

CALL FOR POSTERS

Showcase Your Center's Research and Innovations at the 2009 Community Health Institute (CHI)

Chicago, August 23-25, 2009

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Why Present a Poster?

All those working in or with health centers are invited to submit a poster abstract on a research activity happening at a center, findings from a study on or with centers, or an innovative best practice that other centers can replicate. With over 2000 attendees, presenting a poster at the CHI provides you a forum to share your work, find other centers with similar needs and interest, deliberate over new ideas, and facilitate the creation of new partnerships.

What Is a Poster and How Does it Work?

A poster is a visual way to disseminate and share your research or best practices. It is a hybrid of a written paper and an oral presentation that enhances one-on-one networking opportunities for conference attendees. A poster could stand alone without a presenter, but the presenter enhances the information. Presenters stand alongside to emphasize key points, answer questions, and receive feedback.

Accepted abstracts will have a poster board space measuring 4 feet high and 8 feet wide. Poster presenters hang a poster with information in a bulleted or graphical form. Sample posters are provided at www.nachc-chi.com, or email Michelle Proser at mproser@nachc.com. All posters will be presented together during a dedicated time slot during the CHI.

Invited Themes

All types of research and best practices will be considered. Poster abstracts should be submitted under one or more of the following themes:

- **Quality of Care and Quality Improvement** (e.g., community health improvement, health disparities, quality-enabled information technology, pay for performance, disease or age-specific interventions, etc)
- **Access to Care** (e.g., health navigators, outreach, other means of removing barriers to care, etc)
- **Health Center Operations** (e.g., financial stability, Health Information Technology, leadership, governing board, pay for performance, etc)
- **Workforce**

- **Cost Effectiveness** (e.g., savings to payers, pay for performance, lowering costs of care, etc)
- **Other Themes and Emerging Issues**

Poster Selection Criteria

Abstracts will undergo review by the NACHC selection committee and will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Structured as research or a best practice
- Relevance to health centers
- Quality, originality, and innovation
- Timeliness of the topic
- Clarity of writing and presentation
- Completed or nearly completed research, or fully implemented best practice
- Contribution of results to the health center movement

Tips for Abstracts

- Be sure to follow the criteria above.
- Write clearly and edit your abstract.
- Be sure to provide enough information for the selection committee to understand your approach, results, and significance. Incomplete abstracts will not be considered.
- Avoid abbreviations.
- Demonstrate how your work is relevant to health centers, and why health centers should know about it.
- Accepted abstracts will be shared with conference attendees.
- Posters are not opportunities to promote a product or recruit program participants.

How to Submit and Further Information

To submit a poster abstract and for more information, visit www.nachc-chi.com. Follow the online submission form. **Abstracts must be submitted by May 29**, though abstracts may be reviewed by the NACHC selection committee on an ongoing basis.

For questions, please contact Michelle Proser, NACHC Director of Research, at mproser@nachc.com or 202.296.1960.