NSHA Pharmacy
Research and Education Conference
Saturday, September 30, 2017

Call for Abstracts
Deadline: Weds, September 13, 2017 at 16:00

The sixth annual Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) Pharmacy Research and Education Conference will feature poster presentations from conference participants. Posters will be displayed for viewing over the morning break and lunch hour. All abstracts submitted according to criteria outlined here will be accepted. Encore presentations are allowed. Please display your poster after you register and before the conference starts. Posters must be presented by one of the authors (primary author or co-author must be in attendance). *New this year will be a facilitated poster session*, with up to five **research poster** presenters being able to participate. The presenter will have 5 minutes to provide a summary to the audience while standing next to their poster.

Posters can describe research projects, quality improvement initiatives, or education projects. They can be related to the conference objectives such as hospital pharmacy research, practice or distribution improvements, or the provision of education to or by hospital pharmacy staff, but this is not necessary.

Poster size: poster boards can accommodate posters up to 6 feet wide, but the recommended size is 3 feet tall by 4 feet wide.

Research posters are eligible for the "NSHA Pharmacy Research Award", a $500 cash prize and certificate. A project is considered research if some or all of the following are true: there was a formal protocol, scientific methods were used to answer a research question, it received ethical approval, it was peer reviewed for funding, and/or publication of the results is expected.

Category: Indicate the category of your abstract (research, quality improvement, or education). *Note: Only research abstracts are eligible for the Research Award.*

Word Limit: Please limit the body of the abstract to 300 words.

See next page for format guidelines and style tips.

DEADLINE: **Submit your abstract electronically (MS Word or Adobe pdf)** to Heather Neville, heather.neville@nshealth.ca on or before **September 13, 2017**. Your submission will be acknowledged. Any questions please email or call Heather Neville at 902-473-2922.

ABSTRACT FORMAT GUIDELINES:

1. **Research abstracts** can use the following format:
   Title
   Name(s) of authors
   Location of the primary workplace of the authors and contact email
   Introduction
   Objective(s)
   Methods
   Results
   Conclusions
   Acknowledgements (including funding, if any)
   Disclosure or Conflicts of Interest (if any)

2. **Quality improvement / Education abstracts** can use the following format:
   Title
   Name(s) of authors or team
   Location of the primary workplace of the authors and contact email
   Rationale
   Description of service, role, or situation
   Steps taken to identify and resolve the issue, implement change, or develop and implement a new program or provide education
   Results (if available)
   Potential impact to current or future practice
   Acknowledgements (including funding, if any)
   Disclosure or Conflicts of Interest (if any)

Suggested style details:
• Capitalize only the first letter of each word of the title.
• Abstract body (objectives, methods, results, conclusions) is limited to 300 words, a table is equivalent to 30 words, and a graphic is equivalent to 60 words.
• Do not indent the start of a paragraph.
• Use standard abbreviations, place special or unusual abbreviations in parentheses after spelling them the first time they appear.
• Use numerals to indicate numbers, except to begin sentences.
• Use only generic names of drugs, material, devices, and equipment.

Judging Guidelines for Research Posters - the reviewers will assign points for:
- Format of abstract; poster is consistent with abstract
- Innovative idea and relevant to pharmacy practice or patient care
- Objectives, design and methods are well defined and acceptable
- Results are clearly explained and relate to the objectives
- Conclusions are logical and suggest impact of research
- Poster is professional and interesting