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Call for Abstracts for General Poster and Oral Presentation Sessions 2024 National Oral Health Conference® April 15 - 17, 2024 - St. Louis, MO

The American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD) Council on Educational Affairs invites abstract submissions for the General Poster and Oral Presentations sessions for the 2024 National Oral Health Conference® (NOHC).

The Council is interested in topics relevant to dental public health. These may address topics related, but not limited to:

- Scientific research, ex. surveillance, epidemiology
- New and emerging research in oral health
- Community-based interventions
- Workforce issues
- Epidemiology of oral diseases
- Oral health disparities/inequities
- Oral health policy/advocacy
- Oral health programs/practices/health promotion
- Program evaluation
- Medical/dental integration
- Social determinants of health

This invitation is not for Seminars, Roundtables Abstracts, or for the AAPHD Student Merit Awards.

- Information for Seminars and Roundtable submissions can be found on the [NOHC website](#).
- Information for the AAPHD Student Merit Awards can be found on the [AAPHD website](#).

Before beginning the submission process, we encourage you to review the [guidelines](#) and [components](#) of the submission process, listed on the following pages. Also, please note the following:

- ***NEW for 2024!*** General Poster session will be held on Monday, April 15 and on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. NOHC will assign selected abstracts to ONE of the two sessions. Poster presenters MUST be available to present on either of the two dates.
- The Oral Presentation sessions will take place during one of three Concurrent Sessions (April 15-17). Times to be determined by the Planning Committee. Selected abstract presenters must be available to present during any of the three dates of the conference.

Important Dates to Note:

- **October 18, 2023** - Deadline to submit abstracts for Posters and Oral Presentations - site closes at 11:45 pm EASTERN
- **December 2023** - Notification sent to submitters

Submission Guidelines for General Poster and Oral Presentations

I. General Information:

- Abstracts must be submitted electronically by visiting the [NOHC Abstract Submission Site](#). No manual submissions will be accepted. No abstracts will be considered after the submission deadline.
- Be sure to complete all the submission tasks – you may save your submission and return to the form as needed until the deadline. After the deadline date, no changes can be made.
- A submission is not considered complete if you do not complete all tasks. All tasks must have a green checkmark indicator before each task. The abstract submitter will receive an immediate email acknowledgement once the submission is complete. Only completed submissions will be reviewed for consideration.
- It is the responsibility of the person submitting the abstract to verify the correct spelling and email address for all presenters' email addresses when the abstract is submitted. NOHC is not responsible if presenters do not receive email communications as a result of an incorrect email address provided during the submission.
- NOHC is not responsible for incorrect information in program material due to incorrect information provided by the submitter.
- Abstracts (including Student Merit Award entries) must be submitted by **11:45 pm EST, October 18, 2023**. No exceptions. Notification of selection will be made in December. Any questions may be directed to the NOHC office at abstracts@nationalhealthconference.com.
- Please note that your preference for a poster or oral presentation will be acknowledged. However, the final decision on presentation format will be the decision of the AAPHD Council on Educational Affairs.

II. Rules for submission

- Individuals may present only one (1) abstract at the conference – either as a General Poster or Student Merit Award or an Oral Presentation Session - and should be identified as the “Presenting Author” in the submission process. Individuals may be listed on multiple abstracts as co-authors.
- The individual who is submitting the abstract is responsible for communicating with all authors listed on the abstract. Therefore, it is highly recommended that this individual is also the “presenting author”
- **If an individual plans to submit an abstract for the AAPHD Student Merit Award, do not submit an abstract for the General Poster Session or an Oral Presentation Session. Multiple submissions with the same abstract will result in the withdrawal of all submissions.**
- Individuals must have permission to present the data/abstract when the abstract is submitted for consideration.
- Authorship may not be changed after submission (i.e., no new authors may be added after the submission deadline).
- Abstracts should be original work and not previously published (in print or electronic format) elsewhere. However, if this work has been previously published, authors are responsible for obtaining the necessary permissions to submit a related abstract to the NOHC.
- Abstracts should not have already been presented at previous national and/or international meetings.

However, abstracts that have been presented at previous regional meetings, institution's research day, or are part of a dissertation may be acceptable at the discretion of the AAPHD Council on Educational Affairs.

- If the presenting author is unable to attend the conference after acceptance of the abstract, the presenting author may request a substitute presenter.
 - This request must be made in writing to abstracts@nationalhealthconference.com no later than March 1, 2024 by 5:00 pm Eastern Time. Requests are not confirmed until the presenting author has received notification from NOHC.
 - The substitute presenter must be a co-author on the original abstract submitted.
 - The substitute presenter may not be an individual who has already confirmed attendance to present a poster or oral presentation or a recipient of an AAPHD Student Merit Award.
 - If the presenting author is not able to attend the conference after confirming attendance, they will not be permitted to submit an abstract for the subsequent year (i.e., 2025 NOHC).

III. Components for Submissions

For all submissions, the following tasks must be addressed in order for the submission to be considered complete:

1. **Author(s).** One presenting author must be identified.
2. **Conflict of Interest Disclosure.** A conflict of interest disclosure must be completed by each author listed on the abstract.
3. **Structured Abstract Requirements:**
 - a. **Title.** *Limit 100 characters/30 words.* Titles should be entered in title case format, i.e. the first letter of each word is capitalized unless it is an article or preposition. DO NOT USE all capital letters in the title.
 - b. **Is the presenting author a dental student, dental hygiene student, medical student, or undergraduate/college student?** This is defined as an individual enrolled in one of these educational programs full-time. Please note, this response does not have an impact on the selection process.
 - c. **Is the presenting author a graduate student?** Graduate Student is defined as an individual enrolled in an educational program, such as dental or medical residency or Masters or Doctoral degree program, at least half-time. This response does not have an impact on the selection process.
 - d. **Body of Abstract.** *Word limit: 250 words, exclusive of the title and the source of funding.* The words: **“OBJECTIVE”, “METHODS”, “RESULTS”, and “CONCLUSIONS”** must be included in the body of the abstract as separate paragraphs, and are included in the 250-word limit.
 - e. **Source of Funding.** All sources of funding and support must be included.
4. **Keywords.** Three (3) keywords must be selected from the list in the dropdown menu.
5. **Approval.** Please review and acknowledge statements.

IV. Funding Guidelines: General Poster and Oral Presentation selected to present at the NOHC must register and pay the applicable registration fees (Member, Non-Member, One Day, or Student).