

22nd Annual Native Health Research Conference
“Translating Research into Policy & Practice in Native Health”

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The 22nd Annual Native Health Research Conference will bring together many different stakeholders involved in the conception, production, translation, and use of health research in American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian (AI/AN/NH) communities from across the continent. Conference participants will include researchers, health care providers, administrators, educators, Internal Review Board/Tribal Review Board members, indigenous students in training, policy-makers, and tribal leaders. It is anticipated that the conference will enhance our collective ability to advance biomedical, behavioral, and health services research for the benefit of Native communities, as well as to showcase recent health research projects and efforts undertaken in Indian Country. There is opportunity in the conference program for pre-coordinated panel presentations, oral presentations, and poster presentations. We are especially interested in proposals that will address this year’s conference theme on the *Translating Research into Policy & Practice in Native Health*, as well as presenters who might address *Community-Based Participatory Research* from the community’s perspective and *Native Hawaiian Health Issues*. Beyond this, proposals regarding any area of AI/AN/NH health research will receive full consideration. Abstracts must be received by 5:00 pm (Pacific Standard Time) on **May 15, 2010**, in order to be reviewed by the Scientific Program Committee of the Native Research Network, Inc. We anticipate notifying all potential presenters of the selection outcome via email by **May 15, 2010**.

Instructions for preparing abstracts and other required forms are attached to this Call and are available for download from the Native Research Network, Inc. website at www.nativeresearchnetwork.org or at the IHS Research Program website at www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/Research/conferences.cfm#national If you encounter trouble opening these links, please cut and paste these addresses directly into your browser.

Instructions for Preparing Abstracts

1. All abstracts must be sent via email as attached documents formatted in **Microsoft WORD**. Please follow the directions carefully and use the format on the following page.
2. Use the sample abstract form, next page, as a guide for size as you prepare your abstract. All copies must fit within the frame.
3. The abstract content should be structured as follows:
 - ▶ A specific and detailed title [bolded]
 - ▶ Authors [First name, Middle Initial, Last name] Note: Do not include degrees after the authors' names. Place an asterisk before the name of the presenting author.
 - ▶ Single space after the Title and Authors.
 - ▶ Single-space the text of the abstract with one continuous paragraph using Times New Roman 12 CPI.
 - ▶ The text should be no more than 250 words. Do not include figures, tables, equations, mathematical signs or symbols, or references.
 - ▶ Organize the text in the following manner:
 - A brief Purpose statement or Background of the study
 - A statement of the Methods used (including number of subjects and other pertinent data)
 - A summary of the Results presented in sufficient detail to support the conclusion
 - A statement of the Conclusion (it is not adequate to propose that the results will be discussed)
 - Bold the Purpose, Methods, Results, and Conclusions
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 - ▶ Add "For further information:" in bold, followed by the primary author's full name, official title, organization, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address.
4. Complete the biographical sketch on the next page and email it to the address below.
5. For a pre-coordinated panel proposal, complete an abstract form for each presentation, a biographical sketch for each presenter, and provide a panel title, the name of your panel Chair, and an overarching description of the panel not to exceed 250 words using a separate abstract form. A pre-coordinated panel proposal should be submitted as a single integrated Word document.
6. **Abstracts must be received by close of business on **May 15, 2010**.**
7. All abstracts should be emailed to **Alison J. Ball**, Ph.D. at: aball@uoregon.edu. Please put NHRC Abstract Submission in the subject heading. For questions about abstract submission, please contact Dr. Ball by email or by telephone at (541) 346-1485.

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Abstract Template

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Using “avoidable hospitalization” indicators to assess adequacy of Primary care: the Indian Health Service (IHS) 1980-1990. Jane Bear, *Tom Coyote, Joe Bluewater.

Background: Major needs in assessing care included using existing data and assessing primary care. We used “avoidable hospitalization” indicators to assess how well IHS primary care prevented avoidable hospitalizations. **Methods:** The avoidable hospitalization indicators were: TB, pertussis, cervical cancer, rheumatic heart disease, asthma, complications of hypertension, influenza and pneumococcal pneumonia in 65 + year olds, and infant gastroenteritis and newborn disease due to isoimmunizations. The IHS inpatient database for years 1980-1990 provided the count of cases. The denominator was the IHS Service Population derived from the census 1980-1990 of American Indian and Alaska Native residents. We calculated the “All US” rates using the National Hospital Discharge Survey. **Results:** Hospitalization rates for the most avoidable conditions decreased more than the “all hospitalizations” rate. However, the rates of four conditions decreased less than all, and worsened relative to the change in the US: pneumococcal pneumonia for 65+ year olds, newborn hemolytic disease, hypoglycemia, and asthma. **Conclusions:** IHS should investigate the epidemiology and the primary care of these conditions. Avoidable hospitalization indicators may detect changes in primary care or epidemiology rapidly and with good sensitivity.

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