

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Cancer Health Disparities Summit 2008

Eliminating Cancer Health Disparities Through Science, Training, and Community

July 14–16, 2008

Location: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center
5701 Marinelli Road
Bethesda, MD 20852

Sponsor: Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (CRCHD), National Cancer Institute

Goal:

Enhance mutually beneficial interactions among the CRCHD programs by sharing scientific knowledge, encouraging junior investigators, and broadening community participation.

Objectives:

- To highlight scientific achievements across CRCHD research and training programs.
- To enhance networking opportunities among colleagues and senior investigators representing cancer and cancer health disparities programs.
- To familiarize junior investigators with critical components of a successful research proposal and the application review process through participation in a mock review session.
- To empower community partners to educate scientists and others about culturally-appropriate strategies needed to sustain and increase community involvement in research.

Who Should Attend:

Summit 08 is open to a wide range of audience members from across cancer-related health disparities research and diversity training programs, including principal investigators, junior investigators, program staff, health care professionals, community partners, project staff, civic leaders, advocates and federal staff.

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION—May 2, 2008

Abstract Submission Guidelines:

Abstracts must be submitted online at

<http://www.cancermeetings.org/CHDSummit08/abstractLogin.cfm> using minimal text formatting (i.e., tables, etc.). Abstracts solicited should highlight basic, clinical, and community-based research in cancer and cancer health disparities; diversity training efforts; and health service delivery applications in the community across the research continuum for cancers that are more prevalent in diverse populations.

The following information must be included on all submitted abstracts:

1. Title of abstract
2. Author name(s), affiliation(s)
3. List primary presenter, affiliation, address, phone number and e-mail
4. Indicate preferred format: poster, oral, roundtable, or abstract book only
5. Indicate target population and cancer site
6. Abstract length is 250 words max.
7. Include background, objectives, methods, results, implications, and next steps

PLEASE NOTE

- Each CRCHD-sponsored program and junior investigator must submit at least **one** abstract.
- Non-supported junior investigators who do not wish to present at the Summit, should submit an abstract highlighting your current project, which will be included in the abstract book only.
- *A junior investigator is an individual supported by a CRCHD-sponsored program who is not a PI on an MICCP, CNP, or PNRP, or R01 grant, such as individuals who hold a diversity supplement, F31, or K Award or serve as a co-leader on a pilot within the MICCP, CNP, or PNRP programs.*
- Posters are only accepted from junior investigators who wish to participate in the poster competition.
- Community partners and patient navigators are encouraged to only submit abstracts for roundtable discussions.

Research Categories for Abstracts

Please indicate the category under which the abstract submission should be listed:

Basic Cancer Biology (Basic)

■ Cancer cell biology ■ Cancer etiology ■ Cancer immunology and hematology ■ DNA and chromosome aberrations ■ Structural biology ■ Tumor microenvironment ■ Emerging Technologies

Clinical research addressing systemic cancer care barriers (Clinical)

■ Recruiting diverse populations for clinical research ■ Undocumented patient treatment ■ Patient care barriers (financial, reimbursement, transportation, literacy, etc)

- Uninsured/underinsured
- Continuum of care
- Cultural competency
- Navigation as a tool to improve health care access

Community-based participatory research methods, data, and evaluation (CBPR)

- Identifying and preventing risk factors
- Social, cultural, and environmental influences on behavioral change (individual, community, or organizational level)
- Effective and efficacious intervention development
- Community partnerships and adoption
- Survivorship issues
- Innovative outreach strategies
- Program sustainability

Poster Competition

We have tentatively scheduled two junior investigator poster competitions to take place Monday, July 14, and Tuesday, July 15, from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM. It is the expectation that junior investigators across the NCI-funded CRCHD research and training programs will present scientific projects and results at this competition.

Posters will be displayed on 4' x 6' poster board and compete with posters in the appropriate research category. The categories are basic research; clinical research; and community-based research. A poster board and push pins will be provided.

Posters will be judged on the basis of scientific content; clarity of the presentation of the material on the poster; the individual presentation and response to questions from judges; innovation; and thoroughness.

Junior investigators who wish to participate in the competition should select "poster" as the presentation type in the abstract submission form, which can be found on the Summit website at www.cancermeetings.org/CHDSummit08. They should also indicate a research category (see above) in which the poster should be judged. Prizes will be awarded to 1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd-place winners within each category.

More information concerning the poster competition is detailed on the Summit '08 Web site (<http://www.cancermeetings.org/CHDSummit08>).

Roundtable Discussions

Abstracts are accepted from community partners and patient navigators to share lessons learned, best practices, accomplishments, challenges, and recommendations related to their participation in research programs.

Abstract Selection Criteria

Abstracts may be submitted for oral, roundtable, or poster presentations and will be selected by a peer review process. Selection criteria will be based on relevance to the Summit theme, quality, innovation, robustness of study design and methodology (if applicable), and contribution to the science of cancer and cancer health disparities. Submissions on common or similar topics will be grouped together for presentation by format (oral, poster, or roundtable).

Additional Information

If your abstract is selected for oral or roundtable formats, you will receive a notice including presentation guidelines and speaker ready room information. If your abstract has been selected for the poster competition, you will receive information concerning shipping instructions and address, and setup and breakdown hours.