Call for Abstracts

The Canadian Patient Safety Institute invites you to submit an abstract for a poster presentation at Canada’s Forum on Patient Safety and Quality Improvement being hosted in Toronto, Ontario at the Westin Harbour Castle on April 28-30, 2009.

With the increasing national and international focus on patient safety, the need for a broad forum for learning has been identified. Canada’s Forum on Patient Safety and Quality Improvement will provide multiple learning streams with a national and international flavour. The program for the forum will provide opportunity for a variety of professionals to participate, including, but not limited to, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, health care providers, educators, leaders, researchers and board members.

With the key message of patient safety and quality improvement, the forum will:

- Focus on the needs and expectations of front-line practitioners and decision-makers;
- Appeal to a broad multi-disciplinary audience;
- Be focused on learning and skill development;
- Include topics that cross the continuum of care.

CPSI is seeking poster presentations that will contribute to new insights within the areas of focus of the forum and we invite everyone from across the country to submit.

Abstract Areas of Focus

The streams for the forum will fall under the following areas:

- Applied Learning
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Medication Safety
- Patients and Family Involvement
- Patient Safety in Physician Practice
- Technology and Patient Safety
Instructions for Abstract Submission

Submitting your Abstract

Please follow the instructions below to submit an abstract for the forum:
- Go to - http://www.f2fe.com/cpsi-postercall

Complete the information on the site including:
- Identify which area of focus the abstract relates to
- Identify the poster presenter(s) that will be onsite at the event
- Enter the text for the abstract (must be 250 words or less)

The text for the abstract should incorporate the following areas:
- Purpose
- Innovations
- Conclusions

There is no limit to the number of abstracts author(s) may submit or that may be accepted from a given author or group of authors. Submissions must identify the presenting author(s).

Authors and organizations must not appear in the text of the abstract to allow for blind peer review. Do not include tables, figures, diagrams, footnotes/references, and acknowledgments. As this forum will attract many disciplines, the use of specialty jargon in the abstract should be avoided. Abbreviations should only be used after first defining the term in full.

Abstracts must be submitted in English however posters may be presented in either English or French.

Evaluation Criteria for Abstract

Using a blind review process, the Review Committee will assess poster abstracts using the following criteria:
- The proposed poster presentation is relevant to patient safety and/or quality improvement and is aligned with the areas of focus identified in the Call for Abstracts;
- The content of the abstract provides new insight and/or knowledge;
- The proposed poster presentation is innovative and/or original;
- The proposed poster presentation has sufficient detail explaining what will be addressed and is well organized;
- The proposed poster presentation will be of significant interest to conference delegates.

Accepted abstracts will be published in the forum program which will be distributed to delegates and made available electronically on the CPSI web site following the event.

Acceptance as a Poster Presenter

Please note the following information:
- Poster presenters will be expected to have their poster displayed at the forum for the duration of the event;
- Designated times for poster presentations will be identified to poster presenters following the review of the abstracts;
- Poster presenters will be provided with a 4x6 foot poster board at the forum to accommodate their entire poster presentation;
- Poster presenters must register for the forum. All presenters are responsible for their own expenses to attend the forum (i.e. hotel, travel, registration etc).

Deadlines

Call for Abstracts Opens: October 27, 2008
Abstract Submission Deadline: December 1, 2008
Results Notification: January 15, 2009

We look forward to receiving your abstract submission.

For any questions regarding this abstract submission process, please contact the Conference Secretariat at:

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