Concept Maps As Network Data

Applying Social Network Analysis to a Network of Ideas

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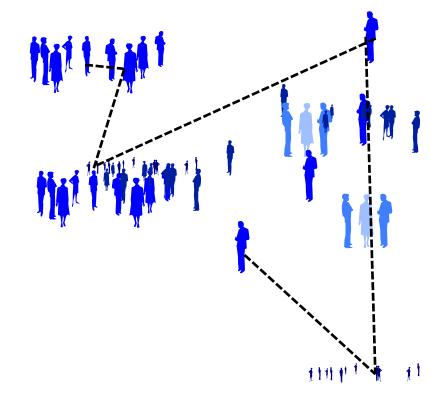
Concept mapping

What does a group of people think about an issue, a problem, an opportunity?



Social Network Analysis

How does a thought (or other things) travel among a group of people?



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Data elements

Matrix of sorting data

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	10	2	3	6	0	2	1	0	10	0
2	2	10	2	1	0	10	2	8	2	2
3	3	2	10	3	2	2	2	2	1	2
4	6	1	3	10	0	1	0	2	4	0
5	0	0	2	0	10	0	0	0	0	9
6	2	10	2	1	0	10	3	3	2	1
7	1	2	2	0	0	3	10	2	0	2
8	0	8	2	2	0	3	2	10	0	1
9	10	2	1	4	0	2	0	0	10	0
10	0	2	2	0	9	1	2	1	0	10

Item cluster membership

	CLU5	
1		1
2 3 4 5 6		2
3		1
4		3
5		4
6		2
7		4
8		2
9		3 4 2 4 2 5 4
10		4

Item x,y coordinates

	DIM1	DIM2
1	0.542326033115387	0.385941505432129
2	0.225024715065956	-0.703442990779877
3	0.662457406520844	0.316630721092224
4	0.221995964646339	0.211212575435638
5	-0.374371707439423	-0.454587280750275
6	-0.020222516730427 7	-0.645235419273376
7	-0.754471182823181	-0.269502848386765
8	0.126232028007507	-0.583325505256653
9	-0.263070911169052	0.632656157016754
10	-0.400508970022202	-0.605298221111298

Concept Mapping *

WHY

- Complex issue
- Multiple perspectives
- Need for shared understanding
- Leads to diverse thinking and open innovation

PROCESS

- Focus
- Participants
- Ideas
- Unstructured sorting
- Multivariate Analysis
- Interpretation

* Concept mapping

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The Project

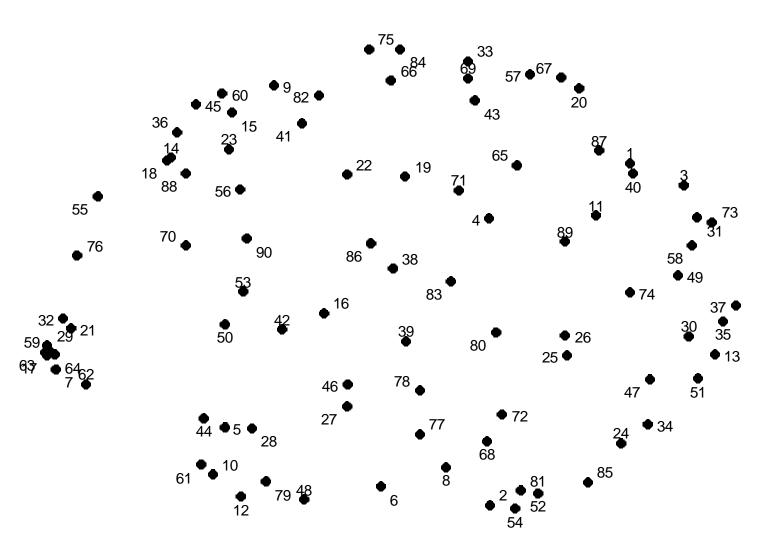
Focus

 To reflect our role as the leader in child health and a global education destination Pediatric Grand Rounds must...

Idea Generation

- Participants
 - CME committee
 - Physician Leaders
 - Residents
 - Fellows
 - Community Physicians
 - PGR attendees Live event and online
 - PGR non-attendees
- Results
 - Generated 187 expectations
 - Design team reviewed to eliminate redundancies, edited for consistency and create a representative sample of 90 ideas
- Sorting Twenty two participants organized the 90 ideas into themes.
- Analysis Multivariate statistical analysis to map the ideas and identify the themes
- Network Analysis

Multidimensional Scaling* to map the ideas

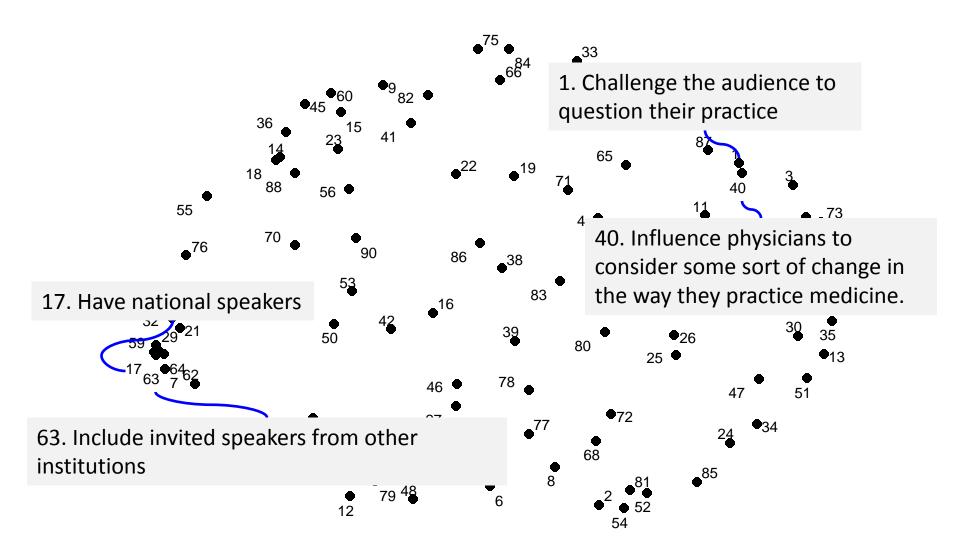


* SMACOF procedure for MDS using R

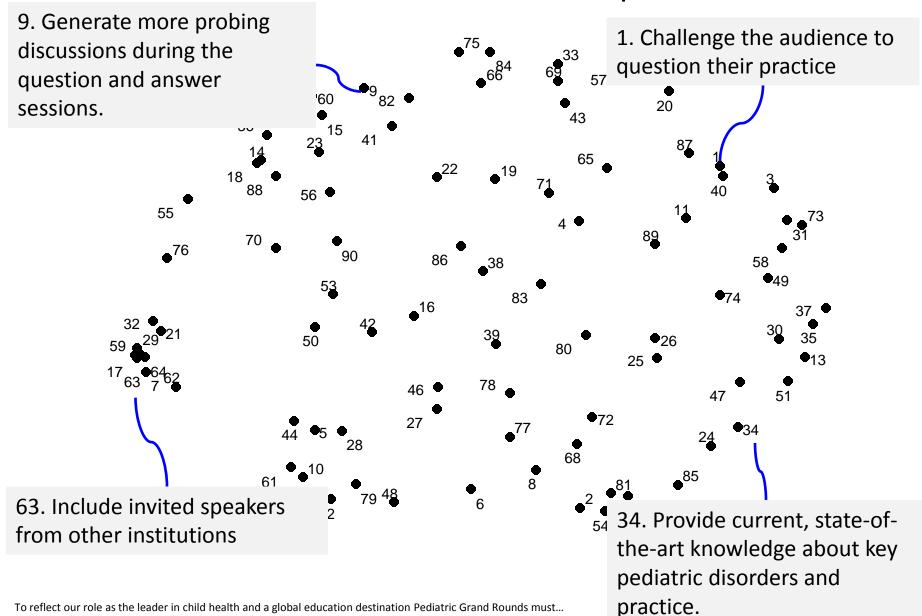
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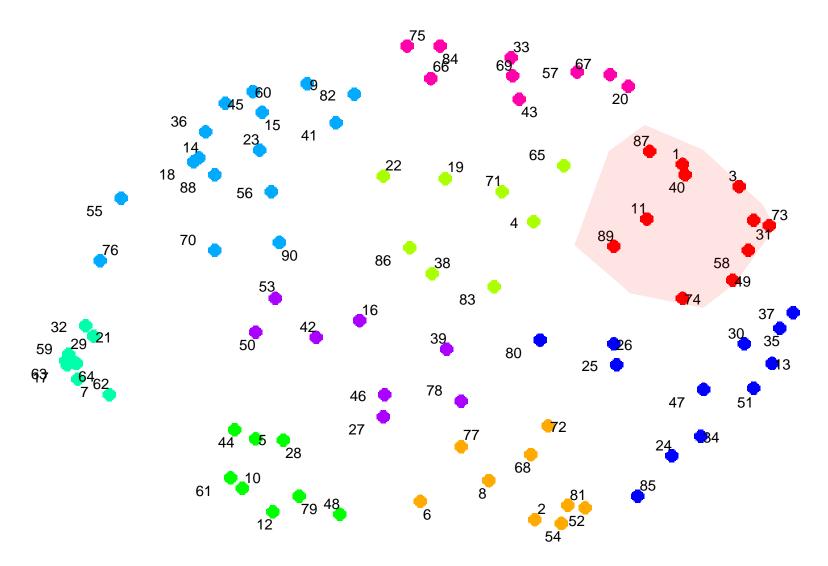
Similar ideas are close together and ...



... different ideas are far apart.



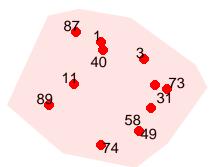
Similar ideas coalesce into themes*



^{*} Cluster Analysis partitions the space based on x,y coordinates

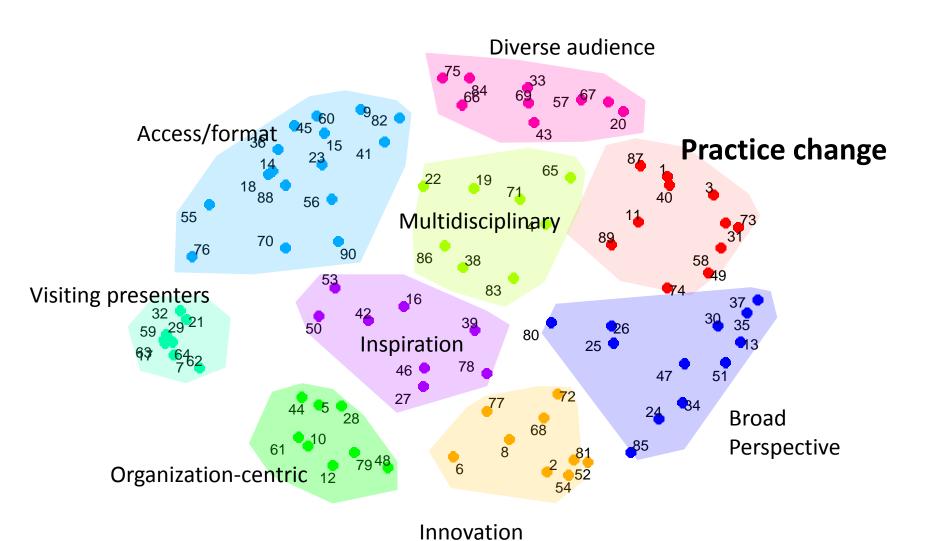
Each cluster is composed of multiple related ideas

- 1. Challenge the audience to question their practice
- 3. Provide a forum for topics of child health and education that are relevant to organization and to the community at large.
- 11. Provide an alternative format that includes dissemination of information of interest to the general pediatrician such as the infectious agents are currently being detected which could then be followed by a brief presentation.
- 31. Maintain contact with the pediatric community that supports the hospital by presenting topics important to that group
- 40. Influence physicians to consider some sort of change in the way they practice medicine.
- 49. Cover comprehensive reviews of pediatric topics with high impact
- 58. Provide the primary care physician in the trenches with information that is useful "in the trenches", for example, we don't necessarily need to know how surgeries are done, but when to refer to the specialist for a specific condition.
- 73. Cover a wide range of topics that are pertinent to the practicing general pediatrician.
- 74. Present topics that enable the pediatricians to survive in a changing healthcare landscape.
- 87. Stimulate the audience to make changes in their practice, for instance a recent grand rounds on autism helped me to see that my usual cheery entrance into an exam room may threaten a sensitive child 89. Cover topics that call for community and
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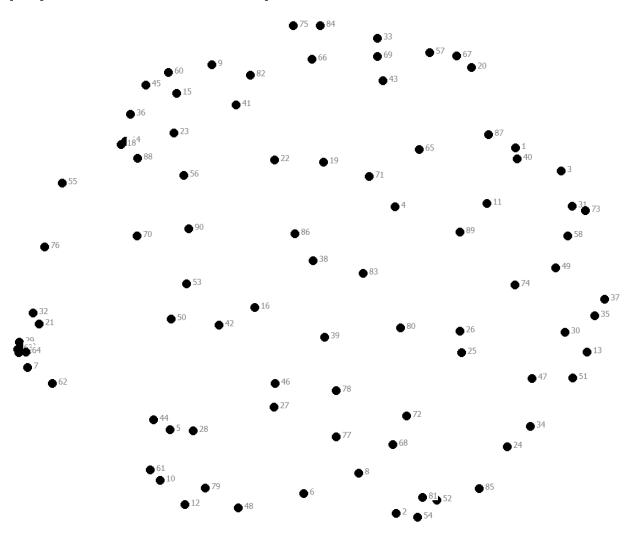


- Change in Practice
- Importance to the Primary Care Physician
- Impact on Primary Care

Naming the cluster creates a shared mental model through a common language



Apply network analysis to a network of ideas *

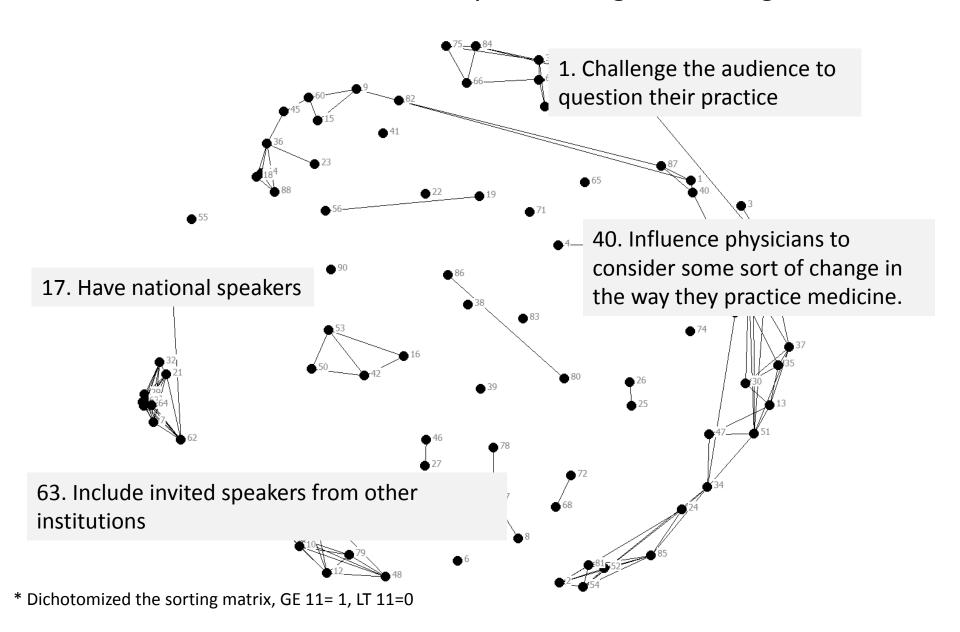


* Software

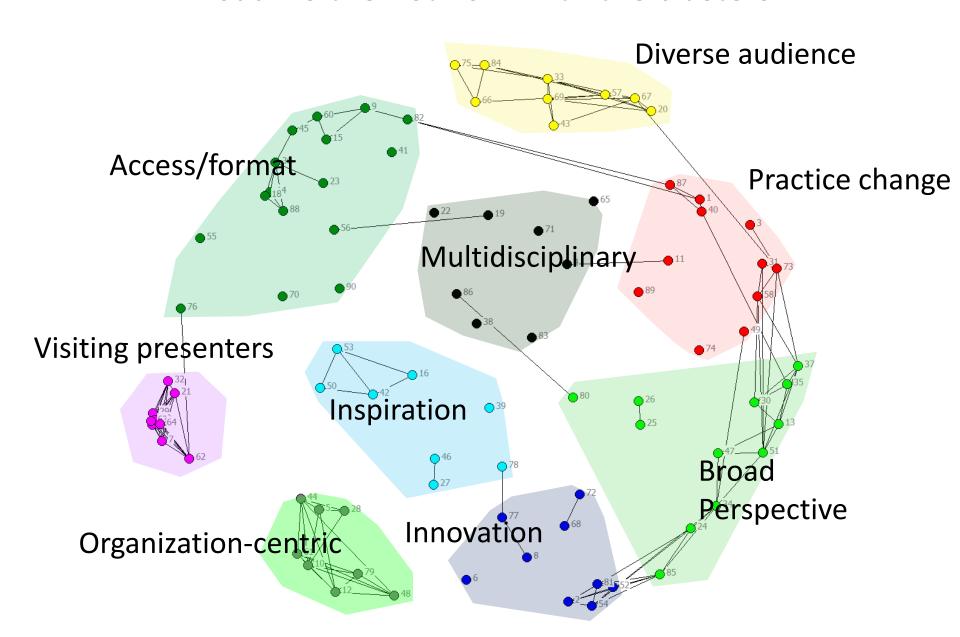
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Visualize the network of ideas by examining the sorting of ideas*



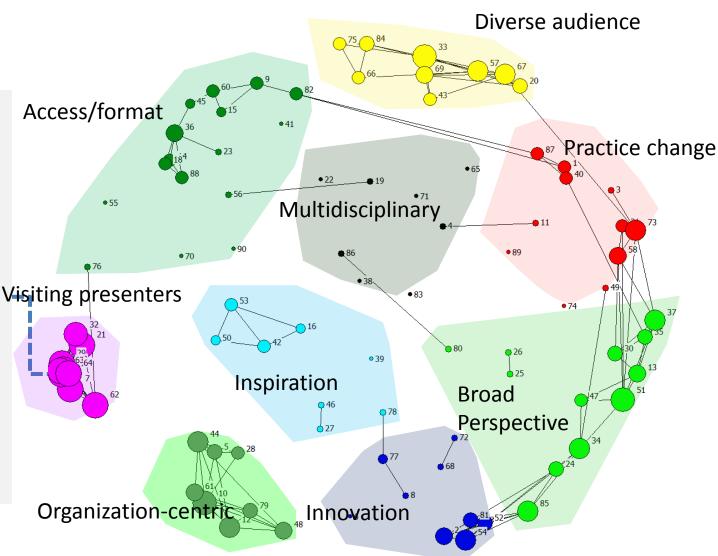
Visualize the network with the clusters



Degree centrality across the map*

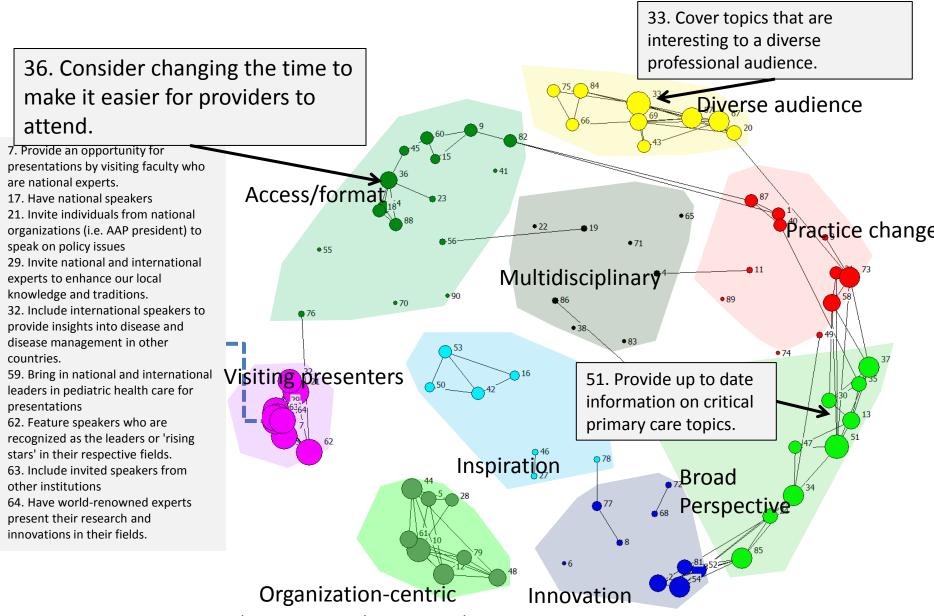
Visiting Presenters

- 7. Provide an opportunity for presentations by visiting faculty who are national experts.
- 17. Have national speakers
- 21. Invite individuals from national organizations (i.e. AAP president) to speak on policy issues
- 29. Invite national and international experts to enhance our local knowledge and traditions.
- 32. Include international speakers to provide insights into disease and disease management in other countries.
- 59. Bring in national and international leaders in pediatric health care for presentations
- 62. Feature speakers who are recognized as the leaders or 'rising stars' in their respective fields.
- 63. Include invited speakers from other institutions
- 64. Have world-renowned experts present their research and innovations in their fields.



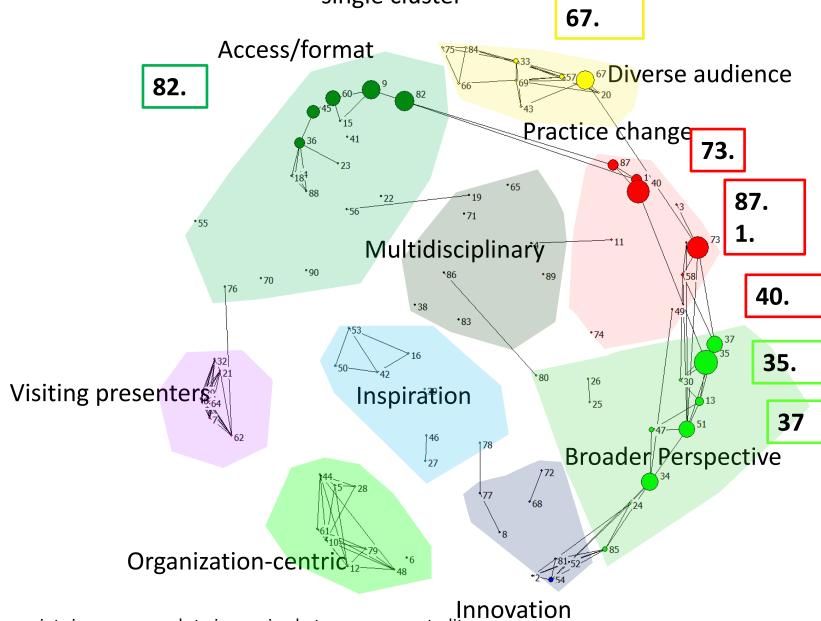
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Degree centrality within a cluster



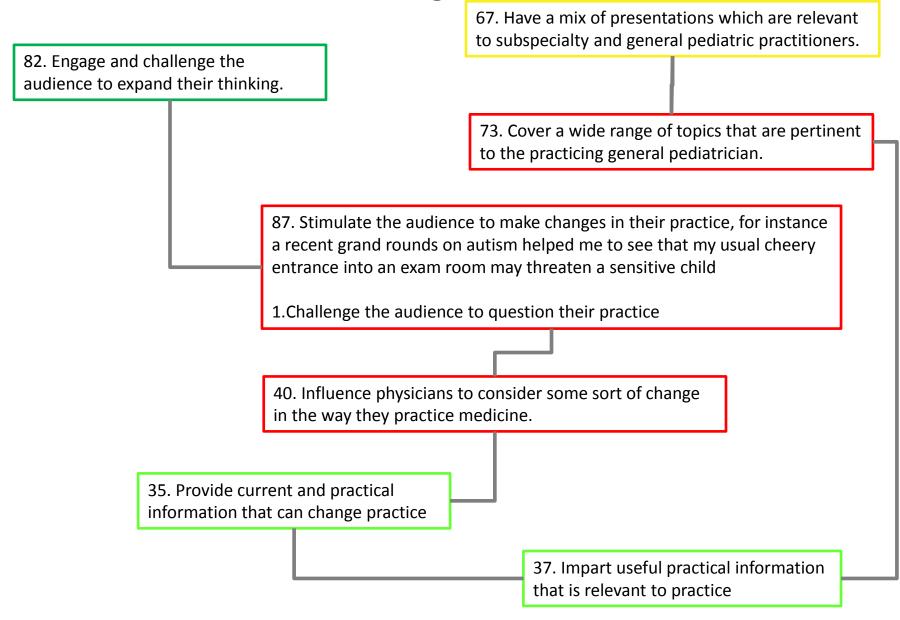
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Betweenness Centrality* illustrates emergent concepts not contained in a single cluster

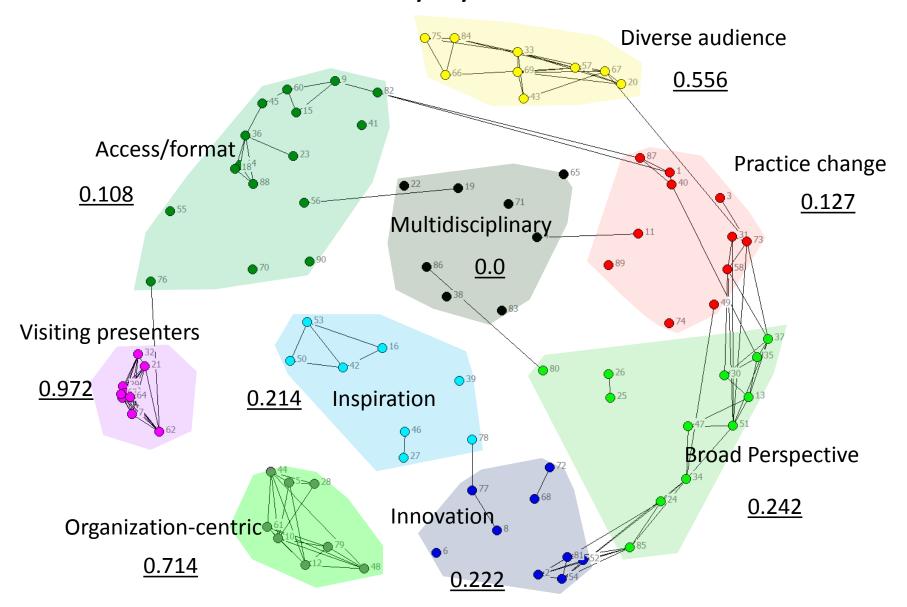


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Connected ideas with high betweenness centrality



Understanding the cohesion of ideas in a cluster Density by cluster





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