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Background and Objectives

•The University of Iowa College of Pharmacy and Hardin Library for the Health Sciences are considering creating online training modules for pharmacy preceptors which cover the effective and efficient use of library and information resources.

•As a first step, we conducted a needs assessment survey to determine which resources preceptors are using and what other training they are receiving on information resources and concepts.

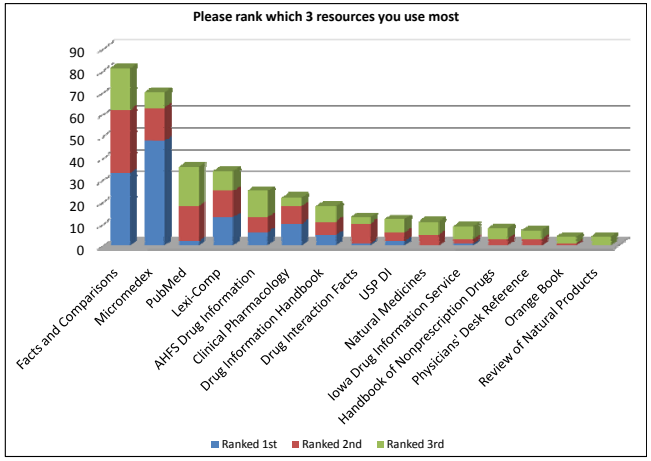
Methods

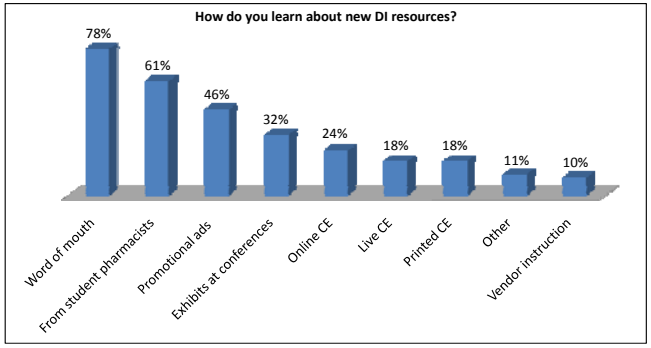
•23-question online survey consisting of multiple-choice and fill-in-the-blank questions.

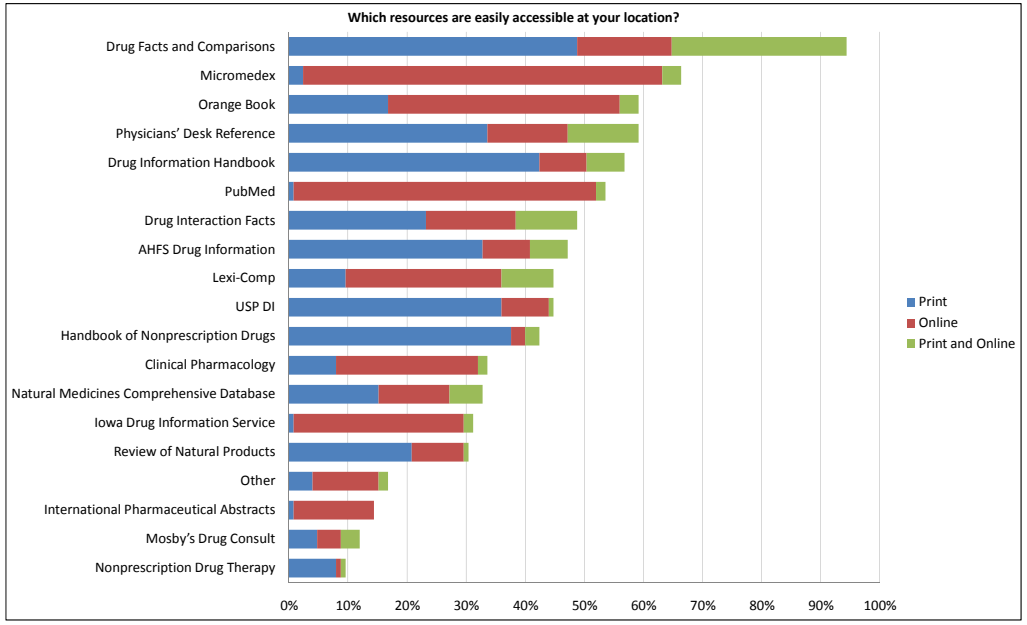
•Survey e-mailed to approximately 500 preceptors affiliated with the College of Pharmacy in May, 2007.

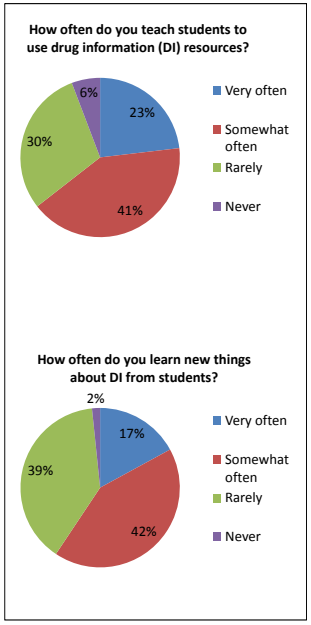
•125 responses received (25% response rate).

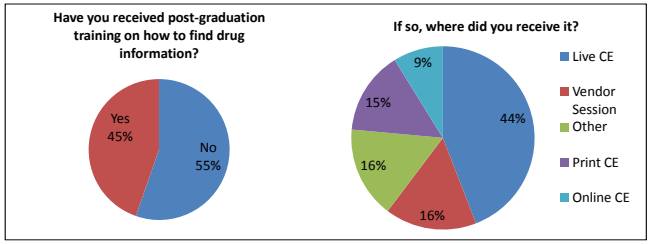
Results

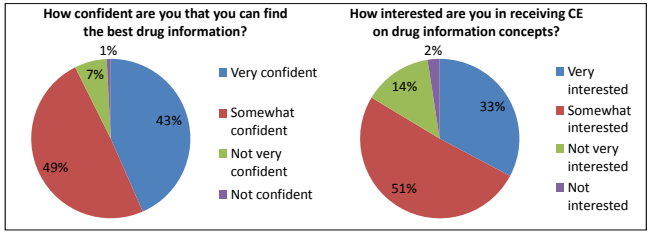












Future Directions

•Design of the online resource- and concept-focused training modules will begin Summer, 2008. CE credit for participation is being investigated.

•We have applied for an NLM Knowledge Management and Applied Informatics grant to expand the training to include preceptors in medicine and nursing and to create a customized portal which would include search tools and focused resource lists along with the training modules.