



17th Annual Conference

Call for Abstracts

17th Annual HMO Research Network Conference
Collaborations in Population-Based Health Research
March 23 - 25, 2011, Boston, MA

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstract Submission Guidelines

The 17th annual HMO Research Network (HMORN) conference will be hosted by the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute in Boston, MA on March 23-25, 2011. The theme of the 2011 conference is Collaborations in Population-Based Health Research. This theme denotes the network's commitment to research partnerships both within and beyond the HMORN to address significant health care issues using the resources of its large populations. Abstracts are invited for consideration as oral or poster presentations.

Key Dates

September 7, 2010	Online submission system opens
November 2, 2010	Online submission system closes at 11:59PM Eastern Time
January 14, 2011	Notification of submission outcome

On-Line Submission Website

Abstracts should be submitted via the below website:

http://precis.preciscentral.com/User/UserLogin.asp?EventID=e0c64119&bhc_p=1

This link is also accessible via the HMORN 2011 conference website.

Authors are encouraged to submit abstracts that fit the categories for planned concurrent sessions, which are listed below. Examples of topics relevant to each category are provided.

Abstract Categories

- **Cancer:** Risk factors (including commonly used medications), prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis, palliative care, survivorship, and patient communication
 - **Cardiovascular Disease:** Risk factors, prevention and treatment strategies, disease self-management, surveillance
 - **Child Health:** Epidemiology, clinical effectiveness, and health services research on children and families
 - **Chronic Illness Management:** Adherence to treatment, disease self-management, translation of evidence-based interventions
 - **Diabetes, Obesity, and Physical Activity:** Risk factors, prevention and treatment strategies, disease self-management
 - **Disparities and Vulnerable Populations:** Racial/ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in health care use and outcomes, high-risk populations
 - **Health Informatics:** Using electronic medical records and other health data to improve care and conduct research
 - **Health Insurance and Economics:** Effects of health care utilization, financing, and plan benefit structures – economic evaluation
 - **Health Care Policy & Reform:** Effects of policies, both local and national, on health care, drug use, and health outcomes
 - **Interventions and Clinical Trials:** Prospective studies of the efficacy and effectiveness of interventions, including clinical, behavioral, and cluster randomized trials
 - **Mega-epidemiology and Genetics:** Research based on prospective collection of data, beyond that collected during routine care, including genetics and biobanking studies
 - **Pharmacoepidemiology:** The use, safety, and effectiveness of medications, vaccines, biologics, devices, and other medical products in populations
 - **Virtual Data Warehouse:** Tools, techniques or processes used for the implementation and adoption of the VDW, including: infrastructure development, ETL, QA, collaborative processes and usage
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Abstract Requirements

Title:

- Include a short descriptive title with no abbreviations that indicates the nature of the investigation
- Capitalize the first letter of each word in the title

Authors:

- For each author, list name, degrees and affiliation.
- For each affiliation list: Institute/Organization, Department, City/State and Country

Abstract Body:

- Must not exceed 350 words
- Use the following subheadings: Background/Aims, Methods, Results, Conclusions
- Include detailed results in support of your conclusions (include data when appropriate)
- Do not begin sentences with numerals. When percentages are used, the absolute number from which they are derived must be included; for example, "33% (10 of 30)"
- Standard abbreviations may be used without definition. Nonstandard abbreviations (kept to a minimum) must be placed in parentheses after the first use of the word or phrase abbreviated.
- Do not include references, credits, or grant support
- Do not include figures or tables
- The work covered by the abstract must not have been published or presented at any meeting prior to March 23, 2011.
- **Proofread abstracts carefully to avoid errors before submission. Abstracts will be printed as submitted.**

**Early Career Investigators (i.e. presenters within five years of their terminal degree at the time of the meeting) will be considered for a special award. Those interested should indicate their status on the online abstract submission form. **

Publication of Abstracts

Abstracts accepted for presentation at the 2011 HMORN Conference will be archived on the HMORN public website as in the past. This year, selected abstracts may also be considered for publication in *Clinical Medicine & Research* as part of the conference proceedings. *Clinical Medicine & Research* is an indexed, peer-reviewed journal with editorial offices at Marshfield Clinic. The journal has both print distribution and open electronic access through PubMed Central and the journal's website. In the online submission form, you

will have the option of indicating whether you want your abstract to be considered for publication in *Clinical Medicine & Research*, provided it has not been previously published.

Submission Information

Please note that the submission system closes November 2, 2010 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time. Upon successful submission of the abstract, an email notification will be sent to the address included on the abstract submission form. If you do not receive notification within 24 hours, please contact Andrea Moreira by email andrea_moreira@harvardpilgrim.org or by phone (617)509-9992.

Review Process

Abstracts will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Significance of the research
- Innovation
- Scientific approach
- Relevance to our audience

Notification

Corresponding authors will be informed of the status of their abstracts and, if accepted, the type of presentation no later than January 13, 2011. All presenters, oral and poster, must register for the conference.

Contact Information

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