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Closing Remarks

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Just a couple closing remarks. I wanted to just say thank you to everyone for attending these two days, and on behalf of all of my colleagues at CMS, we hope that you found this very useful. We really tried to work and put together a very robust couple of days for everyone. We appreciate all of the, you know, interactive activities we've had. You provided some really great feedback for us. We do work within CMS to provide positive solutions, so we invite you to continue to provide those to us, in any fashion that you can. We do take all of those suggestions and try and implement or take our own ideas and try and find what will work best, to keep on improving the Pace program and the--I was going to say patients--participants that we serve.

On that note, I just want to say a couple of thank yous while I'm up here, and I don't know why I'm so nervous. This is almost over. But I would like to actually recognize--and I hope they're still in the room--the planning team that put this together. It's very, very difficult sometimes to get this all together, and they all really deserve some recognition. So I'd like to actually thank--I don't want to miss anyone, so I have my Oscar speech here. We've got Region One, I want to say thank you to Jane Taylor, Dick Singer, and Matt Stall, and in Region Two I'd like to say a special thank you to Colleen Hughes. In Region Three, Matt Bebbo, Peggy Cochazenko and M.J. Spuler, and I'd like to give a special, special thank you to our sweet little intern, Rachel Carrie, who scouted out this site, which I we can all agree I think was a beautiful site, so hopefully your ears are ringing, and I'll send her an e-mail later to thank her, and to Anne Marie Anderson and mostly to Kate. I feel like they're my kids, I'm going to cry--Kate (inaudible). You know, you guys really stepped it up and really worked to get this done. I know it's been frustrating at times, but it's turned out terrific so I want to say thank you.

So I want to give them all a round of applause. I'd also like to say a special thank you to Jill Swanski. You out there, Jill? You are the perfect moderator, thank you so much. And thank you to all of the speakers who we've requested, and you all graciously stepped up to the plate. I know that it's very time consuming and nerve-wracking to sit up here, and the things that you've shared have been very valuable. So thank you, we do appreciate that. And then again, to all of our guests, thank you. We had--attendance was over 236. That speaks volumes, that people really want to hear this information. It's important, and hopefully we've provided you with some good information to go back with and continue to move through these programs.

So just thank you. There are some more snacks out there, and all of you have safe travels.