

Health Equity Rounds: A case-based format to identify personal and system-level bias in the clinical encounter

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Introduction

- HER provides a forum for review of cases in which patient outcome or satisfaction was impacted by implicit bias or social determinants of health
- Participants engage in self-reflection, perspective taking, and discussion to identify personal biases, structural inequalities, and strategies to deliver high-quality, equitable care

Methods

 Pediatrics hosted HER as part of their Chair's Clinical Conference series, a monthly case-based didactic conference, which is open to all faculty, trainees, and staff within the department

Figure 1: Conference Format



- The first conference explored the role of implicit bias in delayed diagnosis of an abdominal mass in an obese Hispanic boy
- The second highlighted the impact of cultural mistrust on parent-provider communication and parental compliance contributing to failure to thrive in a premature African-American infant

Results Figure 2: Conference Generated Word Cloud in Response to the Case-Based Prompt Below:

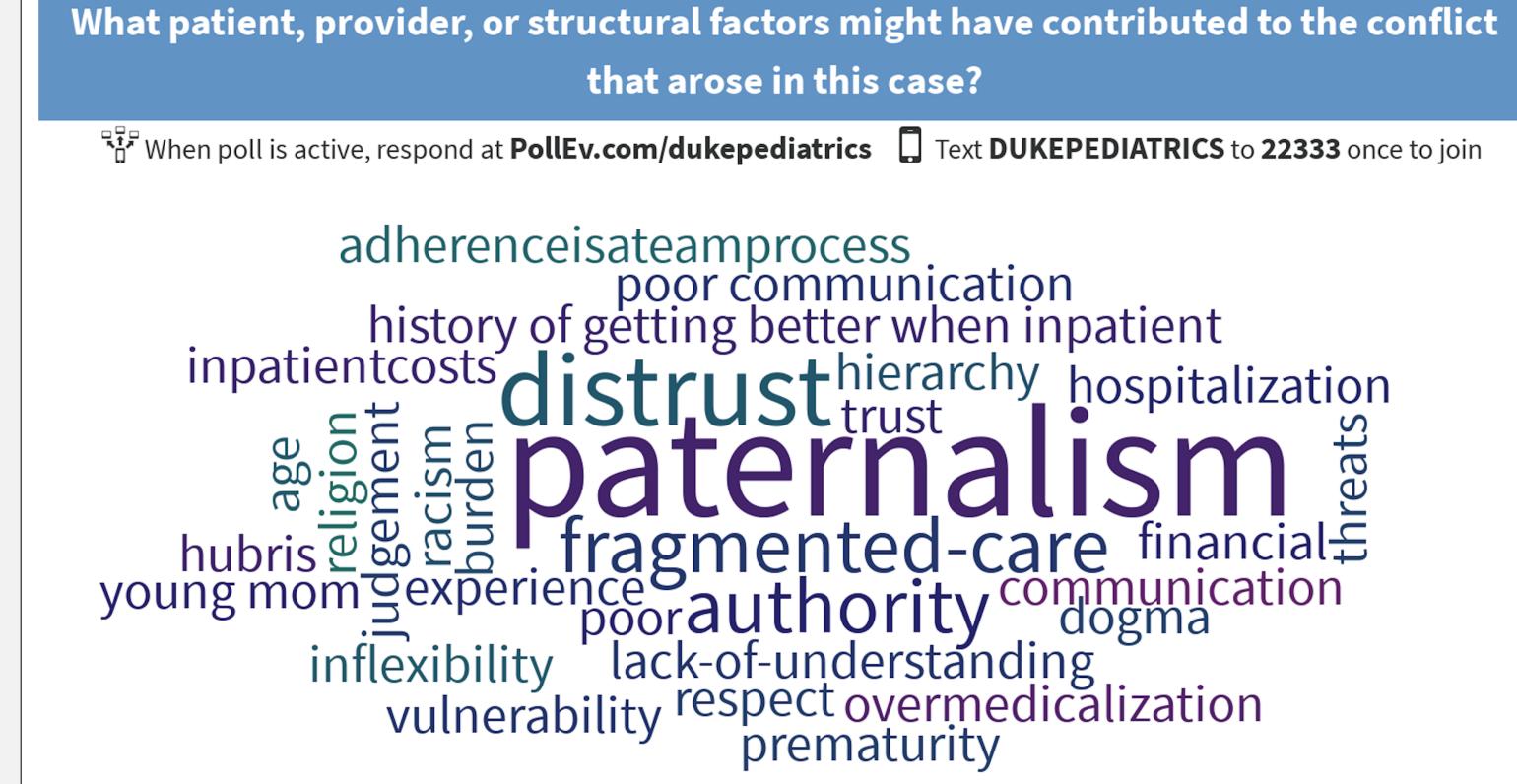
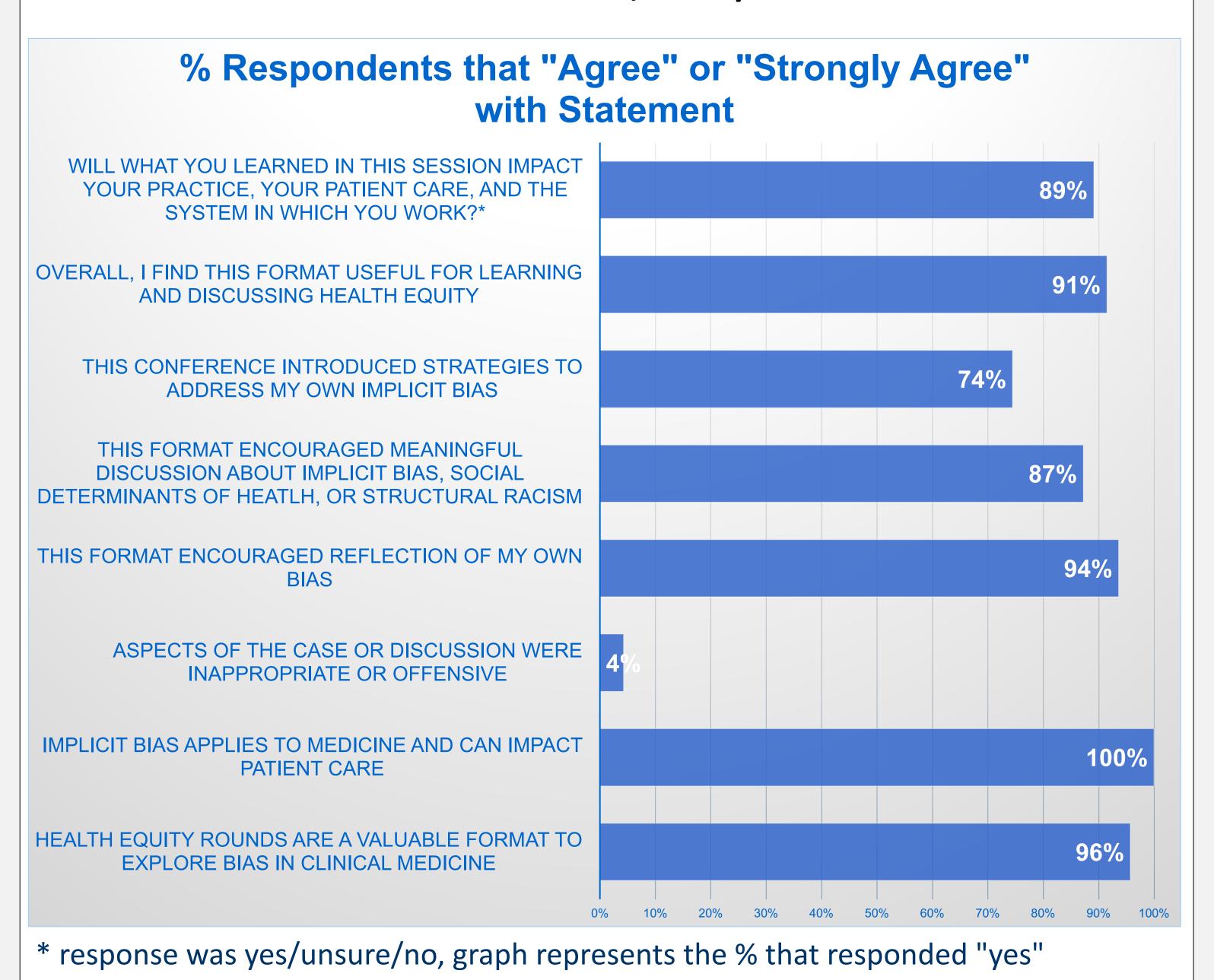


Table 1: Results of Conference Evaluation Survey (sessions 1 and 2 combined, n=47)



Results

- Two conferences have been held to date
- Approximately 90% said the conference would impact their practice, mostly by increasing awareness of personal bias
- Compared to other measures, fewer participants thought the conference introduced strategies to address implicit bias
- Future conferences can move from awareness to building tools to combat bias

Conclusions

- HER is an innovative format to encourage reflection and identification of personal and system-level biases within real clinical encounters
- Combined with other initiatives, this conference can increase personal awareness of bias and delivery of equitable care

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