



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The 2017 Convention Committee of the Puerto Rico Academy of Family Physicians invites submission of abstracts for family medicine research poster presentations for the **60th PR-AFP Annual Convention: “New Frontiers in Primary Care”**, to be held from **April 20 thru April 23, 2017** at the Puerto Rico Convention Center in San Juan.

The poster presentation abstract should be submitted no later than **Wednesday, March 15, 2017.**

Only abstracts sent by electronic submission will be accepted.
No abstracts will be accepted after the due date.
Abstracts that do not conform to official guidelines will not be accepted.

Instructions for submission:

Abstracts must be submitted in English, should not exceed 200 words and be in *.txt*, *.doc* or *.docx* format if submitted as an attachment. Authors are responsible for requesting the poster presentation guidelines upon abstract submission.

Please send your application in following format:

Poster title
Author(s)
Contact Information
Residency Affiliation Information (if applicable)
Short Abstract
IRB information (If applicable)

Submit abstract by email to: info@amfpr.org



POSTER PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

Description and Purpose

A poster presentation session involves the exposition of an author's research study by means of a display of a small amount of text accompanied by graphs, diagrams, photos, tables and figures. The purpose of this year research presentation forum is to encourage research by family medicine residents, medicine students, and family physicians either in clinical practice, research or academic settings. The PR-AFP wants to provide a venue to share their research and/or community projects, as well as to encourage networking among them.

Application Process

The application form must be completed and submitted to the PR AFP via email to info@amfpr.org by **March 15, 2017**. A short abstract of the poster must accompany the application. Authors are responsible for complying with the poster presentation guidelines upon abstract submission. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applicants will be notified by **March 25, 2017**. Incomplete applications will not be considered. A full version of the poster presentation must be received by email no later than **April 7, 2017** in PDF format (8x11), if accepted.

Eligibility

To enter the 2017 Annual Research Forum at the 60th Puerto Rico Academy of Family Physicians Convention presenters must be:

- Family Medicine residents or Medical Students currently enrolled in an ACGME/AOA accredited residency program or LCME/COCA accredited medical school in Puerto Rico
- A specialist in family medicine practicing in Puerto Rico either in clinical, research or academic setting.

Categories

- **Research:** Only original work will be considered for presentation. Presentation will comprise a summary of a clinical or basic science research project, including a hypothesis, brief theoretical background, variables studied, pertinent statistical analysis and a succinct description of data, discussion of results and relevance of the project. Projects may be observational or interventional studies, retrospective or prospective.



Proper documentation of approval or exemption from an institutional review board (IRB) must be submitted with the application if the project involves human subjects.

- **Clinical Inquiry:** Presentation of a clinical scenario with discussion of an actual patient presentation (case report), with review of current evidence-based recommendations for the discussed topic. The clinical case presentation must include a brief introduction, case description, discussion of current practice guidelines for management of the patient, and relevance to family medicine.

Submission Requirements

- Projects should be completed at time of application.
- Presenters of accepted entries must be family medicine residents, medicine students, and family physicians either in clinical practice, research or academic settings, as stated above, that have registered in our annual convention, and must be present at their display during determined poster presentation hours.

Instructions for Submission

Authors must complete the poster presentation application form in its entirety, and must include the following information:

- Poster title AND short poster title (should not exceed 50-characters; if accepted, this title will be used for the on-site signage)
- Author(s) name(s)
- Contact information
- Short abstract (must be submitted in English, should not exceed 200 words and must be in *.txt*, *.doc* or *.docx* format if submitted as an attachment). Examples of short abstracts may be found on the AAFP 2017 National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students poster presentation guidelines page for use as reference.
- IRB information (if project involves human subjects, IRB approval/exemption document is required. Please send as an attachment.)
- Full poster (small 8x11 PDF version) - optional on initial application submission and sent as an attachment. Required if accepted (See requirements below)

FULL POSTER - SECTIONS

Research

- Project description
- Objectives/purpose
- Methodology

- Results
- Conclusions/discussion
- References
- IRB information

Clinical Inquiry

- Introduction
- Case description
- Discussion of practice guidelines (evidence-based)
- References
- IRB information

Judging Criteria

Poster judging is comprised of a two-part review process:

A. Application/Abstract

Application and short abstracts will be initially reviewed by members of the 2017 PRAFP Continued Medical Education and Bulletin Committee for acceptance to enter competition. If accepted to participate, full poster (small 8x11 PDF version) will be submitted for peer-review and judged on the following criteria:

- Relevance to clinical practice, in particular to family medicine
- Originality of project
- Statement of purpose/goals
- Project/case description
- Evidence-based nature of content
- Validity of conclusions
- Importance for future research
- Design and Display Format of Poster Presentation

B. On-site Poster Presentation

- If accepted for presentation, poster authors will be invited to display their posters at the 60th PRAFP Convention held at the Puerto Rico Convention Center in San Juan from April 20 thru April 23, 2017.
- On-site judging will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017 during scheduled poster exhibit session. At least one author must be present during the judging session to answer questions to the judges who will have in advance a copy of the full poster (small PDF version 8x11 – previously described).



Judges will take into consideration the design and display format of the Poster Presentation as well as the presenter exposition/communication skills.

Display

- Posters accepted for presentation will be displayed in the designated area during the 60th PR-AFP Convention.
- Poster size should not exceed 3' x 5' dimensions (36 in x 60 in) and should be in landscape orientation. Preferred poster size is 3'x 4'.
- Authors are responsible for all costs associated with creating, printing, shipping and storage of the poster display.
- Authors may assemble display from 8:00am thru 4:00pm on Friday, April 21, 2017. Posters will remain on exhibit until Saturday, April 22, 2017 until 4:00pm. All posters must be picked up between 4:00pm and 5:00pm. Any posters remaining after 5:00pm will be discarded. On-site security will be provided for the duration of the display.

Recognition

Poster presentation awards ceremony will be held during the 60th Puerto Rico Academy of Family Physicians Convention award session on **Saturday, April 22, 2017**.