?

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	76	73.8	73.8
Very Good	26	25.2	25.2
Good	1	1.0	1.0
Fair	0	0.0	0.0
Unsatisfactory	0	0.0	0.0
Total Valid	103	100.0	100.0



Evaluate how useful and relevant this information is to your practice:

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	62	60.2	60.2
Very Good	34	33.0	33.0
Good	7	6.8	6.8
Fair	0	0.0	0.0
Unsatisfactory	0	0.0	0.0
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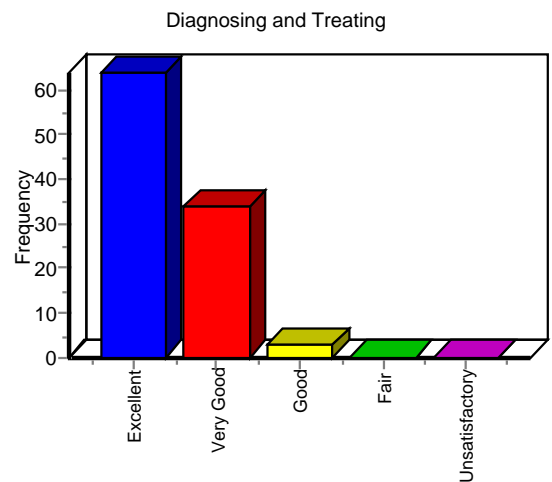
How effective will the information you learned during this activity be in helping you improve your skills or judgement?

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	66	64.1	64.7
Very Good	35	34.0	34.3
Good	1	1.0	1.0
Fair	0	0.0	0.0
Unsatisfactory	0	0.0	0.0
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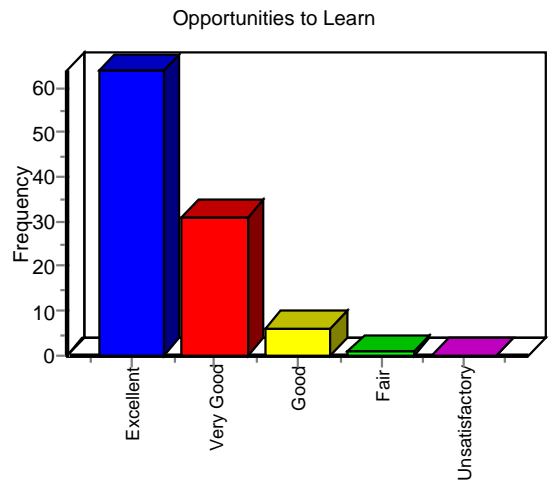
How effective was this activity in enhancing your confidence in diagnosing and treating patients with the condition(s) presented?

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	64	62.1	63.4
Very Good	34	33.0	33.7
Good	3	2.9	3.0
Fair	0	0.0	0.0
Unsatisfactory	0	0.0	0.0
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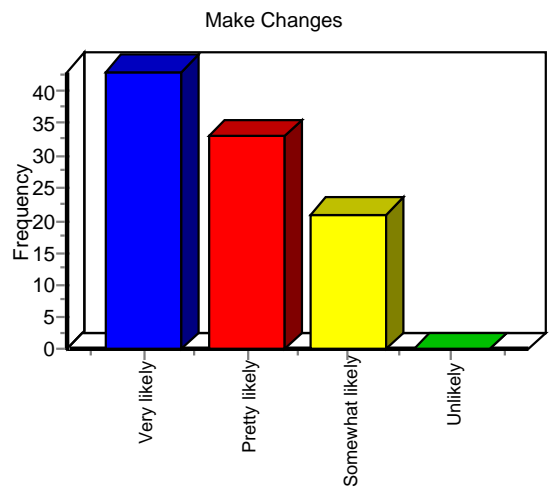
How well did this activity include opportunities to learn interactively from faculty/participants?

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	64	62.1	62.7
Very Good	31	30.1	30.4
Good	6	5.8	5.9
Fair	1	1.0	1.0
Unsatisfactory	0	0.0	0.0
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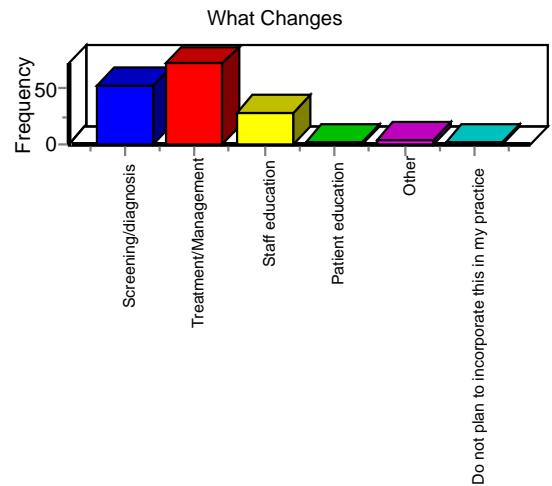
How likely are you to make changes in your practice based on the information presented during this CME activity?

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Very likely	43	41.7	44.3
Pretty likely	33	32.0	34.0
Somewhat likely	21	20.4	21.6
Unlikely	0	0.0	0.0
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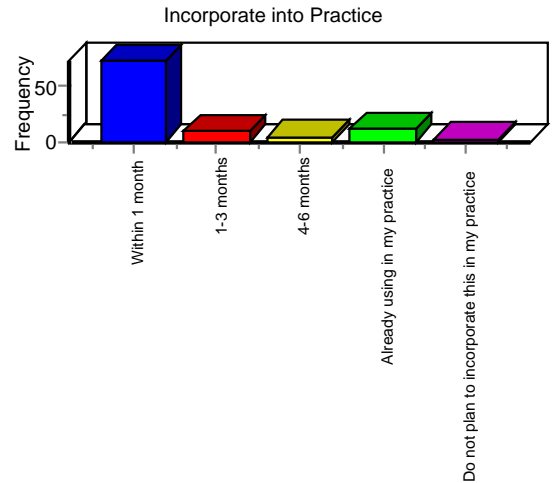
In what areas will you make changes in practice?

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Screening/diagnosis	54	52.4	56.3
Treatment/Management	74	71.8	77.1
Staff education	29	28.2	30.2
Patient education	1	1.0	1.0
Other	4	3.9	4.2
Do not plan to incorporate this in my practice	1	1.0	1.0
Total Valid	96	93.2	100.0
Total Missing	7	6.8	
Total	103	100.0	



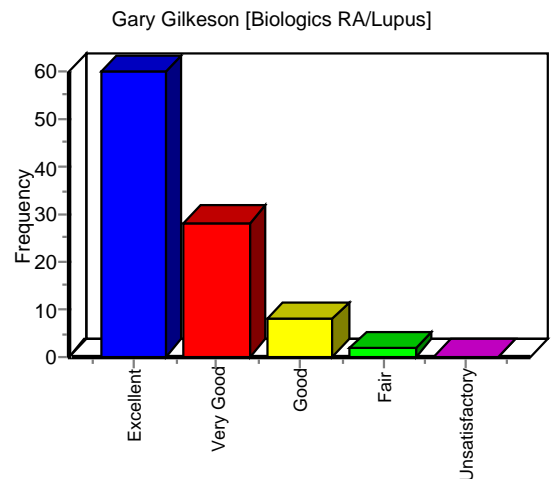
How soon will you incorporate the information from this CME activity into your practice?

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Within 1 month	72	69.9	74.2
1-3 months	9	8.7	9.3
4-6 months	4	3.9	4.1
Already using in my practice	11	10.7	11.3
Do not plan to incorporate this in my practice	1	1.0	1.0
Total Valid	97	94.2	100.0
Total Missing	6	5.8	
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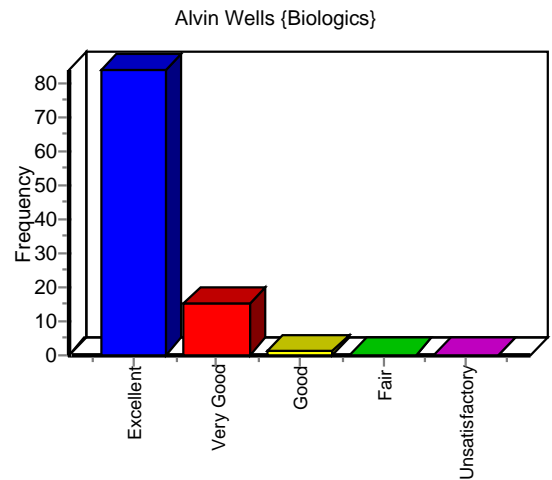
In terms of delivery of the presentation, please rate the effectiveness of the speaker: Gary Gilkeson, MD (Biologics RA/Lupus):

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	60	58.3	61.2
Very Good	28	27.2	28.6
Good	8	7.8	8.2
Fair	2	1.9	2.0
Unsatisfactory	0	0.0	0.0
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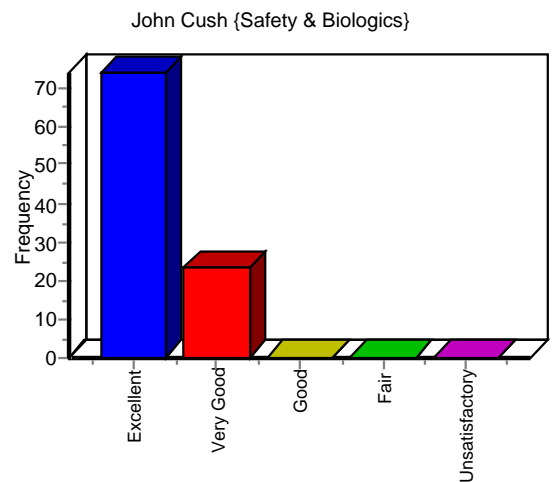
In terms of delivery of the presentation, please rate the effectiveness of the speaker: Alvin Wells, MD, PhD (Biologics):

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	84	81.6	84.0
Very Good	15	14.6	15.0
Good	1	1.0	1.0
Fair	0	0.0	0.0
Unsatisfactory	0	0.0	0.0
Total Valid	100	97.1	100.0
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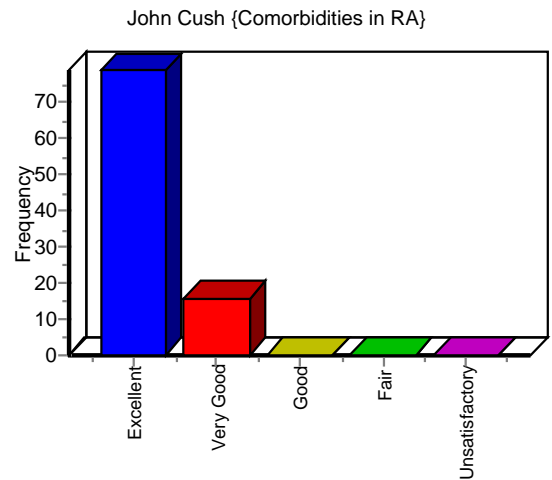
In terms of delivery of the presentation, please rate the effectiveness of the speaker: John J. Cush, MD (Safety & Biologics):

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	74	71.8	76.3
Very Good	23	22.3	23.7
Good	0	0.0	0.0
Fair	0	0.0	0.0
Unsatisfactory	0	0.0	0.0
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Total	103	100.0	



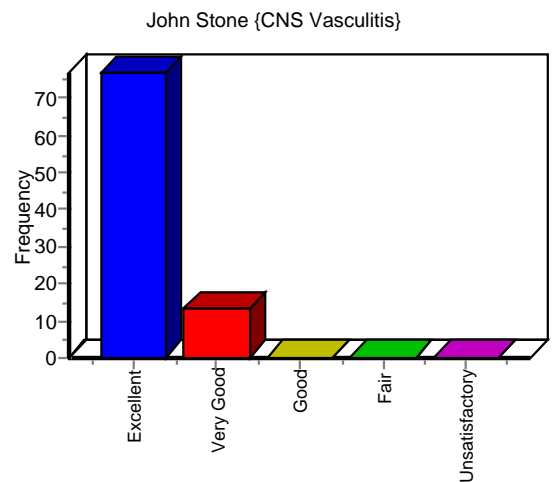
In terms of delivery of the presentation, please rate the effectiveness of the speaker: John J. Cush, MD (Comorbidities in RA):

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	79	76.7	83.2
Very Good	16	15.5	16.8
Good	0	0.0	0.0
Fair	0	0.0	0.0
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Total	103	100.0	



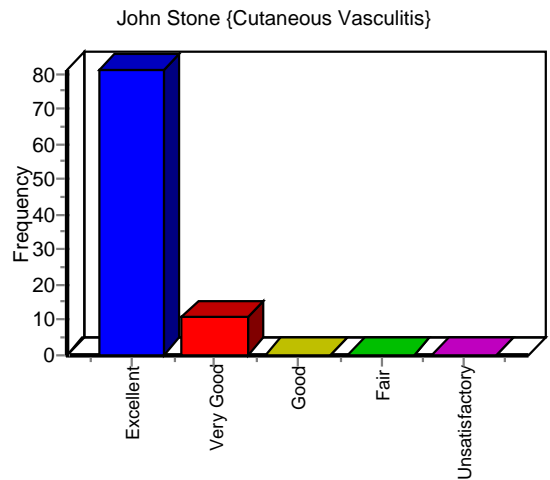
In terms of delivery of the presentation, please rate the effectiveness of the speaker: John Stone, MD (CNS Vasculitis):

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	77	74.8	85.6
Very Good	13	12.6	14.4
Good	0	0.0	0.0
Fair	0	0.0	0.0
Unsatisfactory	0	0.0	0.0
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Total	103	100.0	



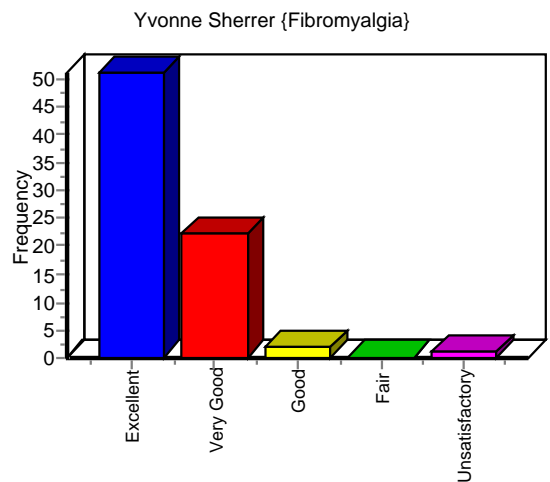
In terms of delivery of the presentation, please rate the effectiveness of the speaker: John Stone, MD (Cutaneous Vasculitis):

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	81	78.6	88.0
Very Good	11	10.7	12.0
Good	0	0.0	0.0
Fair	0	0.0	0.0
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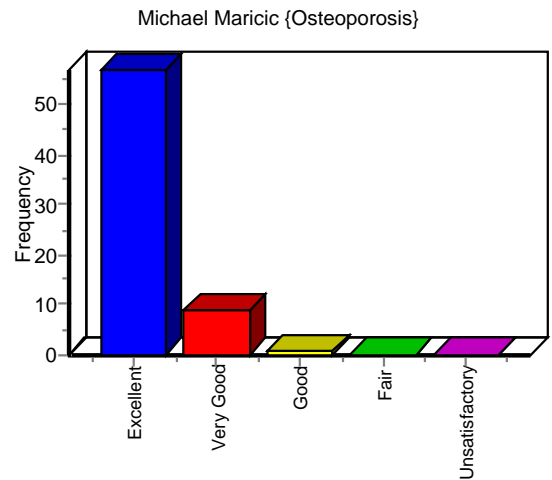
In terms of delivery of the presentation, please rate the effectiveness of the speaker: Yvonne Sherrer, MD (Fibromyalgia):

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	51	49.5	67.1
Very Good	22	21.4	28.9
Good	2	1.9	2.6
Fair	0	0.0	0.0
Unsatisfactory	1	1.0	1.3
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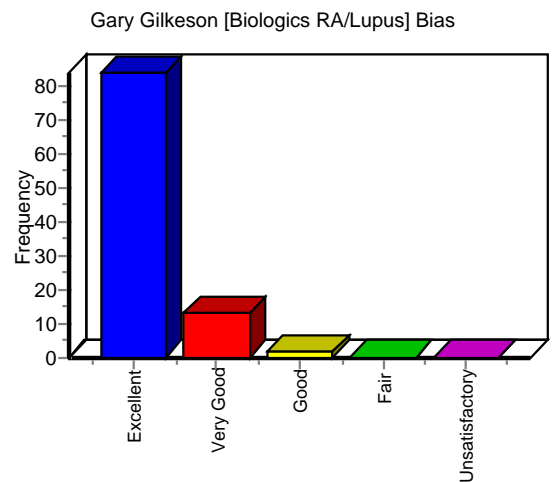
In terms of delivery of the presentation, please rate the effectiveness of the speaker: Michael Maricic, MD (Osteoporosis):

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	57	55.3	85.1
Very Good	9	8.7	13.4
Good	1	1.0	1.5
Fair	0	0.0	0.0
Unsatisfactory	0	0.0	0.0
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Total	103	100.0	



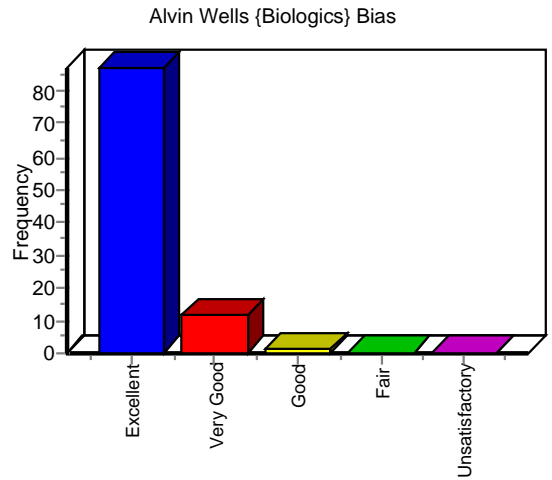
To what degree do you believe that the subject matter was presented fair, balanced, and free of commercial bias? Gary Gilkeson, MD (Biologics RA/Lupus):

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	84	81.6	84.8
Very Good	13	12.6	13.1
Good	2	1.9	2.0
Fair	0	0.0	0.0
Unsatisfactory	0	0.0	0.0
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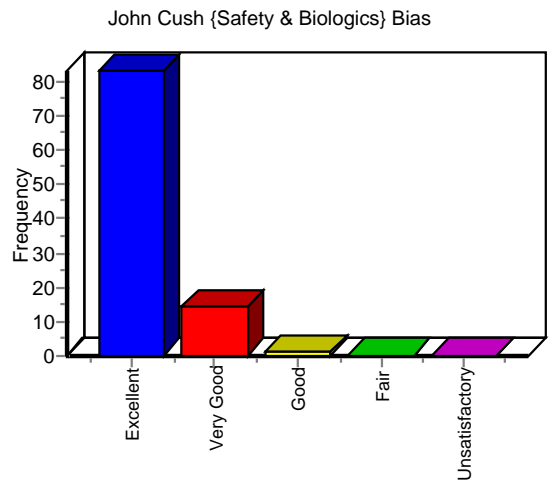
To what degree do you believe that the subject matter was presented fair, balanced, and free of commercial bias? Alvin Wells, MD, PhD (Biologics):

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	87	84.5	87.0
Very Good	12	11.7	12.0
Good	1	1.0	1.0
Fair	0	0.0	0.0
Unsatisfactory	0	0.0	0.0
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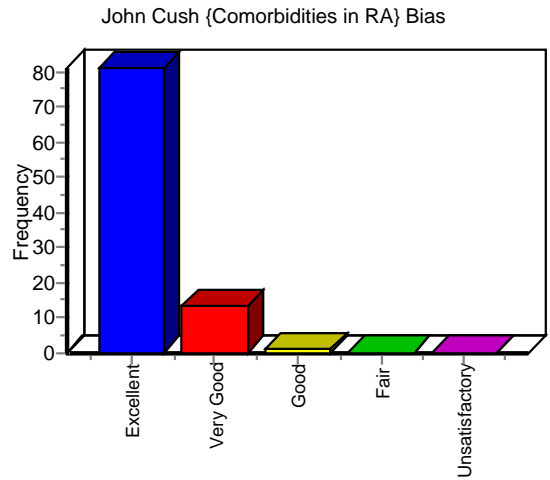
To what degree do you believe that the subject matter was presented fair, balanced, and free of commercial bias? John Cush, MD (Safety & Biologics):

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	83	80.6	84.7
Very Good	14	13.6	14.3
Good	1	1.0	1.0
Fair	0	0.0	0.0
Unsatisfactory	0	0.0	0.0
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Total	103	100.0	



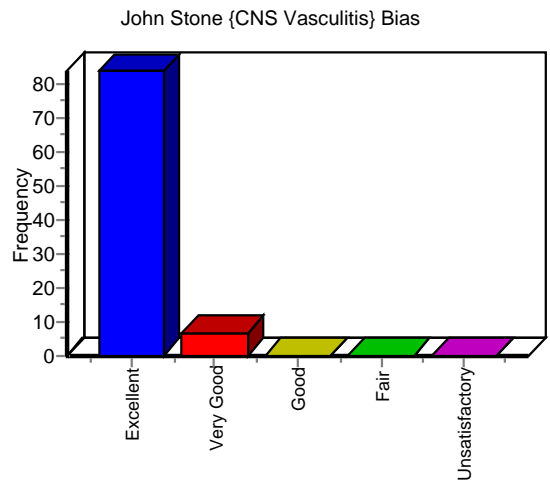
To what degree do you believe that the subject matter was presented fair, balanced, and free of commercial bias? John Cush, MD (Comorbidities in RA):

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	81	78.6	85.3
Very Good	13	12.6	13.7
Good	1	1.0	1.1
Fair	0	0.0	0.0
Unsatisfactory	0	0.0	0.0
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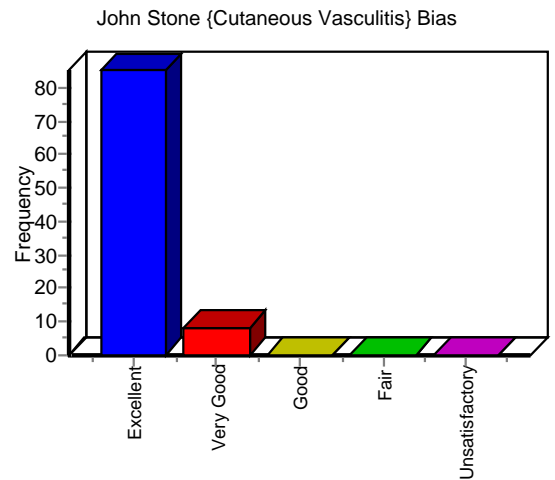
To what degree do you believe that the subject matter was presented fair, balanced, and free of commercial bias? John Stone, MD (CNS Vasculitis):

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	84	81.6	92.3
Very Good	7	6.8	7.7
Good	0	0.0	0.0
Fair	0	0.0	0.0
Unsatisfactory	0	0.0	0.0
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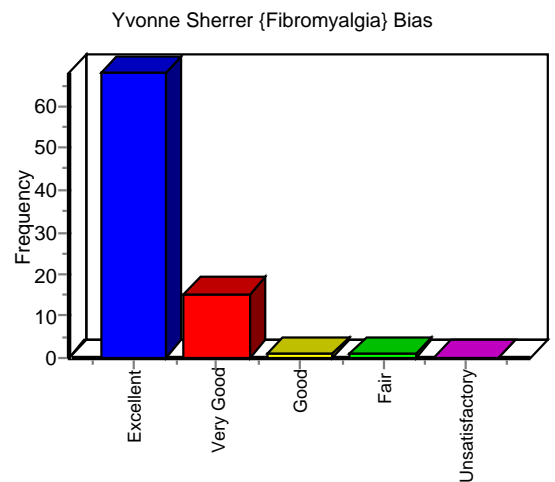
To what degree do you believe that the subject matter was presented fair, balanced, and free of commercial bias? John Stone, MD (Cutaneous Vasculitis):

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	85	82.5	91.4
Very Good	8	7.8	8.6
Good	0	0.0	0.0
Fair	0	0.0	0.0
Unsatisfactory	0	0.0	0.0
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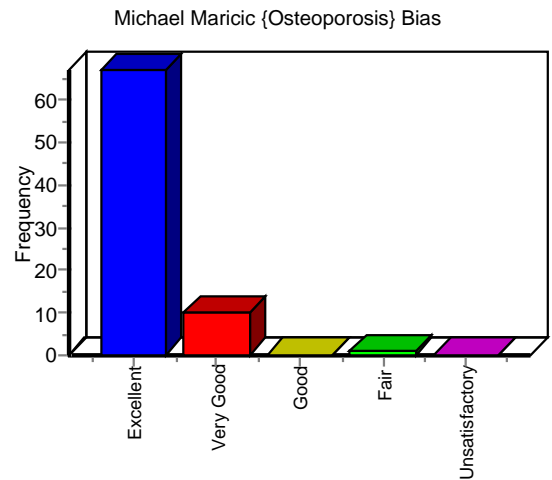
To what degree do you believe that the subject matter was presented fair, balanced, and free of commercial bias? Yvonne Sherrer, MD (Fibromyalgia):

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	68	66.0	80.0
Very Good	15	14.6	17.6
Good	1	1.0	1.2
Fair	1	1.0	1.2
Unsatisfactory	0	0.0	0.0
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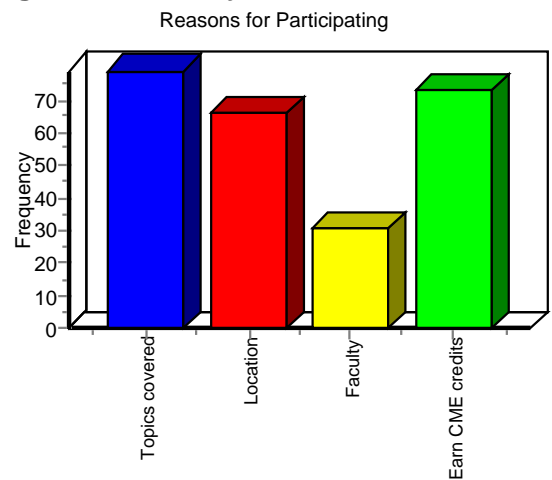
To what degree do you believe that the subject matter was presented fair, balanced, and free of commercial bias? Michael Maricic, MD (Osteoporosis):

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Excellent	67	65.0	85.9
Very Good	10	9.7	12.8
Good	0	0.0	0.0
Fair	1	1.0	1.3
Unsatisfactory	0	0.0	0.0
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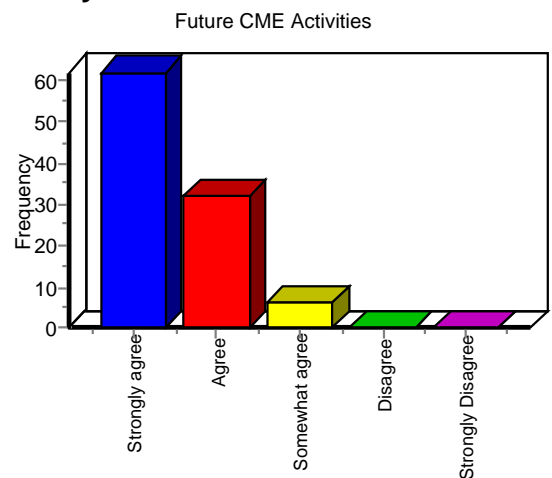
Which statement(s) best reflects your reasons for participating in this activity:

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Topics covered	79	76.7	77.5
Location	66	64.1	64.7
Faculty	31	30.1	30.4
Earn CME credits	73	70.9	71.6
Total Valid	102	99.0	100.0
Total Missing	1	1.0	
Total	103	100.0	



Future CME activities concerning this subject matter are necessary:

Label	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly agree	62	60.2	62.0
Agree	32	31.1	32.0
Somewhat agree	6	5.8	6.0
Disagree	0	0.0	0.0
Strongly Disagree	0	0.0	0.0
Total Valid	100	97.1	100.0
Total Missing	3	2.9	
Total	103	100.0	



In what areas will you make changes in practice?

Comment
Early referral

What topics would you like to see offered as CME activities in the future?

Comment
Dissabilities evaluation and requirements US/MRI use in Dx of Rheumatic disease
Cardiovascular
HIV-AIDS/Domestic violence and medical errors
Nephrology related
Bullous and contact dermatology.
Womens health issues
Metabolic bone disease and billing
Therapeutic exercises for rheumatologic conditions
Sleep apnea
Radiology/Antibiotics/Alternative medicines
Gyn in family medicine/Dementia
Osteoporosis management
Sarcoidosis
Antiphosphatlipid syndrome/SLE
Diagnostic tests related to surgery
Neuro-degenerative diseases like Lou Gehrig's
Continue updates and risks in treatment of rheumatic disease
Better control of pain management
Dermatology/Orthopedic/Spine/Neurology
Any on internal medicine and rheumatology
HTN-DM
Gout/Lupus/AS
Abdominal pain/IBS/Crohn's
Parkinson's/Alzheimers
ADHA/PTSD/Psychometrics
Cervical dysplasia
CNS/Manifestations of Rheumatic diseases
Hepatitis C/ Attention disorder/Chronic fatigue/Metabolic syndrome/Sleep apnea
CNS/Chronic fatigue syndrome
HTN
Human papilloma virus
Vasculitis/Gout

Additional comments:

Comment
An excellent program
Handout book is too crowded and superhard to read
Venue-Ft Lauderdale Westin preferred
Negotiate room discount rate for participants
Very informative and usefull
I'd love to attend Cardiology and Pulmonology sessions because they are each 16% of the PA boards
Excellent Thank you. I enjoyed this CME activity
Like always it was excellent
Dr John Stone's talks were excellently done! Very helpful
Excellent program
Superb line up of speakers! Uniformly excellent
Thank you
Brighter lighting
Too many slides on page. Two slides per page would be better
Thank you for providing this despite cut backs. Appreciated vasculitis lecture
Whole day is too long maybe better to cover only one topic with only 1-3 speakers
Good information