



"Care Improvement Research: Partnering
with Patients, Providers and Operational Leaders"



**21st Annual HMO Research Network Conference
Care Improvement Research:
Partnering with Patients, Providers and Operational Leaders**

**Hosted by the Kaiser Permanente Southern California
Department of Research & Evaluation**

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Hyatt Regency Long Beach and the
Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center, Long Beach, California**

Call for Abstracts

Abstract Submission Guidelines

The theme of this year's conference – "Care Improvement Research: Partnering with Patients, Providers and Operational Leaders" – highlights ongoing efforts by researchers, clinicians, administrators and patients to work collaboratively to improve care throughout the learning health care system. Topics of special interest include rapid-cycle learning, quality improvement research, comparative effectiveness research, large simple trials, pragmatic trials, observational methods, patient-reported outcomes, novel models of integrated informed consent, research-operations partnerships, and the efficient dissemination and uptake of research findings into clinical practice. Also a priority is research that addresses one or more of the cultural, ethical, financial, logistical or technical challenges facing researchers and health systems in their efforts to improve.

Key Dates

August 8, 2014	Online abstract submission system opens at 9:00 am Eastern Time.
September 26, 2014	Online abstract submission system closes at 11:59 pm Eastern Time.
November 7, 2014	Notification of submission outcome.

Abstracts are invited for consideration as oral or poster presentations. Authors are encouraged to submit abstracts that fit the categories for planned concurrent sessions, as listed below. Examples of topics relevant to each category are provided.

- **Cancer:** Risk factors (including commonly used medications), prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis, palliative care, survivorship, patient communication, determinants of racial/ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in cancer treatment, health services use and outcomes, interventions in high-risk populations.
- **Cardiovascular Disease:** Epidemiology, risk factors (including commonly used medications), screening, diagnosis, prevention and treatment strategies, adherence to treatment, disease self-management, translation of evidence-based interventions, case management, surveillance, genetics, determinants of racial/ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in diagnosis, treatment, self-care, medication adherence and outcomes, interventions in high-risk populations.
- **Care Improvement Research:** Best practices and novel methods, relationships between researchers and host organizations, roles of research within health systems, ethical and methodological tensions, and quality improvement methods.
- **Child Health:** Epidemiology, risk factors, medication and vaccine use, screening, interventions, patient and/or parent communication, disparities in care and outcomes, health services.
- **Chronic Conditions/Diabetes/Obesity:** Epidemiology, risk factors (including commonly used medications), screening, diagnosis, prevention and treatment strategies, adherence to treatment, disease self-management, translation of evidence-based interventions, case management, surveillance, genetics, determinants of racial/ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in care, medication adherence and outcomes, interventions in high-risk populations.
- **Communication/Dissemination/Implementation:** Studies of clinician-patient, intra-team, and peer-to-peer communication (including social media), and health literacy as related to prevention, screening and care. Decision making, adoption of effective health interventions and innovations, organizational practice change, use of effective interventions and innovations.
- **Genetics:** Genetic epidemiology, phenotyping, consent, acceptance, ethical issues, patient ownership of genetic material, tissue banking, public access, cultural differences in participation in genetic studies.
- **Healthcare Disparities:** Reduction of health disparities and promotion of health equity in health access, quality of health care, and health outcomes; factors that contribute to disparities, including individual, social, economic, geographic, cultural and community.
- **Health Informatics:** Using electronic health records and other health data to improve care and conduct research, patient portals.
- **Health Services Research/Health Policy/Costs:** Effects of health care reform, utilization, financing, and plan benefit structures, economic evaluation, primary care redesign, accountable care organizations, public partnerships, translational research, medical home, variation in health services use/response to changes in access.

- **Mental Health/Chemical Dependency:** Epidemiology, health services, prevention, treatment and management, determinants of racial/ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in health care use and outcomes, interventions in high-risk populations.
 - **Patient Centered Outcomes Research/Patient and Stakeholder Engagement in Research:** Research guided by patients, caregivers and the broader health care community producing evidence-based information, decision making, processes of member engagement on research teams including identification, invitation, role development, and IRB implications.
 - **Statistical and Research Methods:** Experimental and observational approaches to causal inference, patient heterogeneity and heterogeneity of treatment effects, comparative effectiveness research methods, engagement of patients in research design, study design and analyses using patient-centered outcomes, development and application of new methods, distributed data methods, methods exploring heterogeneity by site, data mining, text mining, cost analysis, qualitative analysis, mixed methods.
 - **Vaccine Effectiveness and Safety/Infectious Diseases:** Epidemiology, safety, effectiveness, treatment, vaccine delivery, behavior, prevention, attitudes and beliefs, surveillance, risk communication, interventions for prevention and behavior change, clinical trials, diagnosis, risk factors, cost-effectiveness.
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Oral Presentations

Abstracts will be selected for oral presentations based on quality, relevance, and representativeness of work being done across the network and within the field. Abstracts will be entered into a competition and winners will be recognized at the opening night reception.

Poster Competition

All abstracts that are not selected for oral presentations will be assigned a poster session, and entered into a poster competition, including those submitted solely for consideration as posters. Winners will be announced at the opening night reception.

Paper of the Year

Abstracts which address the conference theme of Care Improvement Research: Partnering with Patients, Providers and Operational Leaders may be considered for a Paper of the Year award. Authors can indicate their wish to enter this competition during the abstract submission process. The awardee of the Paper of the Year will be announced at the first plenary, and will headline a concurrent session on Care Improvement Research at the 2015 conference.

Abstract Requirements

Authors will be asked to provide the following during the abstract submission process:

- Title
- Author(s) [including name(s) and organizational affiliation]
- Abstract Body (including Background/Aims, Methods, Results*, Conclusions)

*Studies currently in progress will also receive consideration, even if results are pending.

Please help us reduce our costs for this meeting: the HMORN is charged for every abstract that's started, so reduce meeting costs by preparing your information and your abstract offline, and only then beginning the on-line abstract submission process. We appreciate your help with this.

Early Career Investigators

Early Career Investigators (i.e., within five years of their terminal degree at the time of the meeting) will be considered for a special award. Those interested should indicate their status on the abstract submission form. Those who have received the award in the past are no longer eligible for consideration.

Publication of Abstracts

Abstracts accepted for oral or poster presentation at the 2015 HMORN Conference will be archived on the HMORN public website, as in the past. Selected abstracts may also be published in Clinical Medicine & Research as part of the conference proceedings. Clinical Medicine & Research is an indexed, peer-reviewed journal with editorial offices at Marshfield Clinic. The journal has both print distribution and open electronic access through MEDLINE/PubMed and the journal's website. In the online submission form, you will indicate whether you would like your abstract to be considered for publication in Clinical Medicine & Research, provided it has not been previously published.

Submission Information

Please note that the submission system closes Friday, September 26, 2014 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time. Upon successful submission of the abstract, notification will be sent to the email address you provide on the abstract submission form. If you do not receive notification within 24 hours of submission, please contact the HMORN Conference Coordination Team at (626) 564-3513 or by email at 2015hmorn@gmail.com.

Authors may log-in and edit their submission(s) up until the submission deadline (September 26, 2014 11:59 pm EST), even after the abstract submission is completed.

Note: There will be NO extension of the abstract deadline, September 26, 2014.

Review Process

Abstracts will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Significance of the research
- Innovation – how innovative the research is
- Relevance to current and important healthcare research and delivery topics, and HMORN aims
- Research design and methodology

Notification

Corresponding authors will be informed of the status of their abstracts and, if accepted, the type of presentation, no later than November 7, 2014. All presenters, oral and poster, must be paid registrants for the conference.

Contact Information

For issues related to abstract submission, please first check the website and then contact:

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