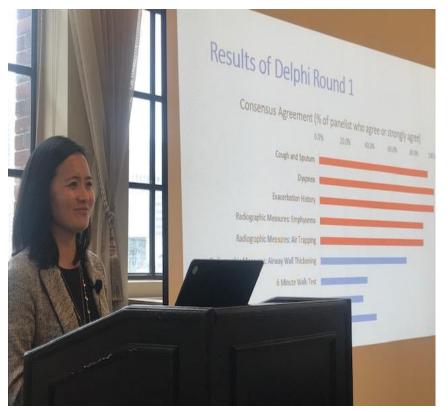
# RESPIRATORY DISEASE Young Investigators' Forum



Developing the next generation of physician-scientists





**Outcomes Summary** 

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15th Annual Respiratory Disease Young Investigators' Forum

**Educational Objectives:** Identify new areas of respiratory research that offer new inroads to effective therapies and treatment; Discuss research study designs that may improve on current approaches to respiratory research; Evaluate strengths and weaknesses of the research presented and incorporate peer/expert feedback effectively to enhance data presentations; Review key strategies for career development as a physician scientist; Describe overall process and important components of securing grants to support research

**Intended Audience:** Pulmonary, allergy and immunology fellows and junior faculty who are beginning their research careers.

Actual Reach: 21 young investigators; 9 expert faculty, 3 research advisors

**Modality/# Activities:** Three day live forum consisting of junior faculty/fellow presentations, expert faculty panel, and structured feedback

Program Location: Chicago, IL

Dates (Live Activity): October 10-12, 2019

Relevant Links: N/A

Outcomes Levels: Level 1, 2, 3

**Outcomes Planning:** Pre-test and post-test; program evaluation

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**Summary:** The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Respiratory Disease Young Investigators' Forum aimed to connect young investigators with expert faculty and peers in the respiratory disease field to improve research methodologies, enhance presentation and communication skills, and stimulate an academic career in respiratory disease and allergy research. The meeting was successfully implemented from October 10-12, 2019, with **100% of participants reporting that they would recommend this program to their colleagues.** 

## **Program Overview**





The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Respiratory Disease Young Investigators' Forum, a live independent medical education activity accredited by National Jewish Health (NJH), took place October 10-12, 2019 in Chicago, IL. The Forum is designed to enable **pulmonary, allergy and immunology fellows and junior faculty** to present their research and interact with expert faculty in order to improve research methodologies and presentation skills, enhance communication in the field of respiratory disease and allergy, develop relationships with faculty mentors, assist in translating laboratory research into useful bedside application, and stimulate an academic career in respiratory disease and allergy research. In its 15<sup>th</sup> year, the Forum continues to prove to be a valuable and impactful annual event for fellows and junior faculty who are beginning their research careers.



Pictured: All young investigators and most expert faculty.

## **Program Design**

The content of the program was based on basic science and clinical research in the field of respiratory disease submitted by young investigators, who compete for acceptance into the program and then serve as the program presenting faculty. The program enabled 28 fellows enrolled in fellowship programs such as allergy, respiratory tract disease, or pulmonary medicine, to present the results of their basic science or clinical research to an experienced expert faculty panel.

#### The program consisted of:

- ✓ Personalized feedback and coaching from presentation advisors during rehearsals
- ✓ Clinical and scientific junior faculty presentations
- ✓ One-on-one mentoring
- ✓ Networking with peer leaders and expert faculty
- ✓ An expert faculty panel providing real time feedback
- ✓ Expert faculty presentations on topics relevant to junior faculty
- ✓ Q&A







Pictured: Neil Aggarwal, MD expert faculty presentation

## **Young Investigator Awards**





The top presenting faculty with the best research in both Basic Science and Clinical Research were presented with a plaque and awarded an educational grant to be used toward future research or to attend a national respiratory meeting such as the AAAAI or the ATS. The grant is provided to the recipient's institution for distribution to the recipient according to policies. The young investigator with the highest evaluation scores from her peers was also recognized with an award. To recognize the achievement of the attending fellows, all 28 were presented with an award certificate indicating participation at the Forum. A CME certificate will also be provided by NJH.

#### **Awards in Basic Science Research**

First Place – Raghu Chivukula, MD

Second Place – Pavan Bhatraju, MD

Third Place Tie – Wassim Labaki, MD and Anita Oh, MD (pictured)

#### **Awards in Clinical Research**

First Place – William Bain, MD

Second Place – Jeremy Katzen, MD

Third Place Tie – Tristan Kooistra, MD and Luisa Morales-Nebreda, MD

Peer Award
Raghu Chivukula, MD



Pictured (left to right): Program Chair Jay Kolls, MD, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Basic Science winners Anita Oh, MD, and Wassim Labaki, MD, MS, and Co-Chair Janet Lee, MD

## **Dashboard: Activity Impact**

Level 1 and 2 Outcomes





Abstracts Received	51					
Abstracts Accepted	30					
Attendees*	28					
*2 attendees were unable to attend due to family emergency						
Expert Faculty	9					
Research Advisors	3					

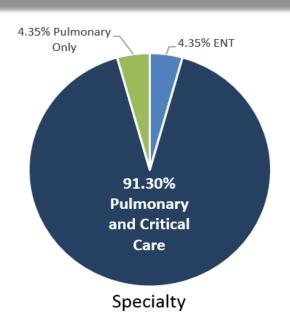
"Thank you! It was really delightful to be part of a bespoke event tailored exclusively for young investigators. It was great to have so much face time with expert faculty, and even better to bond with peers at other institutions over our shared experiences. The overall effect is one of invigoration and renewed love and excitement for the work of discovery in the field of lung health. I am honored and grateful to have been a part of this event!"

-Young Investigator, 2019

#### **Accepted Investigators**

 $4 - 1^{st}$  year  $7 - 2^{nd}$  year  $6 - 3^{rd}$  year  $3 - 4^{th}$  year 1 - PGY5

All junior faculty were in their 1st year in an academic role



**100%** would recommend program to colleagues

Satisfaction

95% activity positively influenced interest

...in pursuing a career as a physician-scientist

#### **Expert Faculty**



**Top:** (Back Row from Left to Right) Dr. Barry Make, Dr. Reynold Panettieri, Dr. Enid Neptune, Dr. Leila Gozal, Dr. Neil Aggarwal (Front Row from Left to Right) Dr. Jay Kolls, Dr. Janet Lee, Dr. Lisa Young.

Not Pictured: Dr. Rafeul Alam

Right: 2019 Program Chairs, Dr. Janet Lee and Dr. Jay Kolls



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### RESPIRATORY DISEASE Young Investigators' Forum





Jay Kolls, MD (Program Chair)

Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics John W Deming Endowed Chair in Internal Medicine Director, Center for Translational Research in Infection and Inflammation Tulane School of Medicine





Janet Lee, MD (Program Co-Chair) Professor of Medicine University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

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#### **EXPERT FACULTY**



Neil Aggarwal, MD

Chief, Lung Biology and Disease Branch, Division of Lung Diseases, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, NIH

BETHESDA, MD



Rafeul Alam, MD, PhD

Chief, Division of Allergy & Clinical Immunology Professor of Medicine Veda H. and Chauncey H. Ritter Chair in Immunology National Jewish Health

DENVER, CO.



#### Leila Kheirandish-Gozal, MD, MSc.

Professor and Director of Child Health Research Institute Department of Child Health University of Missouri School of Medicine

COLUMBIA, MO



Barry J. Make, MD

Professor of Medicine Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine Co-Director, COPD Program Director, Pulmonary Rehabilitation and Respiratory Care National Jewish Health

DENVER, CO



Enid Rose Neptune, MD

Associate Professor of Medicine Johns Hopkins Medicine

BALTIMORE, MD



Reynold A. Panettieri, Jr, MD

Professor of Medicine. Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Vice Chancellor, Clinical & Translational Science Director, Rutgers Institute for Translational Medicine and Science

Emeritus Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ



Lisa R. Young, MD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Medicine, and Cell and Developmental Biology Janie Robinson and John Moore Lee Endowed Chairholder Director, Center for Childhood Lung Research Director, Rare Lung Diseases Program Division of Pediatric Pulmonary Medicine and Division of Allergy, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Vanderbilt University Medical Center

NASHVILLE, TN

#### **Research Advisors**

#### RESEARCH ADVISORS



#### James F. Chmiel, MD, MPH

Professor of Pediatrics
Chief, Division of Pediatric Pulmonology,
Allergy and Sleep Medicine
Indiana University School of Medicine
Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana
University Health

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#### Tuchar Desai, MD

Associate Professor of Medicine, PCCM Institute for Stem Cell Biology Woods Family Endowed Faculty Scholar Stanford Child Health Research Institute Stanford University

STANFORD, CA



#### Mihaela Teodorescu, MD, MS

Associate Professor
Director, James B. Skatrud Pulmonary/
Sleep Research Laboratory
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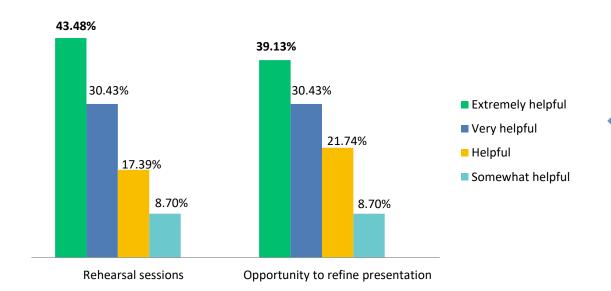
MADISON, WI

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"The rehearsal session with the faculty was extremely valuable and very unique to this conference. I appreciated having diverse faculty who could provide insight throughout the conference. This has been one of the best conferences I have attended." -Young Investigator, 2019

#### **Rehearsal Sessions/Mentoring Prior to Forum**



>90% of attendees felt that the rehearsal session was helpful

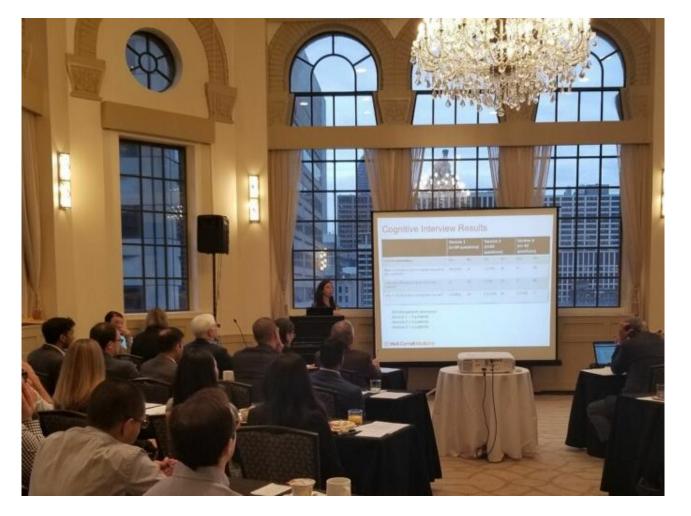
>90% of attendees felt that it was helpful to have an opportunity to refine their presentations from research advisors feedback

## **Learning Objectives**





- Discuss new and emerging areas of respiratory research that offer new inroads to effective therapies and treatment
- ➤ Identify best practices for designing a research study and multidisciplinary research team that may improve on current approaches to respiratory research
- Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of peer research presentations
- Incorporate peer/expert faculty feedback effectively to enhance research presentations
- Discuss key strategies for career development as a physician scientist
- Describe comprehensive process for securing grant support for research



## **List of Young Investigators**

Michael Alexander, MD, Northwestern University
Comparative Multi-omic Analysis of Bronchoalveolar Lavage
Immune Cells in Sarcoidosis

**Kerri Aronson, MD,** Weill Cornell Medical College
Development of a Disease-Specific Health Related Quality of
Life Instrument for Patients with Chronic Hypersensitivity
Pneumonitis

William Bain, MD, University of Pittsburgh Increased alternative complement pathway function is associated with reduced mortality in critically ill patients with acute respiratory failure

**Pavan K. Bhatraju, MD, MSc,** *University of Washington*Adults with cystic fibrosis and R117H-CFTR mutations exhibit higher angiopoietin-1 plasma concentrations, a marker of endothelial stability, after short-term ivacaftor treatment

Christine M. Bojanowski, MD, Tulane University
Aberrant Immunity in Cystic Fibrosis as a Potential Therapy
Target: Increased levels of IL22RA2 in Chronic Sinopulmonary
Infection with Staphylococcus Aureus





Raghu R. Chivukula, MD, PhD, Massachusetts General Hospital Inactivating mutations in NEK10 cause a human short cilia Syndrome

Chinedu Ejike, MD, MPH, Johns Hopkins University
The contribution of individual and neighborhood factors to racial differences in COPD-related health outcomes in SPIROMICS

**Anthony Esposito, MD,** *Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School* PAD4 Expression in Fibroblasts Promotes the Development of Pulmonary Fibrosis

**Andrew Gangemi, MD,** *Temple University*Feasibility of Bedside Ultrasound to Determine Efficacy of Lung Volume Reduction by Endobronchial Valve Therapy

Chao He, MD, PhD, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Lactate Mediates Macrophage Metabolic Reprogramming in Pulmonary Fibrosis

Benjamin Henkle, MD, MPH, University of Minnesota
The presence of emphysema on chest imaging and mid-life cognition

**Arun Jose, MD**, University of Cincinnati Anticoagulation in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension: A Decision Analysis

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Or Kalchiem-Dekel, MD, National Institutes of Health
Apolipoprotein E Activates a TLR4/TAK1/IκΚβ/NF-κΒ/TPL2/JNK
Signaling Pathway that Induces CXCL5 Secretion by Human Asthmatic
Airway Epithelial Cells

Jeremy Katzen, MD, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine Murine Modeling of Distinct Surfactant Protein-C (SFTPC) Mutation Classes Reveal Convergent Pathways from Alveolar Type 2 Cell Quality Control Dysfunction to Lung Fibrosis

**Tristan Kooistra, MD,** *Massachusetts General Hospital*Airway basal stem cell Notch signaling coordinates immune cell localization

Wassim W. Labaki, MD, MS, University of Michigan
Health status impact on mortality and lung function decline in
smokers with and without airflow obstruction: an analysis of the
COPDGene cohort

**Stephanie LaBedz, MD**, *University of Illinois at Chicago*Feasibility of Screening Electronic Health Records to Identify Participants for a Multi-center Clinical Effectiveness Trial in COPD Author Block





**Kristina Montemayor, MD, MHS**, *Johns Hopkins University*Sex Differences in Treatment and Outcomes in CF Exacerbations

**Luisa Morales-Nebreda, MD**, *Northwestern University*Age Determines the Tissue Protective Function of Regulatory T cells during Influenza A Virus-induced Lung Injury

Anita Oh, MD, University of California San Francisco
Relationship Between Smoking History and CT Measures of Occult Lung Disease in Smokers With Preserved Spirometry in SPIROMICS

Shravani Pasupneti, MD, Stanford University Medical Center Endothelial HIF-2α as a key endogenous mediator preventing emphysema

**Lauren Roland, MD**, *University of California San Francisco*Diagnostic and Treatment Practices of Aspirin Exacerbated Respiratory Disease: A Longitudinal National Insurance Claims Database Analysis

Jason Sanders, MD, Brigham and Women's Hospital
The association of aging biomarkers, interstitial lung abnormalities, and mortality

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**Aartik Sarma, MD,** *University of California San Francisco*Metatranscriptomic next generation sequencing identifies distinct subgroups of acute COPD exacerbations

Mark Snyder, MD, University of Pittsburgh
CD103+ lung tissue resident memory T cells represent an airway
centered, clonally expanded subset of TRM with increased expression of
transcription factors IRF4 and Blimp1

**Robert Stretch, MD,** *University of California Los Angeles*Use of Machine Learning to Predict Non-Diagnostic Home Sleep Apnea
Tests

**Eleanor Valenzi, MD,** *University of Pittsburgh*Single-cell analysis reveals fibroblast heterogeneity and myofibroblasts in systemic-sclerosis-associated interstitial lung disease

**Richard Wang, MD** *University of California San Francisco*In Malawian patients with suspected sepsis, lung ultrasound findings change with fluid resuscitation and predict impending hypoxemia







Pictured at the Meet the Professor Lunch: Anthony Esposito, MD, Expert Faculty Neil Aggarwal, MD and Richard Wang, MD

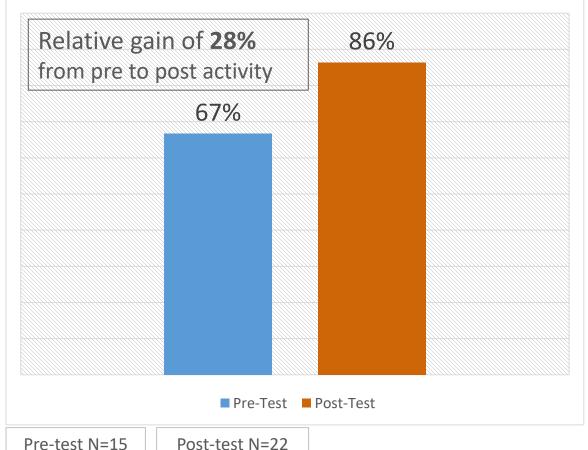
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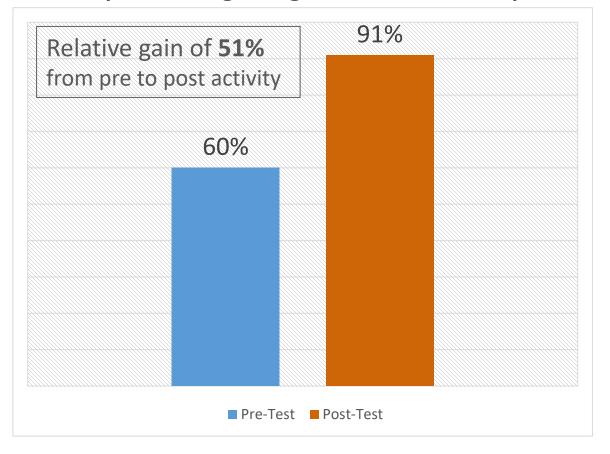


Young Investigators report being "Comfortable" or "Very Comfortable" with:

#### **Presenting scientific research to expert faculty**



#### Confidently articulating strengths/weaknesses of my research



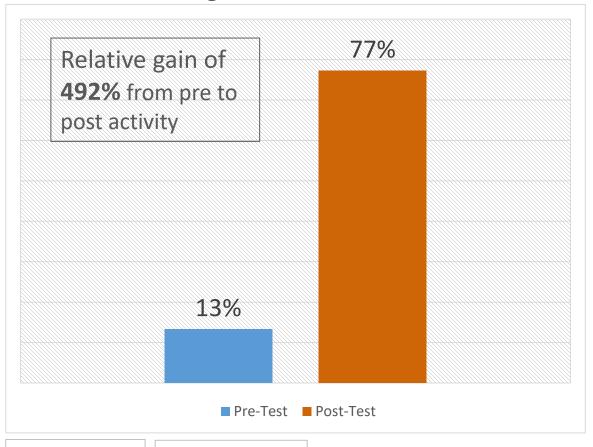
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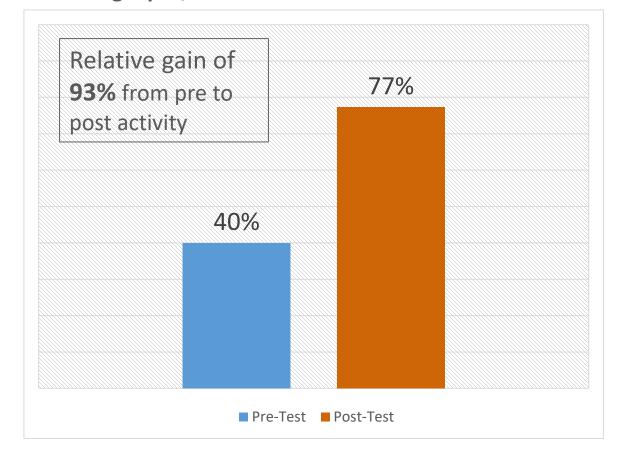


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#### **Networking with Peer Researchers**



#### Seeking input/advice from senior scientists in the field



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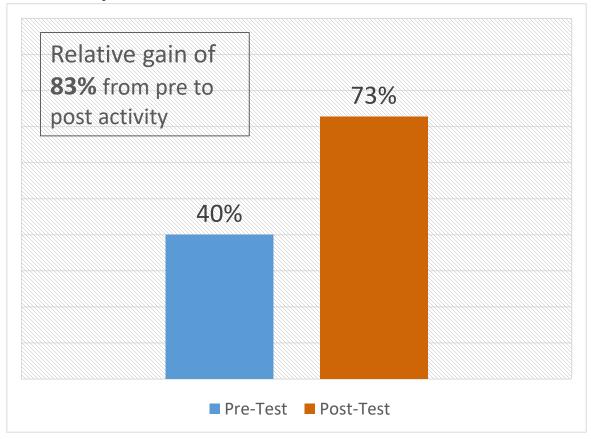
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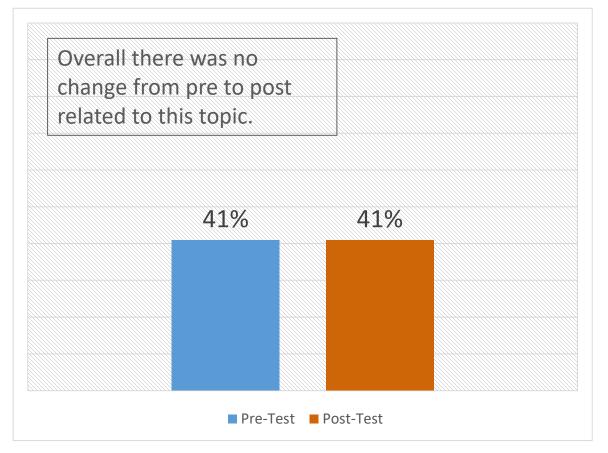


Young Investigators report being "Comfortable" or "Very Comfortable" with:

Conducting effective respiratory research to pursue a career in academic medicine



#### Preparing, submitting and revising k-award grant applications



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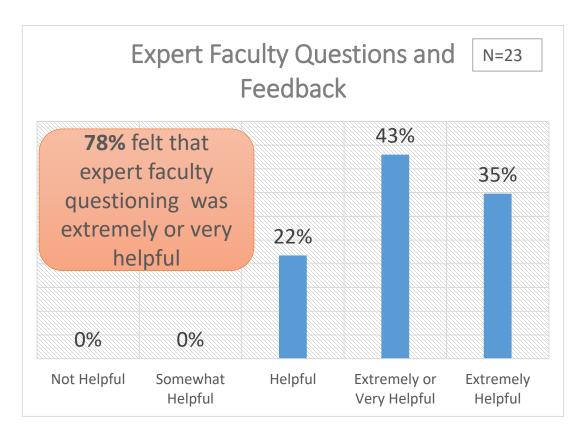
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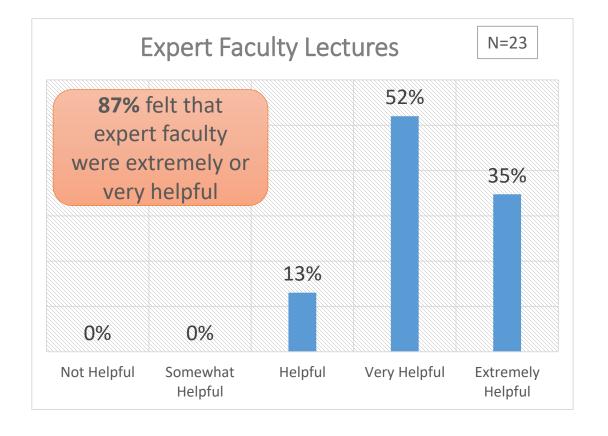
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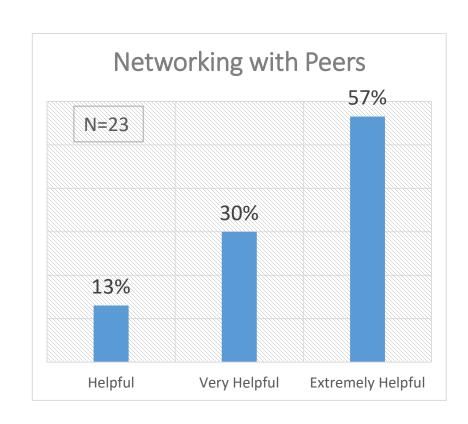


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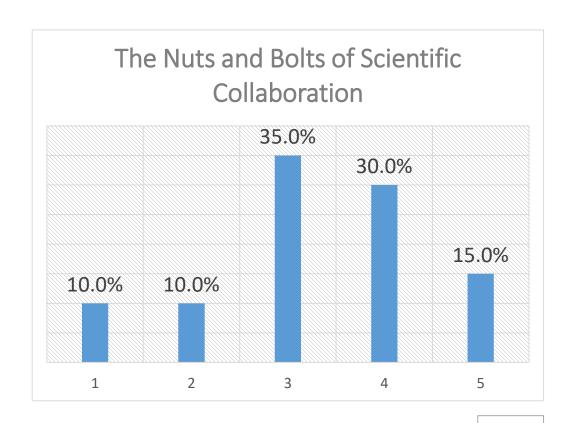
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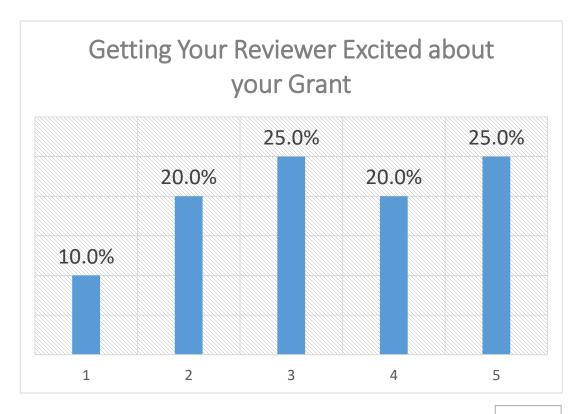
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Young Investigators rank expert faculty topics from most helpful (1) to least helpful (5)





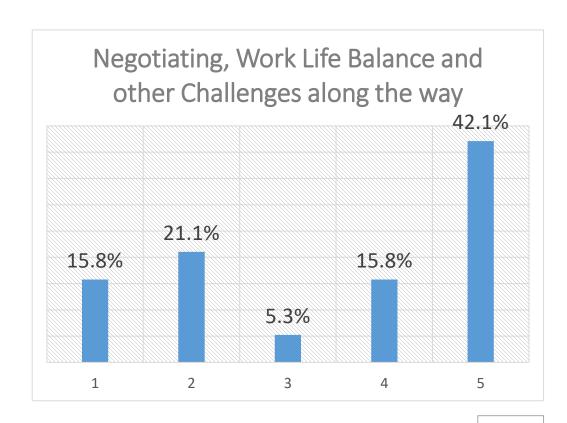
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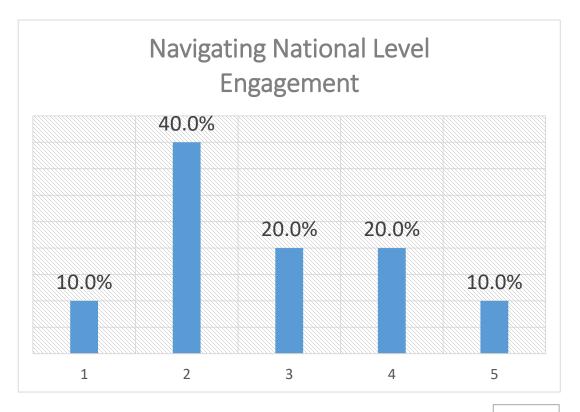
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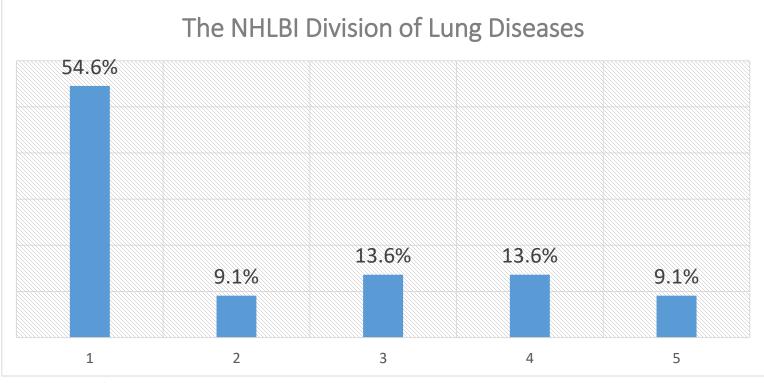
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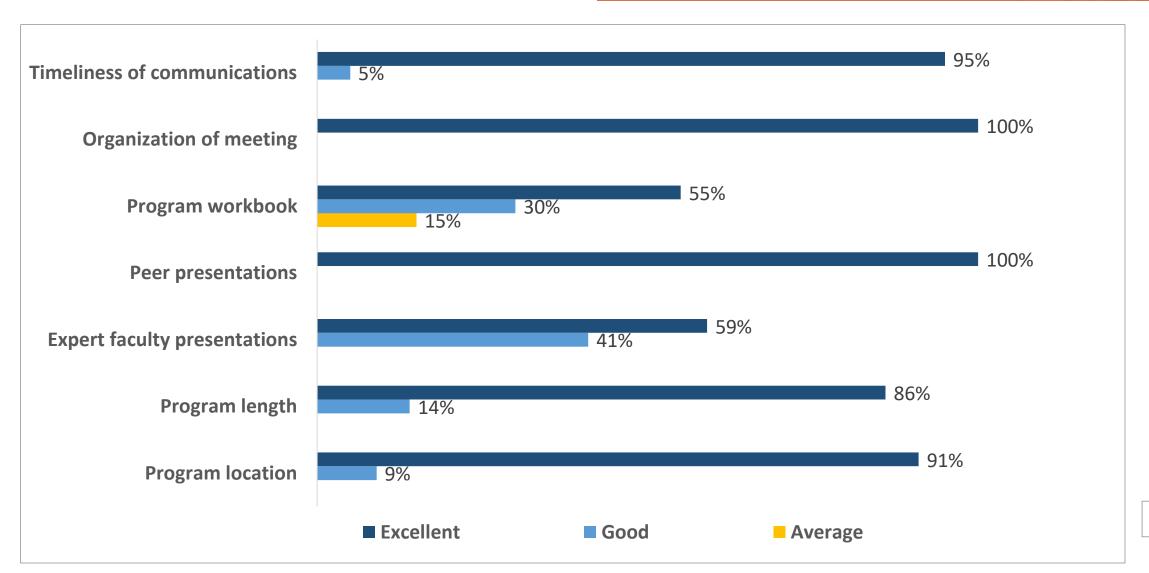
This presentation was rated the highest among the expert faculty presentations.

## **Evaluation – Overall Program**

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#### *How would you rate:*



## **Evaluation – Overall Program**





- > 100% reported the material was presented in an objective manner and free of commercial bias
- > 100% reported that the educational content met the learning objectives
- > 100% reported that the expectations for this forum were met or exceeded
- > 95.66% reported that the activity positively influenced interest in pursuing a career as a physician scientist
- > 91.31% reported that, in comparison to other professional development activities attended, this activity was as helpful or more helpful toward meeting professional goals
- > 80.95% reported they would modify other abstract submissions based on feedback received during this activity

"I am co-chairing a session next week at CHEST in which I will present a portion of my findings and will be able to add information based on feedback I received."

- 2019 Young Investigator

## **Participant Take Aways**





Young Investigators report key take-aways from this educational activity

"The rehearsal session with the faculty was extremely valuable and very unique to this conference. I appreciated having diverse faculty who could provide insight throughout the conference. This has been one of the best conferences I have attended."

"Really impressed by both the faculty and presenters at this meeting."

"Learning the opportunities to work with industry.

Hearing from successful faculty of their tips to be successful but also balancing work and outside of work life.

Getting to meet peers and hearing the work they are doing."



Pictured: Expert Faculty Leila Kheirandish-Gozal, MD, Expert Faculty Enid Neptune, MD, Luisa Morales-Nebreda, MD and Or Kalchiem-Dekel, MD

### **Educational Needs:**

Young Investigators report changes they may make in their career trajectory after participating in this activity:

"Apply for an LRP grant, improve my aims page."

"Have a much better idea of what needs to be accomplished to advance career in the next year."

"More confidence to pursue a career as a physician scientist, submitting K-award."

"This activity has enhanced and strengthened my motivation to continue my pursuit of science! Also, I plan to keep in touch with many peers, of whom some of us are already planning to connect again at national conferences."







Pictured: Young Investigator Presentation by Arun Jose, MD

### **Educational Needs:**

Young Investigators report a change or changes they may make in clinical practice:

"Anticoagulation management in patients with pulmonary hypertension."

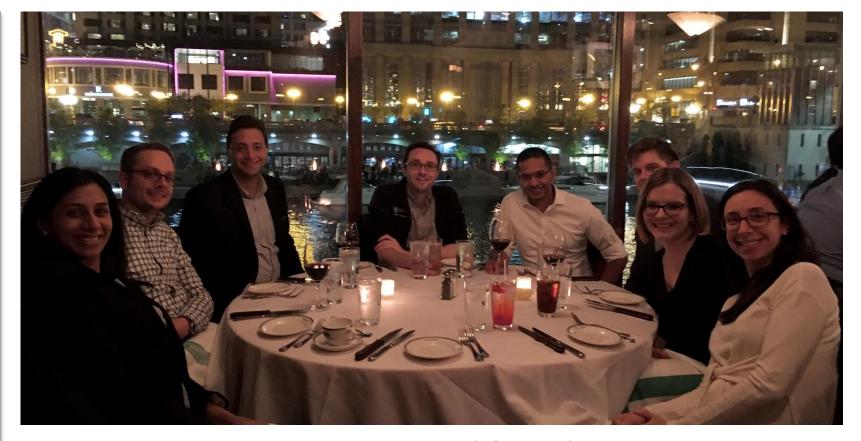
"I will be more attentive to concerns about quality of life when caring for my patients with chronic HP."

"Increase utilization of lung ultrasound."

"Will think more about aligning my clinical work with my research."







Pictured: Young Investigators at Awards Dinner (left to right) Shravani Pasupneti, MD, Andrew Gangemi, MD, Wassim Labaki, MD, Jason Sanders, MD, Raghu Chivukula, MD, PhD, Tristan Kooistra, MD, Eleanor Valenzi, MD and Kerri Aronson, MD



### **Accreditation**

NJH is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The NJH Office of Professional Education produced and accredited this program and adhered to the updated ACCME guidelines.

NJH designated this activity for 11 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.

