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### PDM Hosts CME Program on Anxiety Depressive Disorders

On October 10, 2001, The PDM Healthcare Educational Institute hosted "Recognizing and Treating Anxiety and Depressive Disorders," a CME program focusing on the diagnosis and treatment options for a variety of mental health conditions. The seminar was held at Windows on the River, one of Cleveland's most popular dining establishments, and was attended by over 100 physicians, pharmacists, nurses, and other healthcare professionals.

The evening's presentation was given by Dr. John M. Sorboro, Chairperson of the Department of Psychiatry at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio. Dr. Sorboro should be a familiar face to many of PDM's members as he also conducted a CME program at PDM's first annual healthcare expo, PDM Healthcare Expo 2001. According to Ms. Irene Jurca, "Dr. Sorboro's lecture was one of the best seminars held at the Expo. Our audience truly enjoyed his interactive presentation, and many of our members requested that he conduct future educational seminars. We are of course thrilled that such a highly qualified, respected physician is continuing to be a part of PDM's educational initiatives."

The evening started with introductory remarks from Mr. Ash Chawla, MS, RPh, PDM's Chairman and CEO, who offered initial background statistical information on Anxiety and Depression.

PDM thanks all attendees and especially those who contributed generously to the Fund for America's Recovery on that day. As your Group Purchasing Organization, PDM constantly strives to bring you the best and most cost-effective programs and products. It is a great testimony to the American patriotic spirit that some of our members have given part of this savings to a truly worthy cause.

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