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symposium on
atopic dermatitis

The 2023 Canadian Dermatology Today LEAD Symposium was held at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto on July 14 & 15, 2023. The inaugural meeting was a marked success, with overwhelmingly positive feedback from attendees and faculty.

The symposium was attended by early-in-practice dermatologists from across Canada and led by a faculty of key opinion leaders in dermatology.

Response to the post-meeting evaluation survey circulated to attendees was enthusiastic, with an over 70% response rate. Feedback was extremely positive, with comments emphasizing access to experts, the practicality of the material, and the focus on real-world clinical applications.

The complex case rounds held during lunch were very popular, providing opportunities for small-group discussion, and several respondents commented that the Q&A sessions were a highlight of the event, calling them both helpful and engaging.

Overall, feedback showed that the format, content, and delivery of the 2023 LEAD Symposium successfully met its goals of building a peer-to-peer space for clinicians to share real-world knowledge and helping future leaders in dermatology to refine their skills.

This report compiles post-meeting evaluation results and additional commentary provided by attendees.

“ Very inspirational meeting and great advice on how to become an expert. ”

“ Excellent meeting. Unique content. Great work by steering committee members, faculty, agency and sponsor. ”



“ The LEAD Symposium has undoubtedly left a lasting impact on my professional development. ”

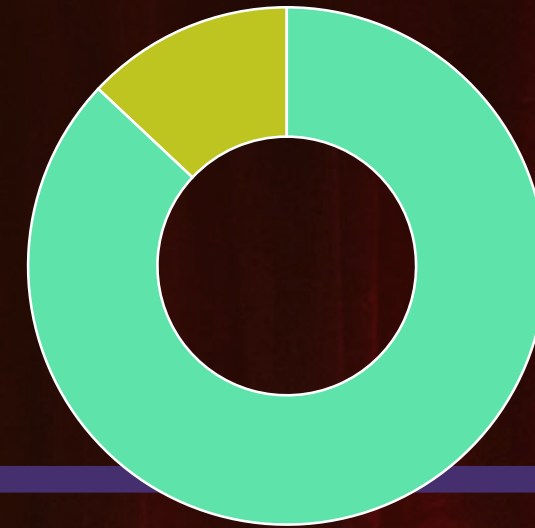
“ Great short and concise conference. Speakers were great. Timing was great. Loved the networking component. ”

The symposium provided good networking and discussion opportunities with colleagues.



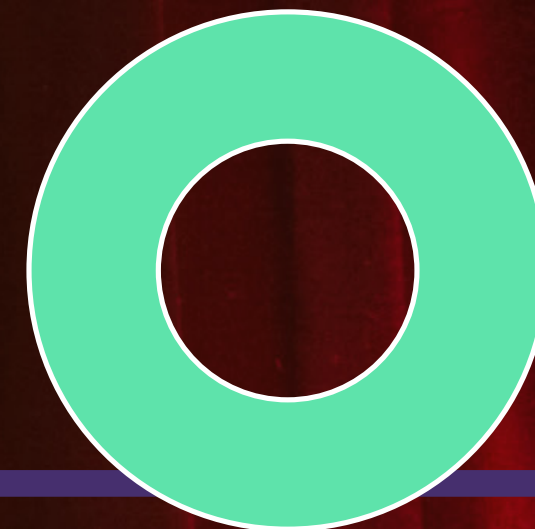
“ I was particularly impressed by the wide range of topics covered around atopic dermatitis, which showcased the latest advancements and best practices in the field. ”

The topics covered provided a comprehensive discussion of atopic disease in dermatology.



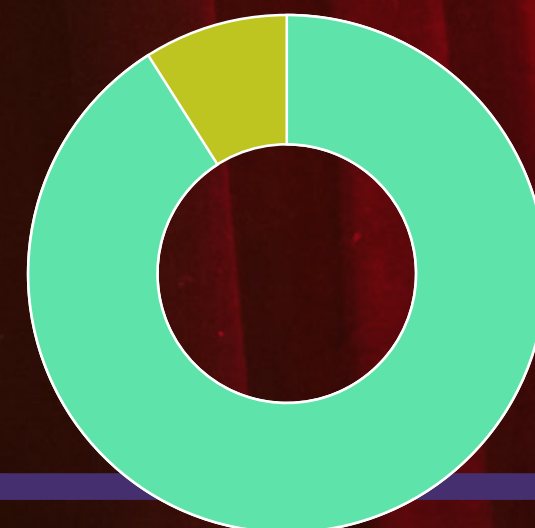
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Presentations were appropriate for my level and provided new information or perspectives.



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The information presented was high-quality, useful, and relevant to my practice.



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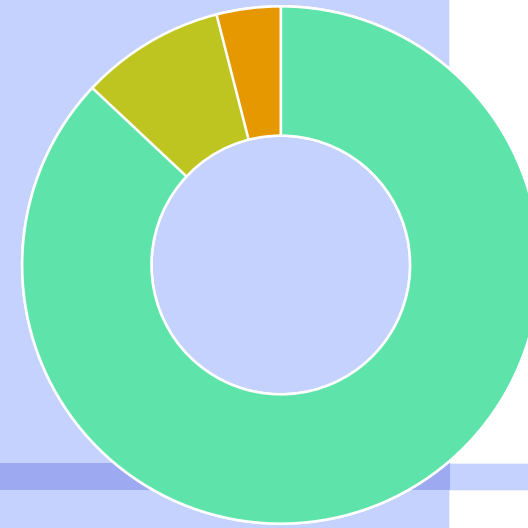
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The timing of the agenda (length of lectures, Q&A, roundtable) was appropriate.

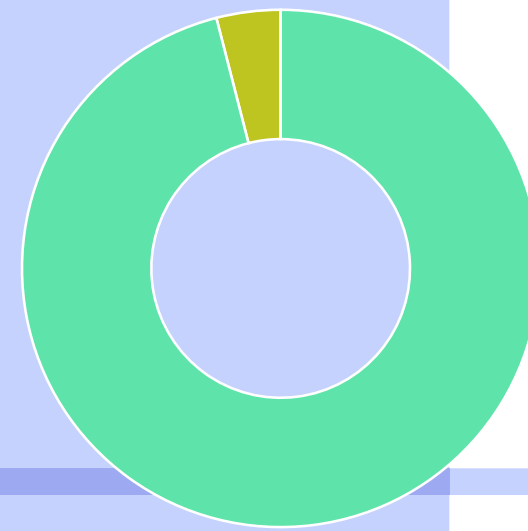
Some survey respondents felt the day was long, but several others praised the balance of the presentations and Q&A as well as the quantity of material covered in a concise day.

The 2023 LEAD Symposium was well-organized.



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“ Very engaging and the right length. ”

“ I liked how the presentations flowed from basic science to current medications, to new medications, to practical management considerations. I think that should be the thematic flow for future years as well. ”

“ Excellent symposium with lots of opportunity to ask real word clinical questions. Thoroughly enjoyable and extremely helpful. ”

“ I appreciated how this symposium was very tightly scheduled and ran on time. I feel that my time was never wasted and that there was no “filler” material that was lower-yield. This symposium was well worth my time. ”





“ The case discussion over the lunch period was an excellent component of the event (and probably my favourite part). It was awesome to have the chance to go over different challenging real-life cases! ”



“ Enjoyed reviewing basic science and clinical relevance. Great to chat with Dr. Prajapati regarding difficult cases. ”



didactic lectures and Q&A



workshop and share-back session



complex case roundtable lunch



expert panel discussion

The LEAD Symposium brought together a diverse group of young and expert Canadian dermatologists and provided an invaluable platform for knowledge-sharing, networking, and professional growth.

Not only did the conference provide valuable insights into the ever evolving field of atopic dermatitis, but it also fostered an environment of collaboration and camaraderie among participants.

The opportunity to connect with other dermatologists, share experiences, and exchange ideas was truly invaluable. I'm returning to my practice with renewed inspiration and a deeper sense of community.

— Dr. Ali Shabaz
(submitted by email)

