



Call for Abstracts - **EXTENDED**

Abstracts are due Friday February 26, 2010

The 2010 National Meeting on Improving Health Care for Rural Veterans, sponsored by the Veterans Health Administration Office of Rural Health (ORH) and Health Services Research and Development Service (HSR&D) will be held May 5-6 at the Embassy Suites in Portland, Maine. ORH's Veterans Rural Health Resource Center – Eastern Region will host the event, with the Central and Western Region Veterans Rural Health Resource Centers as co-hosts.

The meeting will bring together health services researchers, clinical managers, ORH leadership and project managers, and other stakeholders to discuss research and practices that will support improvements in access to care, coordination of care, patient centered-care, and anticipating patient needs in rural areas. Investigators engaged in health services research related to access to care and outcomes for rural veterans are invited to submit abstracts that describe research designed to:

Selection Criteria

Authors will be notified of decisions by March 10, 2010.

Abstracts should be no longer than 500 words.

Each abstract will be evaluated by expert reviewers, who will be blinded to authors' identities.

Abstracts with the highest average scores and greatest relevance to the conference topic areas will be selected.

Selection criteria include quality, timeliness, and relevance to the overall VA mission with a focus on improving health care quality and access to rural veterans.

All decisions regarding abstract acceptance/rejection will be made by Review Committee and will be final.

To submit an abstract, complete the attached submission form, and return to:

Email: Adrienne.Kinne2@va.gov

**Mail: Adrienne Kinne (11Q)
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Contact Adrienne Kinne at 802-295-9363x6284 if you have questions or problems submitting an abstract.

Non-presenting attendees are permitted to register but will have to fund their own travel.

- Improve quality of care in rural health care settings
- Improve access to care in rural settings
- Involve novel use of technology to improve access and quality of care in rural settings
- Improve access to and engagement in care for Veterans in their communities
- Expand and enhance rural workforce

Presentations

Selected abstracts will be presented either as oral presentations or posters. Investigators or project managers submitting abstracts are asked to indicate their preference for presentation format, but final decisions will be made by the Review Committee.

POSTER SESSION

The poster session is a display consisting of an exhibit of material personally accompanied by the author for an assigned period of time (usually 2 hours). The display reports current research results that can be readily summarized in graphic form (e.g., tables, graphs, pictures).

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Each oral presentation session is a collection of 5-6 related research presentations. The presenter is allotted approximately 15 minutes for his/her presentation with five minutes at the end of each presentation for a question-and-answer exchange with the audience.

Travel funds are available but limited to \$500 per person for only one VA employee presenter per accepted abstract.

**HSR&D National Meeting on Improving Health Care for Rural Veterans
May 5-6 , 2010
Portland, Maine**

Abstract Submission Form for Papers and Posters

Presenter			
Name:			
Affiliation:			
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Phone:		Fax:	
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Author List (Including Presenter)			
Names:		Affiliation:	

Submission Information (Select box ☐ by applicable item)

Type of Submission			
<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation	<input type="checkbox"/> Poster	<input type="checkbox"/> Either Paper or Poster	
Research Area			
<input type="checkbox"/> Quality of care in specialty rural health settings	<input type="checkbox"/> Quality of care in primary care and other non-rural health settings	<input type="checkbox"/> Access to and engagement in care	
This abstract is eligible for the Post-Doctoral Poster Competition: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

Title

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