

ABSTRACTS FOR SYMPOSIA MUST BE SUBMITTED IN THE FORMAT SHOWN BELOW:

Symposium Proposal

Symposia provide an avenue for participants to organize a discussion focused around a specific theme. The theme can be either substantive (e.g., women's health, alternative medicine, geriatric medicine) or methodological (e.g., risk adjustment, quality measurement), or presentations of alternative viewpoints about significant topics. A symposium must include a convener, who is responsible for organizing the symposium, and at least three participants, who will be responsible for presentations. The symposium overview should identify the theme, the relevance and timeliness of the theme, and the relationships of the three presentations to the theme. Include the following:

Symposium Abstract Requirements

1. Up to three (3) key words, identifying the major subject of the symposium.
2. A 2-3 page overview statement.
3. A description of the session's format.
4. A 1 page synopsis of each presentation. Presentations that report empirical studies should use the Structured Abstract format shown above.
5. A signed statement from each participant showing agreement to participate and their assurance that their presentation will be ready in time for the conference. Please provide name, address, phone, fax, and e-mail for each participant.
6. Papers are not required for symposia participation, but are encouraged.



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YOUR ABSTRACT BY **NOVEMBER 2, 2009**

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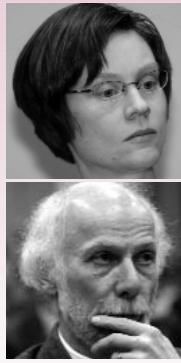
Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Call For Abstracts

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The Fourteenth Annual Health Services Research Conference will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at the Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul Campus, University of Minnesota, St. Paul. The purpose of this event is to bring together Minnesota's health services research community for a day of scholarly presentations and discussions. François Sainfort, from the Division of Health Policy and Management at the University of Minnesota, is the coordinator of this year's conference and Elizabeth Murphy of the National Marrow Donor Program is this year's honorary chairperson.

The 2010 conference theme is Accountable Health Care. The keynote speaker is Rachel Werner, MD, PhD. Dr Werner is an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and Core Investigator with the VA HSR&D Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion (CHERP). Dr. Werner is a recipient of Academy Health's dissertation award and Alice S. Hersch New Investigator Award. Dr. Werner's research seeks to understand the role of quality improvement initiatives on provider behavior, the organization of health care, racial disparities, and overall health care quality. Her work was among the first to recognize that public reporting of quality information may worsen racial disparities. She will discuss accountability in health care.

Call for Abstracts

The conference sessions will be organized around themes reflecting the abstracts received. We hope that this will help ensure that the sessions cover the areas of greatest interest and relevance to the Minnesota health services research community. **Abstracts must be received by Monday, November 2, 2009** and be provided in one of the formats shown below. Abstract writers will be notified of acceptance or rejection by mid-December 2009. **There is a Student Paper Competition with a \$500 first prize and \$250 second prize. For details on this competition, see http://www.hpm.umn.edu/events/14th_hsr/MS_HSR_Student_Paper_Competition_Final.pdf**

We encourage submission of abstracts in health services research, which is "a multi-disciplinary field of inquiry, both basic and applied, that examines the use, costs, quality, accessibility, delivery, organization, financing, and outcomes of health care services to increase knowledge and understanding of the structure, processes, and effects of health services for individuals and populations" (Field, M.J., Tranquada, R.R. and Feasley, J.C. 1995. *Health Services Research: Work Force and Educational Issues*. Washington, D.C.: National Academy Press. Page 3) (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nichsr/iHCM>).

Possible Topics

- Poverty and health
- Population health
- Organization and financing of health services
- Access to health care
- Practitioner, patient, and consumer behavior
- Quality of care
- Clinical evaluation
- Informatics and clinical decision making
- Health professions work force
- Community health and health care
- Optimizing practice through research
- Incentives and pay for performance
- Rural health
- Global health
- Performance measurement
- Quality measurement
- Long term care
- Outcomes research
- Medicare
- Medicaid
- Children's health
- Pharmacoeconomics
- Chronic disease management
- Accountable health care
- Prevention
- Geriatrics
- Clinical practice improvement
- Risk adjustment
- Patient and enrollee satisfaction
- Cost effectiveness/return on investment
- Health disparities
- Health care costs
- Patient safety
- Health insurance markets
- Health behaviors (obesity, tobacco, physical activity)
- Health literacy

We encourage you to consider other topics as well. If you are wondering whether a topic fits, contact François Sainfort (sainf001@umn.edu) to discuss your idea. **Please note that submissions are encouraged in the area of accountability in health care, the area of emphasis for this year's conference.**

Abstracts may be submitted for either research papers or for symposia. The research papers provide an avenue for individual researchers to present their current research. Symposia provide an avenue for participants to organize a discussion focused around a specific theme. The theme can be either substantive (e.g., women's health, alternative medicine, geriatric medicine) or methodological (e.g., risk adjustment, quality measurement). Symposia presenting alternative viewpoints, such as conservative and liberal, debating significant topics in health services research or health policy are encouraged. A symposium must include a convener, who is responsible for organizing the symposium, and at least three participants, who will be responsible for presentations. **All participants, including paper presenters and symposium participants must register for the conference and pay the registration fee.**

All submissions must include a **cover page** with the submission title, the submitter's name and contact information (address, telephone, fax, e-mail) and either a structured abstract or a symposium proposal. Symposia submissions must also include name and contact information for each participant on the cover page and signed letters of participation from each participant. **We use a blind review process, so provide identifying information only on the cover page.** Structured abstracts will be reviewed on the basis of the quality of the design, sample, methodology, and timeliness. Symposia will be reviewed on the basis of overall quality, timeliness, and relevance. Accepted abstracts will be printed in a booklet and distributed to conference attendees. E-mail submissions are encouraged (Word, WordPerfect, or PDF).

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Structured Abstract for Research Paper

Abstracts will not be returned to the authors. Each abstract should fit on two double-spaced pages and should include information under each of the following headings.

Objective (or Study Question). Provide a single partial sentence, beginning with the word "To" indicating the principal reason for the conduct of the study (e.g., "To test" a specific hypothesis or theory).

Data Sources/Study Setting. Provide a single partial sentence indicating whether primary or secondary data were collected and the time frame of the data collection. Descriptions of the study setting, with regard to both primary and secondary analyses (complete sentences) will help establish the generalizability of the findings.

Study Design. Describe succinctly (complete sentences) the general structure of the study approach, indicating whether the study involved an intervention, randomization of subjects, or particular diagnostic or therapeutic procedures, whether measures were taken at multiple points in time, and analytic methods (e.g., regression, qualitative analysis). Identify the key variables in the analysis.

Data Collection/Extraction Methods. Indicate in complete sentences the procedures used in assembling the data for the analyses.

Principal Findings. In complete sentences, focus on the most important observations from the data pertinent to the questions or issues identified.

Conclusions. Again in complete sentences, mention only those conclusions directly supported by the data from this particular study. Avoid speculative observations, but indicate the extent to which additional research may be required to address the central issues raised in the paper.

Implications for Practice or Policy. In complete sentences, describe the implications for health care practice or policy. Avoid speculative implications.

Topics. Provide the topic area or areas that reflect the essential content and message of the article. Please choose from the list of possible topics or enter other and a topic description.

Source: *Health Services Research*.