2019 American Conference on Physician Health – Call for abstracts

Submissions accepted from December 10, 2018 to March 29, 2019

Authors are invited to submit abstracts for consideration as part of the 2019 American Conference on Physician Health (ACPH). “Activating health system change to promote physician well-being” is this year’s conference theme, which focuses on structuring an organization (i.e., hospitals, health systems, practices, clinics) so that it contributes to, rather than detracts from, physician well-being. Please keep this theme in mind when preparing your abstract and presentation. The conference will showcase research and initiatives into the infrastructure of the health care system and what organizations can do to help combat burnout and promote well-being. The conference will provide a forum for practitioners and researchers to present recent findings, innovative methods and support systems, and educational programs in the area of physicians’ health. The friendly and informal conference environment promotes networking, exchange of experience and information, and leisure activity focused on staying healthy.

We are particularly interested in abstracts that identify solutions that organizations can implement and/or best practices that can be utilized by others to achieve joy in medicine, which we define as a fundamental redesign of medical practice to restore the healing relationships among patients, physicians, and health care systems. It also includes a high level of physician work-life balance, a low level of burnout and a feeling that medical practice is fulfilling.

Three presentation formats are invited:

- **Poster presentations:** Written presentation of research. Presentations will allow for discussion between the author and interested parties in an informal setting. **Handouts are encouraged** and presenters are responsible for producing their own poster. Each poster will be displayed throughout the conference. and PDFs of the poster will be available on the ACPH website post-conference.

- **Oral presentations:** Short oral presentations grouped into related sessions. Three presentations will be shown during a given session, with each presenter allowed 20 minutes. A ten-minute Q&A with all three presenters will conclude the session. **PowerPoint presentations are mandatory and handouts are encouraged**.

- **Workshop presentations:** Interactive sessions, experience presentations and program descriptions that are designed to improve skills and knowledge among those working in the area of physicians’ health. **Straight lectures are not acceptable.** Subject matter is open but should be designed to address specific topical issues related to activating health system change to promote physician well-being. Workshops should have an emphasis on interactive learning can be research or non-research based, and will be 60 minutes with the last 10-15 minutes reserved for panel questions and discussion. When submitting an abstract for a workshop, the submitter will need to identify the approximate length in minutes. **Handouts are encouraged.** These presentations may also offer you an opportunity to further your work. Our varied audience of professionals interested in all aspects of physician’s health may provide you with the focus group or feedback you need.

*PowerPoint presentations are encouraged for oral and workshop presentations and standard equipment (e.g., LCD projector, screen, audio-video connections) will be available at the conference. Provisions of any non-standard presentation equipment needed will be provided by the presenter at their expense.

**In order to ensure blind review, do not include any author names on the abstract itself or on any of the supporting materials.
Submit your abstract(s) in one of two categories:

- **Research (oral or poster)** submissions will be evaluated with consideration given to the following criteria:
  - Scientific merit
  - Quality
  - Original contribution to knowledge
  - Relevance to audience and conference theme

The abstract should clearly outline the purpose/relevance, materials, methods, results, conclusions and alignment with the conference theme.

- **Workshop submissions** must include interactive sessions, presentations and program descriptions, including an interactive, hands-on nature of the session and the author’s plan to involve the audience throughout the session. These submissions should include handouts, tools or media that will be used during the session, as well as the purpose and nature of the interactive portion(s). These submissions will be evaluated with consideration given to the following criteria (research and non-research workshops considered):
  - Originality
  - Relevance to audience and conference theme
  - Quality (identify methods of delivery, including group work, design of the workshop and expected outcomes. For program descriptions, please indicate if the program has been evaluated, the nature of the evaluation and what was concluded from the evaluation)

All submissions must be 400 words or fewer and should identify:

- Project objective/background
- Methods/approach (if applicable)
- Results (if applicable)
- Conclusion (if applicable)
- Three learning objectives or goals (i.e., participants will be able to…)
- Session plan and timeline (workshop only)
- Session description (workshop only)

*Note: Please upload a word document of your abstract using the ACPH 2019 abstract template. The 400 words does not include the title/objectives.*

All abstracts will undergo a blind review. In order to ensure blind review, please do not include any author or institutional names in the abstract itself or in any of the supporting materials. However, please list all authors on the abstract submission form. All correspondence will be directed to the corresponding/submitting author only.

Online submission information can be found on the conference website, which can be accessed at www.physician-wellbeing-conference.org. Submissions for all abstracts must be made electronically on the abstract submission form, available online at the ACPH Abstract Submission website.

**Submissions must be received by March 29, 2019 (11:59 p.m. Central Time).** Corresponding authors will be notified by early May 2019 as to whether their abstract was accepted or not.

**PLEASE NOTE:** For all accepted abstracts, only one registration slot (for the corresponding author/submitter) will be held per abstract, at the “Presenter” rate, regardless of the number of authors. Additional authors are advised to register individually and early to secure their spot.

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