



APHA CONTRIBUTED PAPERS PROGRAM

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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MISSION STATEMENT

The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) is dedicated to providing quality education programs for pharmacists. The APhA Contributed Papers Program is an important element of this commitment. This program seeks to challenge practitioners, scientists/researchers, residents, and student pharmacists by providing a forum in which to share practice information, disseminate research findings, and educate colleagues.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Invited Subject Matter

All investigators are invited to submit abstracts on topics pertaining to pharmacy practice and pharmacy-focused scientific research. Projects must address issues relevant to practicing pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists.

Abstract Types

Investigators are invited to submit abstracts for consideration in one of the categories listed below:

Contributed Research Papers

Papers submitted in this category:

- Present the findings of original research on issues relevant to practicing pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists.
- Research must be completed at the time of the abstract submission date of October 4, 2017.
- Submission requires an abstract summarizing the research.

Innovative Practice Reports

Papers in this category:

- Implement a new idea or strategy for the delivery of patient care, including those that are new to the practitioner's region, system, or practice setting, or a creative application of existing techniques or services.
- Projects must have been implemented and have outcomes ready to report by the submission date of October 4, 2017.
- Submission requires an abstract summarizing the innovation.

Reports on Projects in Progress – Contributed Research Papers or Innovative Practice Reports

- ONLY Residents may select this Abstract Type.
- Submissions in this category may be Contributed Research Papers or Innovative Practice Reports that are in progress but not yet complete.
- Investigators must be in the process of collecting data or implementing an innovative practice
- Data collection must be completed by March 1, 2018.
- Submission requires an abstract summarizing the project and plan for completion.

Encore Presentations

- Entries in this category must meet the submission and evaluation criteria for original papers submitted to APhA, with the exception that the paper has been presented at a local, state, or national meeting within 12 months of the submission deadline.
- Submission requires an abstract and the original citation.

PRACTICE AREA

Select the practice area that best describes the domain of pharmacy practice represented in your abstract or the target audience of the abstract (e.g., Practitioner, Scientist/Researcher).

Practitioner

The Practitioner category is for pharmacists involved in delivering or managing pharmacist-provided services including patient care outcomes or research related to pharmacist-provided services. This includes postgraduate students who are **not** pursuing a PharmD. **Please note that if you are currently a pharmacy resident, you should submit under the Resident category—not under Practitioner.**

Scientist/Researcher

The Scientist/Researcher category is reserved for researchers involved in discovery, integration, or application of knowledge in the pharmaceutical sciences to improve patient health. Scientists conducting research in the pharmaceutical sciences, clinical sciences, or economic, social, and administrative sciences may submit abstracts in this practice area.

Resident

Current pharmacy residents are invited to submit abstracts in a special Resident category. If the resident has initiated research that will not be complete prior to the submission of the abstract, the resident should submit under the **Reports on Projects in Progress** abstract type. Residents whose projects are not completed prior to the abstract submission must submit in the Reports on Projects in Progress category to participate in the APhA–APPM Presentation Merit Award competition and be eligible for consideration for an award. Because of the residency timeline, current residents do not have to be in the process of collecting data when abstract submission occurs. **Abstracts submitted in the Resident category must list the pharmacy resident as the primary/first author.**

Student

Student pharmacists who are pursuing a PharmD are invited to submit abstracts on topics undertaken during pharmacy-related studies by using the Student category. **Abstracts submitted in the Student category must list the student pharmacist as the primary/first author and include contact information for the student’s advisor.**

RESEARCH AREA

Select the research area that best describes the domain of pharmacy research represented in your abstract. Your selection will determine the composition of the review team assigned to evaluate your abstract. The research areas are:

Practice-Based Pharmacy

Research in Practice-Based Pharmacy focuses on pharmacists practicing in a variety of patient care settings, such as health-system inpatient, community pharmacy, ambulatory clinic, patient-centered medical home, and long-term care. A particular interest of these practitioners is the development and implementation of pharmacist-provided patient care services.

Basic Sciences

The Basic Sciences research area serves academic, government, and industrial scientists with wide-ranging basic science research programs. The research interests of these members may include chemical structure/biological activity and chemical structure/physicochemical property relationships, concepts in pharmaceutical technology, biotechnology, and drug delivery, and the basic chemistry on which these areas are founded.

Clinical Sciences

Research in Clinical Sciences provides unique multidisciplinary interaction between clinical scientists and practitioners committed to expanding knowledge of the safe and effective use of drug products. A particular interest of this audience is how the application of pharmaceutical sciences in organized health care settings and controlled research environments relates to evaluation and development of drugs and drug delivery systems.

Economic, Social, and Administrative Sciences (ESAS)

The ESAS research area is reserved for those interested in health services research, policy, and administration with application to pharmaceutical treatments and pharmaceutical care. ESAS is multidisciplinary, including the fields of public health, epidemiology, economics, health services research, outcomes research, biostatistics, medical sociology, law, health care administration and management, operations research, pharmaceutical marketing, marketing research, technology assessment and applications, and public and private reimbursement programs. The audience includes scientists, educators, practitioners, government managers, and other health care system representatives.

Investigators submitting in the Economic, Social, and Administrative Sciences (ESAS) area are strongly encouraged (but not required) to submit up to a total of five tables and/or figures that provide details to support their abstract.

Supporting tables or figures may be submitted for all types of ESAS submissions including Contributed Research Papers, Innovative Practice Reports, Reports on Projects in Progress, and Encore Presentations. **Do NOT reference or call out the tables and figures in your abstract.** Tables and figures should be self-explanatory and serve to supplement the material in the abstract. Label submitted tables and figures; a brief explanatory legend for a table or figure is optional. No more than five tables and/or figures are allowed.

TOPIC AREA

Select a topic area from the list on the online abstract submission site. This list is meant to be as inclusive as possible; however, if your abstract does not fit into one of the topic areas listed, please use the “Emerging Topic” designation. The purpose of selecting a topic area is to appropriately group the abstracts both for publication in the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association and for the poster presentations.

PRESENTATION OPTIONS**Podium Presentations**

Scientist/ESAS Papers selected for podium presentations will be delivered during the Day of Science at the 2018 APhA Annual Meeting & Exposition. Prior to the meeting, authors will receive a confirmation letter indicating the time, and location of their presentations. Podium presentations are scheduled in 20-minute intervals, with 15 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for questions.

Poster Presentations

Poster presentations provide authors with the opportunity to display and informally discuss their work with colleagues. Papers selected for posters will be displayed on Saturday and Sunday during APhA2018.

MEET THE RESEARCHERS

APhA2018 attendees will be encouraged to meet the authors of poster presentations and review this important research. APhA will offer continuing pharmacy education (CPE) credit to meeting attendees who participate in this activity during the Meet the Researchers period on Saturday, March 17, 2018, 12:30 pm–2:30 pm. Authors are required to present their poster at the Meet the Researchers session.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

As part of an accredited CPE activity, including the Podium Presentations, Oral Poster Presentations, and the Meet the Researchers activity, authors are required to disclose to participants all relevant financial relationships. APhA will collect this information from abstract authors during the online submission process.

The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) Standards for Commercial Support require that all continuing pharmacy education providers “...be able to show that everyone who is in a position to control the content of an education activity has disclosed to the provider [and therefore the participants] all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interest.” As defined by ACPE, “relevant financial relationships” are financial relationships in any amount occurring within the past 12 months that create a conflict of interest. A “commercial interest” is defined as any entity that produces, markets, resells, or distributes health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients. (Providers of clinical services directly to patients are not commercial interests.) Financial relationships are those in which the individual—or the individual’s spouse or partner—benefits by receiving a salary, royalty, intellectual property rights, consulting fee, honoraria, or other financial benefit.

Authors who have no relevant financial relationships must state that they have nothing to disclose.

WRITING AN ABSTRACT

An abstract is a summary of a project that offers a conclusion based on results.

- Abstracts are limited to 300 words and must include the following sections in sequence:
 - Objective
 - Methods (e.g., design, setting, patients/participants, data collection, analysis plan, or other appropriate qualitative methods)
 - Results (or Preliminary Results for Reports on Projects in Progress)
 - Implications/Conclusions (as applicable)
- Use mixed capital and lower case letters (as appropriate) in the abstract title.
- **Do NOT include any identifying information** such as authors' names, affiliations, and/or site names anywhere in the abstract; this information will be obtained during the online abstract submission process.
- The study's objective should be the first sentence of the abstract.
- The abstract should be clearly worded and concise.
- Graphs, tables, and illustrations are not permitted in the body of the abstract.
- Avoid trademark symbols, subscripts, superscripts, and discretionary hyphens.
- Use standard abbreviations for units of measure; spell out acronyms in full at first mention and abbreviate thereafter.
- Proofread for grammatical and typographical errors.

ONLINE SUBMISSIONS

All abstracts must be submitted via APhA's online abstract management system. To access the system, go to the abstract submission site at <https://apha.secure-platform.com/a/solicitations/home/101> .

Tips for successful submission:

- Before submitting your abstract, double check the practice area and topic area selected to ensure they are correct.
- Give yourself adequate time before the submission deadline to input your abstract into the online system so you have time to resolve any technology issues that might arise.

Submission Deadline: Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Abstracts will be accepted until 5:00 pm ET on October 4, 2017. Abstracts will NOT be accepted after this date.

REVIEW PROCESS

All abstracts are subjected to double-blinded peer review. Each abstract will be evaluated on the criteria listed below. For Reports on Projects in Progress, heed special notes in respective submission categories. For Scientist/ESAS submissions, the review panel will determine the presentation forum based on the quality of the submission.

Contributed Research Paper Criteria

Relevance/Originality

- Rationale for the study clearly defined.
- Makes important contribution to pharmacy practice or theoretical basis of pharmaceutical sciences.

Research Questions/Objectives

- Questions to be answered or objectives to be met by research are clearly stated.
- Methods (as applicable to the type of research presented).
- Study design.
- Measurement.
- Data collection process, sampling strategy, or sources of data.
- Data analysis clearly specified.

Results

- Findings are reported for each study objective or research question.

Implications/Conclusions

- Implications of findings to pharmacy practice, policy theory, or further research are discussed.
- Conclusions are appropriately stated based on results.

Innovative Practice Reports Criteria

Relevance/Originality

- Topic is of vital concern to practitioners, scientists, and/or students.
- Topic is original.

Objectives of Project

- Questions to be answered or objectives to be met by implementation of innovation are clearly stated.

Methods

- Project design clearly stated and variables controlled.
- Practice description/setting.
- Patient population.
- Data collection process.
- Data analysis procedures target project outcomes and support project objectives.

Results

- Findings are reported for each study objective or research question.

Implications/Adaptability

- Implications of findings to pharmacy practice are stated.
- Adaptability of innovation to other practice sites or settings is discussed.

Reports on Projects in Progress – Contributed Research Paper Criteria

Relevance/Originality

- Rationale for the study clearly defined.
- Makes important contribution to pharmacy practice or theoretical basis of pharmaceutical sciences.

Research Questions/Objectives

- Questions to be answered or objectives to be met by research are clearly stated.

Methods (as applicable to the type of research presented)

- Study design.
- Measurement.
- Data collection process, sampling strategy, or sources of data.
- Data analysis clearly specified.

Preliminary Results

- Preliminary findings/trends are reported for each study objective or research question. (Preliminary results are not required for the Resident category.)

Reports on Projects in Progress – Innovative Practice Report Criteria

Relevance/Originality

- Topic is of vital concern to practitioners, scientists, and/or students.
- Topic is original.

Objectives of Project

- Questions to be answered or objectives to be met by implementation of innovation are clearly stated.

Methods

- Project design clearly stated and variables controlled.
- Practice description/setting.
- Patient population.
- Data collection process.
- Data analysis procedures target project outcomes and support project objectives.

Preliminary Results

- Preliminary findings/trends are reported for each study objective or research question. (Preliminary results not required for the Resident category.)

Encore Presentation Criteria

Follow the criteria for Contributed Research Paper or Innovative Practice Report, depending on your submission type.

Authors will be notified in December 2017 of the status of their submissions.

AWARDS INFORMATION

APhA offers awards in both the Practitioner category through the APhA Academy of Pharmacy.

Practice and Management (APhA–APPM) and the Scientist/Researcher category through the APhA Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science (APhA–APRS). Investigators whose abstracts are eligible for consideration for an award will be notified during the review process. Awards programs include the following:

APhA–APPM Presentation Merit Award

Posters evaluated and presented under the Practitioner category (or Resident/Student category if appropriate) may be eligible for this award, which recognizes up to six professional Practitioner or Resident presentations and two Student presentations on practice-related subjects. (For a Student presentation to be considered for recognition, the primary author must be a student pharmacist who is listed first on the abstract.) Recipients receive a special recognition ribbon and a certificate.

To be eligible for this award, the primary author must:

- Be an APhA member at the time of submission.
- Submit one of the following abstract types:
 - Contributed Research Paper
 - Innovative Practice Report
 - Resident submission in Reports on Projects in Progress (Please note that only Reports on Projects in Progress posters in the Resident category are eligible to be considered for the award.)
- Submit an abstract in the Practitioner or Student category on a topic related to pharmacy practice or management.
- Attend and present the paper in Poster Presentations at APhA2018.

APhA–APRS Postgraduate Best Paper Award

Graduate students, residents, fellows, and postdoctoral scholars who are the principal authors of contributed papers they present during APhA2018 are eligible for the Postgraduate Best Paper Award.

An award is given in each of the following categories:

- Basic Sciences
- Clinical Sciences
- Economic, Social, and Administrative Sciences (ESAS)

To be eligible for this award, the principal author must:

- Be an APhA member at the time of submission.
- Submit one of the following abstract types:
 - Contributed Research Paper
 - Innovative Practice Report
 - Reports on Projects in Progress
- Submit an abstract in the appropriate APhA–APRS (Scientist/Researcher) subcategory.
- Have been a graduate student, resident, fellow, or postdoctoral scholar when the research was conducted.
- Attend and present the abstract in Podium or Poster Presentations at APhA2018.

For more information on the awards program, please contact Monica Ostrander at mostrander@aphanet.org or 202-429-7559.

ABSTRACT PUBLICATION

Accepted abstracts that are presented at APhA2018 will be **e-published** in the May 2018 *Journal of the American Pharmacists Association (JAPhA)* at www.japha.org. Abstracts submitted as Encore Presentations are not published in their entirety; for these abstracts, only the title, authors, and original citation will be published in JAPhA.

APhA holds the first right of refusal for material contained in abstracts when submitted for publication.

Authors wishing to publish their research must first submit to an APhA periodical. (Submissions for Encore Presentations are exempt from this stipulation.) If the submission is denied publication by APhA, the author may pursue other publication options. Full manuscripts that expand on the abstract should be submitted for publication in an APhA periodical, usually JAPhA. The website for manuscript submission is <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/japha>.

QUESTIONS?

Questions on subject matter, submission categories, presentation options, the review process, or the online submission process should be directed to Patricia Szybist at pszybist@aphanet.org. Assistance is available on weekdays, Monday through Friday, 7:00 am-4:00 pm ET.