

**Grant Number:**

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**Title, Date and Place of the Meeting:**

Hampton University Skin of Color Research Institute Symposium 2011: "From Bench to Bedside: Future Directions"; October 7 – 9, 2011; Hampton University and Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, VA.

**Program Directors:**

Valerie M. Harvey, MD and Meena Katdare, PHD

**Organization:**

Hampton University

**Summary:**

The HUSCRI Skin of Color Symposium 2011 From Bench to Bedside: Future Directions was held in Hampton, Virginia on October 7-9, 2011. The two-day symposium attracted numerous top-level researchers and physicians who are conducting breakthrough research both in the laboratory and for clinical application to prevent, diagnose and treat cutaneous disease in skin of color (see attachment for speaker list). One hundred nineteen registrants, nearly half of them M.D.s attended the symposium sessions with topics including Health Disparities in Skin of Color, Cutaneous Manifestations of Systemic Disease, Focus: Lupus Erythematosus, Keloids/Wound Healing, Melanocytic Disorders, Advanced Imaging and Optical properties of the skin, and Aging. A non-CME session highlighting the industry perspective was also included. A half day grant writing seminar, held on the campus of Hampton University, was targeted specifically to minority researchers.

Feedback gathered from attendees was very positive and some expressed that this symposium was unique in its focus on underlying science as well as clinical practice. 58% of responding participants described themselves as African American, Asian, Hispanic/Latino or Native American. Approximately 63% of participants were classified as either, MDs, PhDs or MD/PhDs. Based on data from evaluation summaries, 92-96% of participants who completed the evaluation reported that what they learned during this educational activity would positively impact their patient practice in areas of cultural competence, awareness of health disparities related to dermatology, applying latest research in treatment of keloids and wound healing, and recognition of pigmentary disorders. Respondents rated 25 of 27 presenters as excellent both in content of the presentation and in the usefulness of the material presented. Comments included "Presenters did great job of presenting latest trends without industry bias" and "The conference was refreshing.", and "This conference is very unique in its commitment to real science and therapies." The program directors are currently exploring several avenues to publish the proceedings from the symposium.

**Attachments:**

1. Agenda
2. List of speakers and their affiliations
3. Travel Award recipients
4. Poster Presentation List
5. Full Abstracts
6. Participants List