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7 The COVID-19 pandemic necessitated some changes to the IAFP's educational offerings in 2020. As
8 our Annual Convention was canceled, we planned a virtual Summer CME Series that took place
9 through August, September, and October (skipping AAFP Town Hall meeting nights). This free webinar
10 series helped members earn CME credit on hot topics, including COVID-19 focused Essential
11 Evidence presentations. Based on member feedback we planned short webinars that offered both live
12 and enduring AAFP CME Credit to suit busy family physicians' schedules. The webinars drew about
13 30-40 members each.
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15 We hosted our third annual fall CME event in a virtual format (using Zoom) in November of 2020. We
16 offered IAFP/AAFP members a variety of CME topics including the popular rapid-fire Essential
17 Evidence program. This section of the program included two hours of COVID-19 updates. Attendees
18 could earn up to 13 AAFP Live Prescribed CME Credits over the course of the Conference. We had
19 about 60 registrants for this event and evaluations were positive. The virtual format worked well.
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21 On March 27, 2021 we offered a Virtual ABFM KSA Study Group on Palliative Care to help members
22 with their board review journey. Registrants earned 10 ABFM Certification Points and 8 AAFP
23 Prescribed CME credits following successful completion. Cindy Meneghini, MD, led our group through
24 the 60-question Knowledge Self-Assessment (KSA) with other family physicians in a fast paced, group
25 discussion format. We reported the group's answers to the ABFM. This program was limited to the first
26 12 members who registered. The small group format worked very well and was an interesting contrast
27 to the Virtual KSAs we've offered in the past in partnership with other state chapters, which have had
28 over 100 participants.
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30 In the spring of 2021, we offered more virtual education in the form of a free webinar series to help
31 provide members with CME on hot topics. In February and March, the popular Essential Evidence
32 faculty returned with two 60-minute sessions devoted to the latest COVID-19 studies. The sessions
33 covered diagnosis & testing, drug treatment, and vaccines. Later in March, the IAFP offered two free
34 virtual opioid education options that offered AAFP CME credit and fulfilled the Indiana opioid education
35 mandate. Indianapolis family physician Charles Platz, MD, discussed the opioid abuse crisis and what
36 family physicians can do to help. The first hour focused on chronic pain and opioid prescribing, with the
37 second hour looking at addictions with a focus on the role of buprenorphine in the primary care office.
38 The recordings are posted on our website for any FPs who may need to earn opioid education credits
39 this year.
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41 The Commission on Education held a conference call on the evening of March 15, 2021. Discussion
42 items included a review of attendance and evaluations from our virtual programs in 2020 and a format
43 discussion for 2021's Convention. We discussed ideas for 2021's Fall Conference based on recent
44 Needs Assessments. The '21 Fall Conference is in the planning stages and will feature a special
45 Friday morning Sleep Health workshop as well as various hands-on CME workshops.
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47 As always, the Commission bases its decisions on IAFP member CME Needs Assessments and
48 member comments from previous CME events. Our goal is to meet our members' educational needs in
49 as efficient a manner as possible.
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