

ABSTRACTS FOR SYMPOSIA MUST BE SUBMITTED IN THE FORMAT SHOWN BELOW:

Symposium Proposal

Symposia provide an avenue for participants to organize a discussion focused around a specific theme. The theme can be either substantive (e.g., women’s health, alternative medicine, geriatric medicine) or methodological (e.g., risk adjustment, quality measurement), or presentations of alternative viewpoints about significant topics. A symposium must include a convener, who is responsible for organizing the symposium, and at least three participants, who will be responsible for presentations. The symposium overview should identify the theme, the relevance and timeliness of the theme, and the relationships of the three presentations to the theme. All symposium proposals must include the following:

1. Up to three (3) key words, identifying the major subject of the symposium.
2. A one- to two-page (single spaced) overview statement.
3. A short description of the session’s format.
4. A half-page (single spaced) synopsis of each presentation.
5. A signed statement from each participant showing agreement to participate and their assurance that their presentation will be ready in time for the conference. Please provide name, address, phone, fax, and e-mail for each participant.
6. Papers are not required for symposia participation, but are encouraged.



PLEASE E-MAIL YOUR ABSTRACT OR PROPOSAL BY **NOVEMBER 3, 2014**

E-mail to:

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If you do not receive an e-mail acknowledgement of your submission by November 21, 2014, assume we do not have your abstract. Contact Cecilia Colizza at 612-624-7990 or at ccolizza@umn.edu to confirm receipt of your abstract or if you have any questions.

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Tuesday, March 3, 2015

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Eighteenth Annual Minnesota Health Services Research Conference

The Eighteenth Annual Health Services Research Conference will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at the Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul Campus, University of Minnesota. The purpose of this event is to bring together Minnesota’s health services research community for a day of scholarly presentations and discussions. Nathan Shippee, from the Division of Health Policy and Management at the University of Minnesota, is the coordinator of this year’s conference.

The 2015 conference theme is "Collaboration across boundaries in Health Services Research."

Call for Abstracts

The conference sessions will be organized around themes reflecting the abstracts received. We hope this will help ensure that the sessions cover the areas of greatest interest and relevance to the Minnesota health services research community. **Abstracts must be received by Monday, November 3, 2014** and be provided in one of the formats shown below. Abstract writers will be notified of acceptance or rejection by late November 2013. **There is a Student Paper Competition with first, second and third prizes of \$500, \$250, and \$125, respectively. For details on this competition, see <http://www.sphresearch.umn.edu/hpm/hsr/>**

We encourage submission of abstracts in health services research, which is “a multi-disciplinary field of inquiry, both basic and applied, that examines the use, costs, quality, accessibility, delivery, organization, financing, and outcomes of health care services to increase knowledge and understanding of the structure, processes, and effects of health services for individuals and populations” (Field, M.J., Tranquada, R.R. and Feasley, J.C. 1995. *Health Services Research: Work Force and Educational Issues*. Washington, D.C.: National Academy Press. Page 3) (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nichsr/ihcm>).

Possible Topics

- Access to health care
- Accountable care organizations
- Children’s health
- Chronic disease management
- Clinical practice improvement
- Community health
- Comparative Effectiveness
- Decision making, decision aids
- Global health
- Health behaviors
- Health care costs
- Health care reform
- Health disparities
- Health Informatics
- Health insurance markets
- Health literacy
- Health professions work force
- Incentives and pay for performance
- Long term care
- Medical homes
- Organization and financing of health services
- Outcomes research
- Patient-centered care
- Patient and enrollee satisfaction
- Patient safety
- Performance measurement
- Population health
- Predictive modeling
- Prevention and health promotion
- Quality of care measurement and management
- Research methods
- Risk adjustment
- Rural health

We encourage you to consider other topics as well. If you are wondering whether a topic fits, contact Nathan Shippee (nshippee@umn.edu) to discuss your idea. **Please note that submissions are encouraged in the area of collaboration across boundaries, the area of emphasis for this year’s conference.**

Abstracts may be submitted for either research papers or for symposia. The research papers provide an avenue for individual researchers to present their current research. Symposia provide an avenue for participants to organize a discussion focused around a specific theme. The theme can be either substantive (e.g., women’s health, alternative medicine, geriatric medicine) or methodological (e.g., risk adjustment, quality measurement). Symposia presenting alternative viewpoints, such as conservative and liberal, debating significant topics in health services research or health policy are encouraged. A symposium must include a convener, who is responsible for organizing the symposium, and at least three participants, who will be responsible for presentations. **All participants, including paper presenters and symposium participants must register for the conference and pay the registration fee.**

All submissions must include a **cover page** with the submission title, the presenter’s name, title, and contact information (address, telephone, fax, e-mail) and either a structured abstract or a symposium proposal. Symposia submissions should also include name and contact information for each participant on the cover page and signed letters of participation from each participant. **We use a blind review process, so show identifying information only on the cover page.** Structured abstracts will be reviewed on the basis of the quality of the design, sample, methodology, and timeliness. Symposium will be reviewed on the basis of overall quality, timeliness, and relevance. Accepted abstracts will be printed in a booklet and distributed to conference attendees. All submissions should be sent by email to Cecilia Colizza at ccolizza@umn.edu (Word or PDF formats).

ABSTRACTS FOR REGULAR SESSIONS
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Structured Abstract for Research Paper

Each abstract should fit on one single-spaced page and should include information under each of the following headings.

Objective (or Study Question). Provide a single partial sentence, beginning with the word “To” indicating the principal reason for the conduct of the study (e.g., “To test” a specific hypothesis or theory).

Data Sources/Study Setting. Provide a single partial sentence indicating whether primary or secondary data were collected and the time frame of the data collection. Descriptions of the study setting, with regard to both primary and secondary analyses (complete sentences) will help establish the generalizability of the findings.

Study Design. Describe succinctly (complete sentences) the general structure of the study approach, indicating whether the study involved an intervention, randomization of subjects, or particular diagnostic or therapeutic procedures, and whether measures were taken at multiple points in time, and analytic methods (e.g., regression, qualitative analysis). Identify the key variables in the analysis.

Data Collection/Extraction Methods. Indicate in complete sentences the procedures used in assembling the data for the analyses.

Principal Findings. In complete sentences, focus on the most important observations from the data pertinent to the questions or issues identified.

Conclusions. Again in complete sentences, mention only those conclusions directly supported by the data from this particular study. Avoid speculative observations, but indicate the extent to which additional research may be required to address the central issues raised in the paper.

Implications for Practice or Policy. In complete sentences, describe the implications for health care practice or policy. Avoid speculative implications.

Topics. Provide the topic area or areas that reflect the essential content and message of the article. Please choose from the list of possible topics or enter other and a topic description.