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CALL FOR POSTER ABSTRACTS

GUIDELINES AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Abstract Deadline

The deadline for abstract submission is Friday, March 6, 2009.

Please complete the research or descriptive template and submit the form along with an additional blinded abstract copy to ce@son.umaryland.edu

Completion of Forms

Please complete the Call for Abstracts form in its entirety. Abstract text must be typed and should not exceed 250 words. We will accept electronic submissions only using the form provided on the Web site. Incomplete or faxed submissions will not be considered for review.

Criteria for Selection

- Significance of initiative/clinical question
- Demonstration of synthesis of evidence supporting initiative or change
- Implementation strategies used to result in a change in practice
- Impact/results of practice change, including measurement of outcomes
- Influence on the future direction of nursing practice

Dean Janet Allan Distinguished Award

One abstract will be judged of exceptionally high scholarly merit by a committee of reviewers and will be awarded the Dean Janet Allan Distinguished Poster Award.

Benefits of this award:

- The lead author will receive an honorarium of \$250 and a full scholarship to attend the conference (valued at \$325).
- The authors will be recognized onstage during the Dean's Welcome on **Thursday, April 2, 2009**.

Review Process, Notification, and Acceptance

The review process is blind and program balance is taken into consideration. Only the lead author will receive notification of abstract status. Notification will be sent via email by **March 9, 2009**. Acceptance of participation and registration *must* be received by **March 13, 2009**. Failure to do so will constitute a decline to present.

Registration

Presenters are expected to register to attend the conference on the day of their presentation. Lead authors for all accepted papers and posters will receive a discount on registration.

Poster Presentations

The size of the posters should be no larger than 4' by 6' and made to be displayed using pushpins, which will be available at the conference. Posters visually identify programs or research projects by depicting concepts and context at a glance. Authors will have the opportunity to discuss materials and provide related handouts.

The poster sessions will take place during a reception from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2009. Once your abstract has been accepted, you will be assigned to either the Thursday evening session or the Friday afternoon session. Details will be sent to the first author with the acceptance letter.