Abstract Submission Guidelines

Important Dates

Call for Abstract Opens: October 2nd, 2017
Deadline for Submission: December 8th, 2017
Notification to Applicants via Email: December 15th, 2017

On January 19th and 20th, 2018, the University of Ottawa Heart Institute will be hosting the 10th Annual Ottawa Conference: State of the Art Clinical Approaches to Smoking Cessation at the Shaw Centre located in downtown Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

The Ottawa Conference has become recognized as *the* national reference point for health professionals seeking to gain knowledge in clinical smoking cessation - an important area of preventative health practice. This is an accredited opportunity for knowledge exchange for a variety of stakeholders including physicians, nurses, other healthcare and community practitioners, researchers, and policy-makers.

The 2018 event will take place over two days and will amass national and international experts sharing the latest concepts in clinical tobacco treatment, program development, and smoking cessation research. The conference will feature plenary and breakout sessions, panel discussions, poster displays, and networking opportunities.

Presentation topics will include:

- Incentives for patients
- Innovative public policy approaches
- Effective and engaging communication strategies for healthcare professionals
- Smoking cessation and mental health
- Myths and trends in pharmacotherapy
- Lessons learned from implementing smoking cessation programs in Canada and around the globe
- Emerging evidence and clinical perspectives among the Indigenous and refugee populations
- Neurobiological and genetic perspectives
- Implications of legalizing marijuana, and
- Treatment strategies among special population settings such as oncology, respirology, general surgery, orthopedics, preoperative care, *and more!*

The Ottawa Conference Planning Committee is now seeking abstracts for Poster and '3 Minutes, 3 Slides' Oral Presentations. Please read this guideline carefully before completing the online submission form, which can be found at www.ottawamodel.ca.

"3 Minutes, 3 Slides" Oral Presentations and Poster Presentations

You will have the option to identify the presentation format(s) for which you would like your abstract to be considered. Where multiple presentation formats are selected, "3 Minutes, 3 Slides" oral presentations will be given first priority, followed by poster presentations.

Best "3 Minutes, 3 Slides" Oral Presentation and Best Poster Presentation Awards

Awards of \$250 will be given to the highest ranked "3 Minutes, 3 Slides" Oral Presentation and to the highest ranked Poster Presentation. Visit www.ottawamodel.ca for more details.

Poster Presentations

Posters are ideal for presenting highly technical or specialized topics that might have a limited audience. Posters will be on display outside the plenary on the second floor of the Shaw Centre on Friday, January 19th and must remain on display from 10:00am until 6:00pm. Poster presenters are expected to be at their poster during a designated 90-minute period between 4:30pm and 6:00pm to allow conference delegates time to ask questions and to discuss content. Additional technical specifications, including poster dimensions, will be provided with acceptance letters.

3 Minutes, 3 Slides Oral Presentations

"3 Minutes, 3 Slides" Oral Presentations will be presented in the plenary from 4:10pm – 4:50pm on Saturday, January 20th. Each presenter will have 3 minutes and only 3 slides to summarize an innovative research project or other topic related to smoking cessation. This fun yet formal platform offers great exposure to presenters and gives delegates a snapshot of the extensive and novel work taking place in the area of smoking cessation. Each presenter is expected to adhere to the 3 minute timeframe.

Possible Topics and Themes for Oral and Poster Presentations

- Evidence-based approaches to smoking cessation for the treatment of tobacco use and dependence. This can include a focus on special patient populations.
- Description of smoking cessation programs in various practice settings.
- Addiction medication, including withdrawal management and pharmacological treatment.
- Health promotion initiatives (e.g. in schools, workplaces, and community settings), partnership building, and awareness programs.
- Unique strategies and tools for program development and sustainability.
- Behavioural, social, or psychological interventions.
- Program evaluations (program, community, organization, staff, and/or patient based).
- New and emerging pilot studies and/or clinical trials.

Submission Guidelines

- Abstracts must be received electronically through the online submission portal no later than 11:59pm (EDT), on December 8th, 2017. Paper or faxed submissions will not be accepted.
- Notifications of acceptance will be sent via email by December 15th, 2017. Scheduling details and instructions for oral and poster presentations will be communicated soon after.
- Abstracts must be submitted online. A confirmation message will be provided stating the abstract was submitted successfully.
- Abstracts must be written in English.
- There is no fee for submitting abstracts for the 10th Annual Ottawa Conference: State of the Art Clinical Approaches to Smoking Cessation.

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- There is no limit to the number of abstracts an individual may submit.
- Submission of an abstract constitutes a commitment by the author(s) as to the integrity of the data and that they agree with the submission content.
- The word limit for an Abstract Submission is 250 words. Organize the body of the abstract as follows:

TITLE

AUTHORS: Abbreviated first name followed by the last name, no period [i.e. J Smith], according to this format).

CITY, PROVINCE: [i.e. Ottawa, Ontario]

PURPOSE: A brief statement of the purpose of the study **METHOD(S):** A statement of the method(s) of investigation

RESULTS: A summary of the results presented in sufficient detail to support conclusions **CONCLUSIONS:** A statement of the conclusions reached. It is not acceptable to state "the results will be discussed"

- No graphics (i.e. no tables, no images in the abstract). Use standard abbreviations. Place
 unusual abbreviations in parenthesis after the full word, the first time it appears. Please keep
 abbreviated terms to a minimum.
- Use numerals to indicate numbers except to begin sentences.
- Use non-proprietary (generic) names for drugs.
- Symbols can be embedded in the abstract body; however, please note that special characters may not appear or may be lost during transmission.
- The abstract must be submitted in final form and will be published in the format it was submitted. The body of the abstract may be formatted by the submitter in the online submission form.
- Accepted abstract titles and list of authors will be published in the conference program which will be distributed to the conference delegates and will be made available electronically at www.ottawamodel.ca following the conference.
- All accepted poster and "3 Minutes, 3 Slides" oral presenters will be required to complete a conflict of interest disclosure form.
- All abstracts submitted must comply with these guidelines to be considered for acceptance.
- Authors are expected to attend the 10th Annual Ottawa Conference and present their abstract. All presenting authors must register for the 10th Annual Ottawa Conference and are responsible for their own transportation and accommodations. Register online at www.ottawamodel.ca Registration is NOT complimentary.

Evaluation Criteria

Using a blind review process, the 10th Annual Ottawa Conference Planning Committee will guide a review of abstracts using the following criteria:

Abstract Scoring Criteria:

- Originality: interesting, novel, innovative
- Design and methodology: overall study design
- Supporting data: results, findings
- Quality: writing, clear objective

If you have any questions or have any difficulties submitting your abstract, please contact omsc@ottawaheart.ca or 1-888-761-OMSC (6672).

For more information, please visit: www.ottawamodel.ca