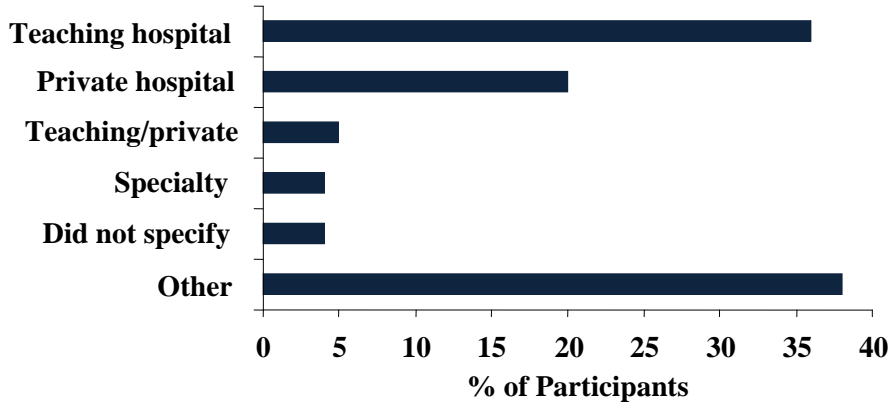


TSHP Post-Activity Report

The Texas SHP 62nd Annual Seminar was held from April 9-11 at the Moody Gardens Hotel in Galveston, Texas and was attended by nearly 600 members who participated in a variety of programs.

The **Zero Tolerance for HAIs** program was held as a lunch symposium on Friday, April 9 as part of the TSHP official programming and was attended by 140 participants. This was the second consecutive year that the **Zero Tolerance** program was held at the Texas SHP Annual Seminar and allowed attendees the opportunity for sequential learning on the topic of HAIs. The focus in the 2009 program was resistance and antimicrobial stewardship. This year's program was designed to assist pharmacists to take the next step in managing HAIs in order to ensure quality improvement and patient safety.

Participant Demographics: Practice Setting



"I'm in retail but this information is very important and educational for patient safety and quality of care!"
TSHP Member

Faculty presentations by Dr. Conan MacDougall and Dr. Scott Micek discussed the challenges of emerging resistance by Gram-positive and Gram-negative organisms and highlighted strategies pharmacists can use in the clinical setting to address these challenges.

"ESBLs and KPCs are spreading throughout the US and, for KPCs, we don't have effective agents either now or in the immediate future."

Conan MacDougall

"When considering infections caused by Gram-negative pathogens, this becomes more of a problem compared to Gram-positive infections because we don't have as many effective agents. We must implement strategies, such as combination therapy or new dosing schemes, when tackling these infections."

Scott Micek

Clinical Skills Workshop

Following the faculty presentations, Dr. Richard Drew led the audience through a detailed case study in order to translate the information from the presentations into clinical practice. The ensuing interactive discussion allowed constructive feedback between the faculty and the audience on how they would handle clinical decisions during the case.

"Keep on providing this educational opportunity for Pharmacists. Thank you!"

"Thank you for this presentation - got us thinking"

Antimicrobial Stewardship Meeting

During the final part of the program, the audience was able to witness a simulated Antimicrobial Stewardship Meeting by the faculty. This gave the attendees a chance to see how these "back-room" discussions can help pave the way to implementing important stewardship policies at institutions.

As quoted by one of the faculty after the program, *"This is a unique approach since it is important to understand both the formal and informal process of implementing new policies at hospitals. At each stage of this process, communication among all involved in policy-making is key."*