Responding to the Call for Abstracts: Guidelines & Helpful Hints

~ Thank you for your interest in the 7th Annual Symposium ~

There are 3 parts to responding to the Call for Abstracts:

PART I: ONLINE FORM, for both ORAL and POSTER submissions. As primary author, complete the following online form with your contact information; co-presenter names, and behavioral objectives. To access the online form (to be completed in one sitting), click here. We recommended that you peruse the entire form, gather your information, then cut/paste into the appropriate spaces.

PART II: BIOGRAPHICAL / CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM In addition to completing this online form, Part II is required and accessible on the Web site. To access Part II, click here. Once on the Web page, click ‘Biographical & Conflict of Interest Form’. The form will download (in Word format). Complete, and email to JNB@gmavt.net.

PART III: ABSTRACT SUBMISSION A one-page abstract is to be created in Word and emailed (with Part II) to: Julie Basol, Symposium Director (JNB@gmavt.net).

Abstract guidelines:
  a. One page, 8.5”x11” using 12 Times Roman font
  b. One inch margins all around
  c. Use the following headings:
      • Title, Authors,
      • Purpose of Study;
      • Rationale and Significance;
      • Description of Methodology;
      • Subjects;
      • Findings;
      • Conclusions;
      • Recommendation for Future Study

The Planning Committee expects that each abstract submitter has obtained any necessary local institutional approval(s), e.g. Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval, to conduct their research study or quality improvement project. To help understand more about this go to the link, click here.

If you have questions regarding IRB approval, contact Program Chair Ann Laramee, APRN-BC: Ann.Laramee@uvmhealth.org

Submissions will be acknowledged on a regular basis. After completing PART I online, email PARTS II & III to:

  Julie Basol, Symposium Director at: JNB@gmavt.net

In the subject line, include the words: 'Abstract Submission' and your last name. (ex. Abstract Submission, Jones)

If you have questions regarding the Call for Abstract process, contact Julie Basol by email or call 802 598-7424.

The DEADLINE for responding to the Call for Abstracts is Tuesday, September 1.

MENTORS are available to assist you with the development of your abstract.

The following nurses have volunteered to mentor abstract writing or even for a review!! Email your abstract to either of them and ask for feedback!

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Abstracts will be reviewed by members of the Symposium Subcommittee based on the following criteria:

1. Advances in nursing knowledge or practice; represents a novel topic or an innovative approach
   - Does the abstract address a relevant and significant problem?
   - Does the abstract present either a new or novel approach to a cutting-edge topic?
   - Are the findings likely to impact the practice or delivery of care?
   - Does the abstract contain results? Results are clearly stated and relate to stated purpose(s).

2. Research design and methodology are rigorous and appropriate for the study question?
   - Is the study purpose clearly and succinctly stated?
   - Is the study design appropriate for the study questions?
   - Is the sample appropriate for the study questions and methodology?

3. Conclusions address the study question and are supported by appropriate analyses and the results obtained
   - Is the analysis sound, appropriate and sufficiently described?
   - Are the results clearly presented, and if applicable, are measures of significance or association or effect sizes stated?
   - Are the conclusions substantiated by the results?

4. Overall presentation
   - Is the abstract well-organized and clearly written?
   - Does the abstract reflect a thoughtful submission?

The Review Tool below will be used by the Symposium Subcommittee when evaluating responses to the Call for Abstracts:

~ Reviewer Tool ~

Abstract # __________________________ Title: ____________________________________________

Research: ☐ Evidence-Based Practice: ☐ Quality Improvement: ☐
Project has been completed: YES ☐ NO ☐ Unsure ☐

Please evaluate the clarity and scientific accuracy of each section of the abstract.

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Total Reviewer Score: ______/21 possible. Score of 10 would be a minimum to accept. Accepted ☐ Not Accepted ☐

Reviewer suggests accepting as: Poster ☐ Paper ☐ Either ☐

If not accepted please state why and what would make it acceptable:

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