



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: ~~FEBRUARY 9th, 2018~~ EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 20, 2018

The Canadian Association of Perinatal and Women's Health Nurses (CAPWHN) invites nurses and other health professionals in perinatal and women's health who are members, non-members and students to submit abstracts for presentation at the 2018 CAPWHN Annual Clinical, Education, Research Conference to be held October 11-13th, 2018, in Ottawa, Ontario.

- ❖ Abstracts for oral and poster presentations are welcome in either English or French.
- ❖ All abstracts are peer reviewed.
- ❖ Abstracts must be submitted using the abstract submission form-fillable PDF (available at www.capwhn.ca) no later than ~~February 9th, 2018~~ **1700 EST on February 20, 2018**.
- ❖ All accepted abstract presenters must register for the CAPWHN National Conference and pay the appropriate registration fee.

Conference Theme: Leading Change Across Our Nation- Networking on the Hill

Conference Objectives:

1. Discuss innovative, evidenced-informed strategies to promote excellence in perinatal and women's health care.
2. Reflect on approaches to influence policy at local, provincial, and national levels that aim to improve health care for women, newborns and their families.
3. Create opportunities for clinicians, educators and researchers from across Canada to network and share best practices.
4. Explore current and future roles of perinatal and women's health nurses as members of interprofessional teams.
5. Identify strategies that promote engagement of patients and families to enhance empowerment and shared decision-making.

Abstracts should address the conference theme and fit within one of the following categories:

- ❖ Research (completed or in progress);
- ❖ Quality Improvement (Innovative programs and processes);
- ❖ Knowledge translation (Best practices);
- ❖ Clinical Case

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- **Title:** should be **brief** and clearly indicate the nature of the abstract/presentation.
- **ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS** must include the **purpose** and three (3) **learning objectives**, and a brief **description** of the presentation and **how it aligns with the conference theme and goals. Identifying information must not be in the text of the abstract.** In addition:
 - **RESEARCH abstracts (250 words)** should include study purpose, methods (design, sample, procedures), main findings and conclusions with implications for nursing practice. Please specify whether the project is completed or if it is work-in progress.
 - **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (INNOVATION AND CHANGE) abstracts (250 words)** should include background of the issue, motivation for innovation or change, and the process of developing, implementing, and evaluating the innovation or change including implications for nursing practice.
 - **KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION (BEST PRACTICE) abstracts (250 words)** should include a review of what is currently known about a topic, a description of the implementation process, and the implications for nursing practice.
 - **CLINICAL CASE abstracts (250 words)** should include a description of a challenging/interesting case scenario, an overview of the issue, and the implications for nursing practice.

Learning objective requirements:

Learning objectives must be submitted with the perspective of the session **participant** in mind; each typically includes an action that is measurable, and which demonstrates learning (e.g., “Following this session, participants will be able to identify the key requirements for ...”).

To learn more about writing learning objectives please see the following:

http://www.cpd.utoronto.ca/newsletter/2009_fall/Quick_Tips_Writing_Goals_Objectives.pdf

http://www.bu.edu/cme/forms/RSS_forms/tips_for_writing_objectives.pdf

Examples of Measurable Verbs are accessible here:

<http://www.tst.edu/sites/default/files/Bloom's%20Taxonomy%20of%20Measurable%20Verbs.pdf>

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. The abstract submission form is available at www.capwhn.ca (follow the links on the left side bar). **NOTE:** If the form will not open when you click on the link, or if you see the following message: *“Please wait...If this message is not eventually replaced by the proper contents of the document, your PDF viewer may not be able to display this type of document”*, simply download the form then open it from your computer. We also suggest using Internet Explorer rather than other web browsers.
2. Abstracts are limited to 250 words (excluding title, authors, affiliations, and the additional information re., objectives/conference theme alignment). Submissions must be made using the form-fillable PDF and submitted electronically. Mailed or faxed forms will not be accepted.

3. Abstracts are accepted for presentations in English or French.
4. To save the completed abstract submission form for your files (recommended), click on "File" then "**Save as**". Choose the location for the file to be saved. The form may then be reopened and revised prior to submission. When all sections of the form have been completed click on the "Submit Form" button to return the form to CAPWHN. If there are difficulties submitting the abstract using the "Submit Form" button, please send the completed form as an email attachment to admin@capwhn.ca.
5. **DEADLINE for abstract submission is February 9th, 2018 1700 EST on February 20, 2018.** Please follow the instructions carefully. Incorrect, incomplete or late abstracts will not be reviewed
6. Following the submission deadline, abstracts will undergo a peer review process with author names and identifying information omitted. The abstract content should not contain identifying information.
7. All abstracts are reviewed by the Abstract Review Committee. The **corresponding author** is notified via e-mail of the results of the review process by the end of March 2018.

Please note that all authors and co-authors of accepted abstracts presenting at the conference must register for the conference and pay their own expenses (conference fees, travel, accommodation, etc.).

For more information, clarification or questions about the abstract submission process please e-mail: admin@capwhn.ca.

PRESENTATION INSTUCTIONS

Oral Presentation

Presenters will have access to a laptop, LCD projector and screen (as well as a microphone depending on the size of the room). Other audio/visual equipment requirements (including Internet and flipcharts) must be requested, however, availability is not guaranteed. All PowerPoint Presentations must be submitted to the CAPWHN office by September 25th, 2018.

Poster Presentation

Poster presentation format is best suited to a brief description of the study or project, accompanied by graphics and charts. The maximum poster size is 3.5' high X 7' wide. Velcro strips will be supplied to affix the poster to the poster board. Presenters must be present at their poster and be available for questions at the specified poster viewing times. Electrical outlets are not available and there are no video/TV capacities. The following components should be addressed in the poster: title (same as abstract), relevant content about the study or initiative including relevance to conference theme and implications for nursing practice, logical flow, balanced layout / white space, creative use of colour or graphics, references and/or contact information for follow up, scholarly format. Online resources exist for the construction of posters, e.g.

http://library.nymc.edu/access/create_PPposter.cfm

https://www.csun.edu/plunk/documents/poster_presentation.pdf

<https://guides.nyu.edu/posters>