



*9th Annual
Alzheimer's Awareness Conference*

Program Evaluation – November 3, 2006

Achievement of Objectives – Mary S. Mittelman, Dr. P.H.

You are now able to:	Achieved			Not Achieved	
	5	4	3	2	1
1. Understand how psychosocial intervention can benefit people with dementia and their and families.	91	15	3		
2. Know about results of a randomized controlled trial of a psychosocial intervention for family caregivers.	90	16	3		
3. Be aware of the value of support from family members and friends and understand the cause of the behavior problems of people with dementia in helping family caregivers avoid the negative outcomes of caregiving.	93	16	1		

Evaluation of Presenter & Materials

	Excellent		Satisfactory		Poor	
1. Speaker delivered information in a clear and concise manner.	99		11			
2. Teaching strategies were appropriate for the objectives and content.	97		13			
3. Handouts provided were helpful.	94		15			

Comments:

- Charts hard to decipher
- Dr. Mittelman – re “all mice are or were identical during a study”. How is that? Were they “clones”?

Achievement of Objectives – Panel Discussion

You now know:	Achieved			Not Achieved	
	5	4	3	2	1
1. what is needed when considering the enrollment of an individual for Hospice services.	85	16	3		
2. who participates in determining the appropriateness of accessing Hospice services.	82	18	3		
3. what services are available when someone enrolls for Hospice services and who is involved in the on-going assessment process.	84	16	2	1	1

Evaluation of Presenters & Materials

	Excellent		Satisfactory		Poor	
1. Speakers delivered information in a clear and concise manner.	87		17		1	
2. Teaching strategies were appropriate for the objectives and content.	89		15			
3. Handouts provided were helpful.	90		14			

Comments:

- Great
- One hand-out was excellent – I will distribute it to seniors I work with
- “The best”
- Susan wasn’t able to mention about kids grieve also!
- Need to have this again – very informative!! Some speakers needed to speak louder

Achievement of Objectives – Robert A. Stern, Ph.D.

You are now able to:	Achieved			Not Achieved	
	5	4	3	2	1
1. Recognize diagnoses of Dementia, Alzheimer’s disease, and Mild Cognitive Impairment.	98	13	1		
2. Understand the changing brain in AD: plaques & tangles.	103	8			
3. Learn current knowledge of AD including: genetics, risk factors, prevention, and new treatment approaches.	97	9	3		

Evaluation of Presenter & Materials

	Excellent	Satisfactory	Poor
1. Speaker delivered information in a clear and concise manner.	105	2	
2. Teaching strategies were appropriate for the objectives and content.	107	2	
3. Handouts provided were helpful.	104	5	

Comments:

- Presentation wonderful – good use of humor
- Very good presenter and materials
- Great motivated presenter! Awesome! Thank you
- Handouts VERY helpful – The artist’s self portraits – stunning
- EXCELLENT!
- Enjoyed Mr. Stern – also did at HHA day before!
- He’s a super presenter!
- There has to be humor and to have hope!! Very good!! Thank you!

Achievement of Objectives – Joyce Simard, MSW

You have learned:	Achieved			Not Achieved	
	5	4	3	2	1
1. How to teach children about various disabilities and how the children can be helpers.	86	8	2		
2. How to teach children about memory loss in a non-threatening manner.	88	7	1		
3. How to teach children to make meaningful visits with people who have significant memory loss.	87	8	1		

Evaluation of Presenters & Materials

Excellent Satisfactory Poor

1. Speaker delivered information in a clear and concise manner.	93	3
2. Teaching strategies were appropriate for the objectives and content.	93	3
3. Handouts provided were helpful	90	5

Comments:

- Wonderful practical presentation – great ideas!
- I have seen Joyce in the past and she's great!
- Great for a school system!
- Wonderful! And entertaining!!
- Please send us the information on Martha's Vineyard so we can order her book.

Physical facilities were conducive to learning. 104 - Agree 2 - Neutral 0 - Disagree

How could it be improved:

- Softer chairs
- Everything – facility, handouts, speakers, registration was outstanding
- Always have microphones before the speaker and turned up loud enough. Panel needed improvement in magnifying voices
- Round tables are generally a problem!
- No improvement needed – everything was great
- Shorter presentations, especially after lunch
- Maybe we need a larger space
- Facilities were excellent
- Christ the King Facility is a beautiful place – thank you
- Acoustics need enhancing. Speakers need better amplifiers or be told to speak up. Size of facility was adequate
- Hold questions to end of presentations
- Wonderful facility
- More than adequate
- Much quieter environment with distractions kept at minimum; i.e., lunch prep. Much more comfortable temperature with good view
- Everything worked very well – no need to change anything
- To have more advanced topics for the “old pros” – thank you!
- A good open facility made for good learning
- This was an excellent workshop. We really got a lot out of this. Awesome job. We will miss you Cathy!

Recommendation for future presentations, location and schedule:

- More of the same!
- This location and time/day is good. Future topics:
 1. Respite options for caregivers
 2. Nutrition to help prevent Alzheimer's (diet) & vitamin supplementation
 3. Volunteer options/opportunities for people with mild cognitive impairment or early-stage Alzheimer's
 4. Safety issues for both the person w/AD and for the caregiver and how to help the caregiver decide if person w/AD is able to stay home alone

- More exciting presenters like Robert Stern – keep the audience motivated and excited!
- More like Dr. Stern and Dr. Mittelman’s excellent information and presentation
- Great place – great program
- Have you had a panel of caregivers that could give personal thoughts, suggestions, experience, etc.?
- “Making Visits Count” could have simply been achieved with a handout . . . geared toward activities
- Veggie lunches
- Two years ago there was a panel of speakers who were actual dementia patients & their caregivers. It was so helpful and informative. Practical everyday information is needed by so many caregivers and would be a great addition
- Shorter day – maybe ‘til 3:30
- This place would be great for Home Health Aide Day!!
- Dr. Paul Ria – Alzheimer’s Assoc. – talk about behaviors and how to deal w/challenging behaviors – culture change in nursing homes – the Eden alternative
- Just perfect! No changes
- Same location – schedule good
- Location and schedule is fine – don’t change anything
- Christ the King is ideal location and layout!
- Outstanding as is
- More presentations on resources to help caregiver by respite programs, stages of AD, help for the caregivers
- Transitioning back to “life” for the caregiver at time of N.H. placement or after death has taken place
- Difficult behaviors– interventions – now – drug related. Brainstorming interventions on behaviors – innovative ideas
- Closer to Hyannis
- Great place to hold HHA Appreciation Day that the 4’s puts on annually!
- Caring for the staff in nursing homes that take care of the residents

Other Comments:

- Hospice panel discussions were too long; often repeated same info by different panelists
- Excellent information as usual!
- Thank you so very much – I enjoyed this immensely! Objective achieved – new learning gained additional knowledge. Informal yet very professional
- Thank you for working so diligently to educate the public
- Great day, as usual! Thank you
- Very informative; good variety and positive ambience
- Thanks!!!
- I look forward to attending this seminar every year – it’s nicely done. Thank you
- Keep up your great work!
- I thoroughly enjoyed this conference – please have more
- More article reprints would be helpful
- Thank you for a very informed day – Robert Stern especially good
- Excellent conference! Hand-out sheets all excellent and simple to understand. Thank you for this help-filled day! (My first time – caregiver helper). A very professionally done conference
- Wonderful day! Great presenters

- Hold questions till the end of each presentation. Extremely disruptive to the flow of the presentation
- Excellent. Thank you!!
- Activities useful at the different stages of AD would be valuable. Ex: Grandma Joyce's info helpful. Often the caregiver is at a loss for things to do in the home, to help ease the passing of time and to help focus the AD patient even for a small period of time
- This was a very helpful and informative conference
- Great program/diverse/informative – good food!
- Panel speakers not close enough to the mike
- Thank you – well done
- Any information to help Home Health Aide are truly an advantage for us to help our seniors
- Wonderful presentations, lunch – facility
- Thanks for a great conference!
- Very good conference.
- Great job! Thank you!
- Wonderful as usual!
- Thank you for a very interesting and informative conference!
- Great conference – informative and helpful
- Many thanks! Great information/great gathering
- Maybe have more than 1 table for food to allow easier access
- Really like having copies of Power point and tables of reference
- As usual, informative and well presented
- Excellent day
- Everything was excellent and very informative on a lot of different topics. All the speakers were excellent and very enjoyable
- Handouts great to follow presenters and for quick access
- The day was wonderful, as always – speakers were great – lots of personality
- Entire program and speakers was informative and appreciated
- Dr. Stein was especially dynamic – Grandma Joyce and her helpers were a treasure!
- Well organized, great speakers, good food. Liked having everything in one room, handouts from booths helpful
- Thank you!
- As always, a great conference
- Excellent program!
- Very well organized program!
- Superb!
- Excellent! Grandma Joyce very inspiring!
- Conference was very good!
- My first time here and very impressed with set-up, people involved, tables wonderful!
- Dr. Stern was the clearest presenter on the disease that has presented in the past 4 years. He's effective, clear, and impressive.
- Excellent presentations – very informative
- Veggies, fruit for people that don't eat meat