

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR POSTER PRESENTATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Abstracts are encouraged in all areas related to care and control of malignant disease in children. Submissions may cover ANY dimension of childhood cancer care and control including research, innovative program delivery, data management, education and policy development. All professional disciplines are encouraged to submit posters.

POGO strongly promotes communication of research, program, policy and educational innovations and wishes all abstracts to succeed. The organization has therefore obtained the agreement of adjudicators of the abstracts that they will provide feedback, in addition to a standard accept/reject response IF IT IS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED. Authors may, however, opt for a simple accept/reject response, i.e., without feedback. All submitters will be asked at the time of submission to indicate their preference in this regard.

NOTE: Authors who select the accept/reject with feedback alternative secure an option to revise and resubmit their abstract for reconsideration.

DEADLINE

Abstracts must be submitted by **Thursday, September 15, 2011**. This date will be strictly adhered to.

ABSTRACT CONTENT & ORGANIZATION

An abstract should be a concise, stand-alone summary of the intervention program, research study or other initiative to be presented. This will allow the reviewers to quickly evaluate the subject matter for relevance, scientific credibility and quality.

1. The submission should be no longer than 450 words (exclusive of title). The preferred font is 10-12 point Helvetica.
2. The title should clearly define the topic. It should not exceed two (2) lines and is to be typed in CAPITAL LETTERS.
3. The author(s)' last names(s), initial(s), institution(s), city and province/state should be listed immediately below the abstract title, typed in upper and lower case and single spaced. An asterisk should identify the presenting author after his/her name.
4. The actual abstract text should be typed in upper and lower case, single-spaced. Information must be organized under the following, prescribed headings:

a. Abstract Reporting Research (qualitative and quantitative)

Headings:

- Purpose, Research Questions/Hypotheses, Objectives: A brief statement of the problem investigated, research questions and hypotheses.
- Methods/Procedures: subject selection; data collection; analytic methods.
- Results: Include sample size, major findings and statistical significance where appropriate.
- Conclusions/Discussion: May include indications for effective use and implications.

b. Abstract Reporting Clinical Practice Innovations, Including Policy Innovations

These describe new approaches to care/control and should be presented as follows:

- Purpose of innovation: e.g., the problems, limitations and/or new insights and information the program or policy is meant to address. This section should clearly identify the target population and evidence of need.
- Program/Practice OR Policy Description.
- Evaluation: This section should include specific strategies for assessment of the impact of the practice/program or policy on patient well being. Specific evaluation criteria and outcome measures should be described.
- Conclusions/Discussion: Provide indications regarding appropriate applications and limitations of effective use of the practice/program or policy in paediatric oncology practice.

c. Education Focused Abstracts

These describe education programs, modules and tools, and should be presented as follows:

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- Purpose: Include reason for development, methodology for establishing need (e.g., needs assessment, Delphic oracle consultation, etc.), and identify the target audience.
 - Program Description: Include details about program content, format, objectives; advance preparation; references/other support supplied.
 - Evaluation
 - Conclusions/Discussion: Include indications and limitations of use in paediatric oncology, and implications.
5. Standard abbreviations may be used.
 6. Tabular or graphic material can be included.

SUBMITTING AN ABSTRACT

Abstracts should be created in MS Word and must be uploaded to the POGO Abstract submission site by **September 15th**. Please visit: www.pogo.ca/education/symposium/callforabstracts to access the submission site.

AUTHOR INFORMATION

Complete author information (name, credentials, title, facility, and location) should be provided at the time of submission. POGO will send any correspondence to the "Presenting Author" that is identified at the time of submission.

REVIEW PROCESS

All submitted abstracts will undergo a blind peer review.

1. Abstracts should be received in the POGO office no later than **Thursday, September 15, 2011**.
2. In September 2011, the author named as correspondent will be notified of the reviewers' recommendation regarding acceptance.
NOTE: Notification will be limited to accept/reject unless feedback is specifically requested. Authors, who feel they would benefit from constructive feedback and are interested in any abstract revisions that may result, should clearly indicate their desire for such feedback at the time of submission (see check boxes on 'Presenter Form').
3. Revised abstracts must be uploaded to the Abstract Submission site no later than **Friday, October 7, 2011**.
4. By **Friday, October 14, 2011**, the author named for correspondence will be notified of the final decision of poster acceptance/non-acceptance.

POSTER DISPLAY INFORMATION

1. If references are used, they should be listed numerically in order as cited in the abstract, using the following format:
Journal: Sklar, C., Whitton, J., Mertens, A., Stovall, M., Green, D., Marina, N., Greffe, B., Wolden, S., & Robison, L. (2000) Abnormalities of the thyroid in survivors of Hodgkin's disease: data from the Childhood Cancer Survivor Study. *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism*, 85(9):3227-32.
Book: Buresh, B., & Gordon, S. (2000) From Silence to Voice: What Nurses Know and Must Communicate to the Public. Ottawa, Canada: Canadian Nurses Association Publications.
2. Poster dimensions must not exceed 48" high x 84" wide.
3. Posters will be mounted on freestanding boards provided by POGO.
4. Posters must be displayed on both November 18th and 19th, 2011.
5. Posters will remain on view in the exhibit area throughout the Symposium. POGO will inform authors of any designated times for formal viewing; during designated times, presenters are required to be with their posters.

ACCEPTED ABSTRACTS WILL APPEAR IN THE ABSTRACT BOOKLET

POSTER PRESENTERS MUST REGISTER FOR THE SYMPOSIUM

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