

# **American Dental Hygienists' Association**

## **2009 Annual Session Research Poster Session**

# **Open Call for Abstracts**

The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) Annual Session Research Poster Session provides dental hygiene researchers and educators the opportunity to present their work, exchange ideas and share information and effective strategies for teaching and mentoring research with their colleagues and other dental hygienists. Abstracts are being solicited for an open poster session during the 2009 Annual Session of the ADHA in Washington, D.C. Posters should pertain to ADHA's National Dental Hygiene Research Agenda (<http://www.adha.org/research/nra.htm>), evidence-based patient-centered dental hygiene practice, *Healthy People 2010: National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives*, or an area of dental hygiene-related research significant to the participant.

Individuals presenting abstracts must be one of the following: **healthcare providers, educators, researchers; degree completion or master's level students in an accredited institution.** An individual may **submit only one** abstract and may **present only one** poster at the meeting, but may appear as a co-author on other abstracts. Presenters do not have to be a member of the ADHA. Presenters are not required to be the principal investigator of the study, but must be a member of the research team. **Please note that entry-level dental hygiene students are to apply to ADHA's Student Participation and Awards Program.** Persons submitting an abstract for the Annual Session are doing so with the understanding that they abide by the conditions, deadline policies, and the decisions of the ADHA Council on Annual Session.

Abstracts must not be submitted to the meeting if the work will have been previously published or presented at another meeting prior to the dates of the ADHA Annual Session **with the exception of research presented at either the 2009 AADR/IADR or the ADEA meeting. All presenters from either the 2009 AADR/IADR or ADEA Research Sessions are invited to present their research at the 2009 ADHA Annual Session Research Poster Session. Please mark the appropriate box on the abstract submission form.**

All submitters of accepted abstracts are expected to register for and attend the meeting. If an emergency arises and the presenter is unable to attend, he/she must notify the Central Office in writing **prior to the meeting** that he/she is withdrawing the abstract or naming a substitute presenter. All notices should be emailed to [research@adha.net](mailto:research@adha.net). The substitute must be a co-author and preferably not already presenting another abstract. Failure to follow these procedures may result in the submitter being prohibited from presenting at the next ADHA meeting.

By submitting your abstract, you are agreeing to have it appear in the Journal of Dental Hygiene. All accepted abstracts will appear in the Abstracts Issue of the *Journal of Dental Hygiene* for the Annual Meeting. The Abstract Issue is prepared by direct reproduction of the author-prepared abstracts. Abstracts will not be edited in any way. Thus, any error that appears in the submitted abstract will appear in the journal.

All presenters will be required to pre-register by **Thursday, April 30, 2009**. When you receive your acceptance notification, you will notice that you are only provisionally accepted for the program in Washington D.C. There will be a link in the notification letter to our online registration form. If you do not pre-register by the date given, your abstract will **not** be included in the printed program and you will not be allowed to present your abstract at the meeting. These measures are necessary due to an increase in presenters not registering for the meeting. Presenters will be responsible for their own meeting registration fees, transportation and lodging expenses.

Authors are asked to refer to the abstract preparation guidelines below. Submissions will undergo a double-blinded review process by an external review committee. **All abstracts must be submitted via E-mail to [research@adha.net](mailto:research@adha.net) using the ADHA Electronic Submission Form. Deadline for submission of abstracts is Wednesday, February 18, 2009.** Notification to the authors of accepted or rejected abstracts will be made by Friday, March 27, 2009. Presentations of accepted abstracts must reflect the abstract's content.

# Guidelines for the Preparation of Abstracts

**NOTE: ABSTRACTS THAT DO NOT CONFORM WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT REVIEW**

1. Please read all instructions before typing the abstract on the electronic form.
2. Proofread your abstract carefully. The abstract will be reproduced directly from this form.
3. Typeface characters must be standard font size (10 pitch). Do not reduce or condense size of print. **(This is an example of the smallest acceptable font size)**. Dot matrix print is not acceptable. Do not reduce or condense the size of the abstract. Type must be in black ink. The maximum words of the abstract cannot exceed 300.
4. Start on the first line within the box. Indent the title 1" from the left margin of the box. TYPE THE TITLE IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS FOLLOWED BY A PERIOD. List the first name, middle initial, last name, and credentials of each author, followed by affiliation. If several authors have a mutual affiliation, list the names and credentials of all authors first, then list the affiliation. Please place an asterisk in front of the presenter(s).
5. Double-space between the authors and the body of the abstract. The abstract must be single-spaced. Indent the first line of each paragraph. Do not double-space between paragraphs. Use a narrative text, and do not include any graphs, tables or references.
6. Abstracts **MUST** be submitted via E-mail using ADHA Electronic Submission Form. The form can be downloaded from ADHA Web site: <http://adha.org/research/index.html>.
7. Presentations of accepted abstracts must reflect the abstract's content. All presenters for the Poster Session must register for the meeting at the appropriate registration fee.
8. Presentations will be grouped according to the categories listed in the ADHA National Dental Hygiene Research Agenda (<http://www.adha.org/research/nra.htm>). Each author submitting an abstract must indicate one category in which the abstract is to be placed. Check the appropriate category on the front of the abstract submission form
9. All posters must be accompanied by a presenter who is a member of the research team.
10. Funding support must be identified as last sentence, i.e. "*Funding for this project through ADHA IOH*".

# ABSTRACTS SELECTION CRITERIA

**All abstracts, including those being presented at the 2009 AADR/IADR and/or ADEA meeting, must be received by February 18, 2009, to be considered!**

*We encourage you to submit early to ensure prompt processing*

Abstracts will be selected on the basis of the scientific quality of the work as judged from the abstract. Original work is required, such as systematic reviews, new programs, or new research. The Council on Research of the American Dental Hygienists' Association will evaluate the content of each abstract and make a final decision. Each abstract must contain the following elements:

## ◆ New Program

1. Program purpose/goals are clearly defined.
2. The significance of the program is clearly stated.
3. Program's approach/key features are clearly described.
4. The evaluation plan is well developed or the results demonstrate program effectiveness.

## ◆ New Research

1. Study purposes are clearly defined.
2. IRB approval is required for all studies involving human subjects or animals.
3. Statement of the problem and study significance are explained.
4. Methodology (design, sampling and intervention) is outlined and appropriate for the study.
5. Results including data analysis (or plan for analysis) are included.
6. Conclusions (or preliminary findings) are supported by the results and stated clearly.
7. Studies in-progress at the time of submission must include a detailed plan for statistical analysis and preliminary findings.
8. New Research support research priorities, NDHRA (<http://www.adha.org/research/nra.htm>) and/or provide the scientific basis for clinical treatment.

## ◆ Systematic Review

1. A clearly formulated question.
2. Uses systematic and explicit methods to identify, select and critically appraise relevant research, and to collect and analyze data from the studies that are included in the review.
3. Statistical methods (meta-analysis) may or may not be used to analyze and summarize the results of the included studies.
4. The review process is comprehensive and unbiased.
5. Findings from systematic reviews support research priorities, NDHRA (<http://www.adha.org/research/nra.htm>) and/or provide the scientific basis for clinical treatment.

### **Common reasons for an abstract to be rejected or revised:**

- ◆ Abstract does not follow the guidelines for the preparation of abstracts.
- ◆ Abstract content does not comply with stated criteria.
- ◆ No data or appropriate statistics.
- ◆ Conclusion is not supported by results.
- ◆ Over-generalized statements such as "*results will be discussed and data will be analyzed using appropriate statistical tests*".
- ◆ Please note that abstracts in the evaluation phase will be accepted provisionally until **final data are submitted no later than April 3, 2009.**