4th Annual Health Literacy Research Conference
HARC IV
October 22-23, 2012
Bethesda Hyatt, Bethesda, MD

Call for Abstracts
Deadline for submissions is 5pm (EST) July 13, 2012

The Health Literacy Annual Research Conference is an interdisciplinary meeting for investigators dedicated to health literacy research. It will be an opportunity to advance the field of health literacy, a method to raise the quality of our research, and a venue for professional development.

The aim of the conference is to attract a full range of investigators engaged in health literacy research including faculty involved in a broad array of public health, health services, epidemiology, social sciences, translational, and interventional research activities.

The main goals of the meeting are:

Advancing the Science

- Presentation and discussion of original research findings pertaining to issues such as:
  - Core definitional issues
  - Emerging measurement techniques and instruments
  - Newly validated interventions relating to communication, prevention, care management, chronic disease outcomes, and public health
  - Health Literacy and Health Disparities

Location
HARC IV will be returning to Bethesda, MD and will take place at the Hyatt Bethesda hotel. Information regarding accommodations will be announced soon.

Program Committee
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Abstract guidelines

Eligibility
No paper may be presented at HARC if it has been published or accepted for publication either in article or abstract form prior to the abstract submission deadline. Papers under review at the time of the submission deadline but not yet accepted for publication, even if appearing before the meeting, are eligible for presentation.

Presentation Types
All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by a panel of reviewers. The highest rated abstracts will be offered an oral presentation. Other highly rated abstracts will be offered a poster presentation.

Submission Length
Excluding the title and author list, all submissions are limited to 500 words.

Tables and Figures
Submissions may include no more than 1 table or figure. Graphics should be compact and used only to display essential results where textual presentation would be less efficient. Large tables and figures intended for use in an oral or poster presentation are not appropriate for the abstract submission.

Submission Content
All submissions must include the following sections. Submissions that do not include these sections will be returned to the corresponding author.

- Background – emphasizing research question
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions – emphasizing implications of results

Notifications
Corresponding authors will be notified by **Friday August 17, 2012** if their work was accepted for either oral or poster presentation.

Awards
The Sabra M. Woolley Memorial Award will be presented to the highest rated abstract of the meeting.

Stipends Available
Investigators who have an abstract selected for oral presentation at the meeting will receive a stipend for meeting attendance. International participation is also encouraged. There are a limited number of stipends available to support trainees and international investigators whose work is accepted for presentation at the meeting.

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To submit an abstract, please visit:
http://www.bumc.bu.edu/healthliteracyconference/abstract-submission-guidelines/

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