APhA CONTRIBUTED PAPERS PROGRAM

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 5, 2016 • 5:00 PM EDT
American Pharmacists Association
Annual Meeting & Exposition
March 24–27, 2017
Moscone Convention Center
San Francisco, CA

Visit www.aphameeting.org to submit an abstract or obtain detailed program information.
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 to share practice information, disseminate research findings, and educate colleagues.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

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.

All abstracts must be submitted for consideration via APhA’s online abstract management system by Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5 PM EDT. Abstracts will not be accepted after the deadline.

To access the system, go to www.aphameeting.org and click on the “Contributed Papers” link. You will be asked to login using your www.pharmacist.com username and password.

Authors will be required to indicate:

- Topic Area
- Abstract Type/Category
- Practice Area
- Research Area
- Relevant Financial Relationship(s)

**Topic Area:**
Select the topic that best fits your abstract from the list of topics on the online abstract submission site. Choosing a topic will assist grouping of abstracts for review, presentation, and publication in the May/June 2017 issue of the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association (JAPhA).

**Abstract Type/Category (Select one):**

- **Contributed Research Papers:** Original research on an issue relevant to practicing pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists. Research must be completed at the time of submission.
- **Innovative Practice Reports:** Summary report of a new idea or strategy for the delivery of patient care or a creative application of existing techniques or services. Projects must have been implemented and have outcomes to report at the time of submission.
- **Reports on Projects in Progress:** Contributed Research Papers or Innovative Practice Reports that are not yet complete, but completed data or outcomes will be available for presentation at the APhA2017 Annual Meeting. Submission requires a project summary and plan for completion.
- **Encore Presentations:** Original research that has already been presented at another local, state, or national meeting within 12 months of the submission deadline. Submission requires an abstract and the original citation.
Practice Area (Select one):

- **Practitioner**: Pharmacists involved in delivering or managing pharmacist-provided services.
- **Scientist/Researcher**: Researchers involved in discovery, integration, or application of knowledge in the pharmaceutical sciences, clinical sciences, or economic, social, and administrative sciences (ESAS) to improve patient health.
- **Resident**: Current pharmacy residents only. Abstracts must list the pharmacy resident as the primary/first author.
- **Student**: Student pharmacists, pursuing a PharmD. Abstract must list the student pharmacist as the primary/first author and include contact information for the student’s advisor.

Research Area (Select one):

- **Practice-Based Pharmacy**: Pharmacy settings that focus on the development and implementation of pharmacist-provided patient care services.
- **Basic Sciences**: Basic science research including chemical structure/biological activity and chemical structure/physicochemical property relationships.
- **Clinical Sciences**: Multidisciplinary interaction between clinical scientists and practitioners committed to expanding knowledge about the safe and effective use of drug products.
- **Economic, Social, and Administrative Sciences (ESAS)**: Reserved for those interested in health services research, policy, and administration with application to pharmaceutical treatments and care. ESAS includes the fields of public health, epidemiology, economics, law, and biostatistics.
  - **NOTE**: ESAS submissions are strongly encouraged to submit up to five tables or figures that provide details to support the abstract.

Relevant Financial Relationships

All authors are required to disclose all relevant financial relationships as part of their abstract submission. The primary/first author is responsible for collecting and submitting this information for all authors listed on the abstract. Authors who have no relevant financial relationships must indicate that they have nothing to disclose.

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 with 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.
ABSTRACT REVIEW AND SELECTION

Abstract Review
All abstracts will be evaluated by a group of reviewers based on the criteria listed below.

- **Relevance/Originality**
  - Original project that addresses a topic of importance/concern.
  - Rationale for the study/project is clearly defined.
  - Makes important contribution to pharmacy practitioners, scientists, and/or students or theoretical basis of pharmaceutical sciences.

- **Research Questions/Objectives**
  - Questions to be answered or objectives to be met by research are clearly stated and variables controlled.
  - Study design, methods, data collection process, sampling strategy.
  - Methods are linked to the objectives.
  - Data analysis clearly specified.

- **Results**
  - Findings are reported for each study objective or research question.
  - Results are accurate, clear, and concise statements of key findings.
  - For Reports on Projects in Progress, preliminary findings/trends are reported for each study objective or research question.

- **Implications/Conclusions**
  - Implications of findings to pharmacy practice, policy theory, or further research are discussed, including study limitations and key findings.
  - Conclusions are appropriately stated based on result and provide more insight than simply restating the results.
  - Adaptability of innovation to other practice sites or settings is discussed.

**Presentation Categories**
Abstracts selected for presentation at APhA2017 will be assigned to one of the following presentation categories. Authors will be notified by e-mail in December 2016 of the status of their submissions.

**Poster Presentation:**
The majority of accepted abstracts will be scheduled for presentation in a poster format. Posters will be displayed on Saturday, March 25, 9:00am-6:00pm and Sunday, March 26, 9:00am-3:00pm. **Poster size is limited to a maximum of 45” high by 90” wide. Posters will be displayed on a 4’ x 8’ poster board.**

Abstracts submitted under the ESAS category and accepted for poster presentation may also be selected to present an Oral Poster Presentation during the Day of Science on Friday, March 24.

All poster presenters must participate in the **Meet the Researchers** session on Saturday, March 25, 12:30pm-2:30pm. Presenters must be at their poster boards during this session. APhA will offer continuing pharmacy education (CPE) credit to attendees who participate.
Podium Presentation:
Abstracts submitted under the ESAS category may be selected for podium presentation during the Day of Science on Friday, March 24. Podium presentations are scheduled in 20-minute intervals, with 15 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for questions. Podium presenters will be required to prepare a slide presentation in advance of APhA2017.

AWARDS INFORMATION

APhA-APPM Presentation Merit Awards
This award recognizes up to six professional Practitioner or Resident poster presentations and two Student poster presentations on practice-related subjects. Recipients receive a special recognition certificate.

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

- Be an APhA member at the time of submission
- Submit under one of the following Abstract Types
  - Contributed Research Paper
  - Innovative Practice Report
  - Projects in Progress (Residents Only)
- Submit under the Practitioner, Resident, or Student Practice category on a topic related to pharmacy practice or management.
- Attend and present in a Poster Presentation at APhA2017.

APhA-APRS Postgraduate Best Paper Awards
This award recognizes graduate students, residents, fellow, or postdoctoral scholars. An award is given in each of the following research categories: Basic Sciences; Clinical Sciences; and Economic, Social and Administrative Sciences (ESAS). Recipients receive a special recognition certificate and an honorarium of either $300 (Poster) or $500 (Podium).

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

- Be an APhA member at the time of submission.
- Have been a postgraduate (master’s or doctoral degree candidate, resident, fellow and/or postdoctoral scholar) when the research was conducted. (If the research was conducted when you were pursuing a PharmD degree, you are not eligible for this award.)
- Submit under the Contributed Research Paper Abstract Type.
- Submit under the Scientist/Researcher Practice category.
- Select one of the following under Research Area:
  - Basic Sciences
  - Clinical Sciences
  - Economic, Social and Administrative Sciences (ESAS)
- Attend and present in either a Podium or Poster Presentation at APhA2017.
ABSTRACT PUBLICATION

Accepted abstracts that are presented at APhA2017 will be e-published in the May/June 2017 issue of the 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, via http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/japha

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Questions about the abstract submission, review, and selection process should be directed to Pat Szybist at pszybist@aphanet.org or 202-429-7578.

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