BC SUPPORT Unit Conference (#PPF18): Call for Abstracts

The BC SUPPORT Unit invites academics, clinicians, decision makers, and patients, their families and caregivers, to share their patient-oriented research (POR) experiences at the second annual **BC SUPPORT Unit conference**!

Successful applicants will:

- Present at *Putting Patients First: Lessons Learned for Patient-Oriented Research* on October 4, 2018;
- Be acknowledged in the Unit's newsletter **The Bulletin**;
- If interested, have an electronic copy of their abstract available on our website; and,
- If interested, present a webinar about the project.

What:

We are seeking abstract submissions in the following presentation styles: poster presentation **OR** Break-out session.

Poster presentation

- Create and present your poster on POR at a stand-alone session during the conference

Break-out session (60 minutes)

- Oral presentation: share your patient-oriented research experiences (15 minutes; will be grouped with 3 other oral presentations in the 60-minute block).
- Panel presentation: coordinate a panel of 3-4 speakers addressing a similar topic related to the conference theme (60 minutes).
- Skill building workshop: design an interactive session on how to do patient-oriented research based on the lessons you've learned (60 minutes).

Theme:

Any patient-oriented research (POR) experience, project, or competency that could help advance the community of stakeholders interested in POR. This year's conference theme, *Lessons Learned for Patient-Oriented Research*, includes lessons learned from community-based research and participatory action research projects where lessons can be tied directly to POR.

POR has *five components*. It:

1. includes patients as partners

2. focuses on patient-identified priorities
3. measures patient-important outcomes
4. is done by multi-disciplinary teams
5. aims to improve policy and practice

Who:

Anyone involved in POR. Students are encouraged to participate with their projects!

Although we welcome multiple abstract submissions, please note that only one abstract per primary presenter will be successful.

When:

Abstract submissions are due **June 17, 2018**

- Announcement: **April 20, 2018**
- Abstract deadline: **June 17, 2018, 11:59pm**
- Adjudication completed: **July 20, 2018**
- Notification of acceptance: **July 27, 2018**
- Conference held **October 4, 2018**

Eligibility Criteria

- All abstracts must clearly state how the project meets the definition of POR used by the BC SUPPORT Unit.
- Research projects can address any aspect of POR and can report a single study or results of a body of work completed by an individual or research team. The project should focus on the population of British Columbia.
- Workshop submissions must clearly describe the learning outcomes for participants and will need to demonstrate experience and relevance of any competencies to be addressed.

Selection Criteria

Each abstract will be adjudicated on:

- **Patient-oriented research**: the project exemplifies POR or lessons learned for POR.
- **Significance**: relevance of the problem and/or implications for clinical practice, patient care, or health care system.
- **Coherence**: demonstrates good understanding of the problem; inclusion of relevant literature; logical link between problem, goals, and research questions.
- **Appropriateness of Methods**:

- For research projects: adequacy in research design, sample/sampling, data collection and instruments, data analysis, and feasibility.
- For workshops: clear statement of workshop purpose, target audience, teaching methods, and learning outcomes.
- **Knowledge translation**: an appropriate knowledge translation plan is included.

Adjudication Process

Adjudication will be undertaken by a team comprised of the BC SUPPORT Unit's four stakeholder groups: patients, healthcare providers, researchers and decision-makers.

Abstracts: Poster or Oral Presentations or Workshops

Must be no longer than 300 words without charts or tables – text only. The 300-word count does not include the title of your project, your team members' names/affiliations, abstract subheadings, acknowledgements, and references. Your abstract should include the following sections (*mandatory; if these sections are not included, your abstract **will not be reviewed**):

- Project title*
- Type of submission: poster, oral presentation, panel presentation, workshop*
- How this presentation or workshop demonstrates or can inform patient-oriented research*
- Presenter name(s) and affiliations (where you study/work)*
- Introduction and Background*
- For **poster** or **oral presentations** include*
  - Methods
  - Results/Findings
  - Discussion/implications
  - Dissemination plan/KT Approach
  - Acknowledgements (of funders, supporters)
  - References
- For **workshops** include:
  - Description of proposed content
  - Teaching/Learning approaches
  - Target audience
  - Learning outcomes
  - References

Abstracts: Panel Presentations

Must be no longer than 500 words without charts or tables – text only. The 500-word count does not include the title of your project, your team members' names/affiliations, acknowledgements, and references.

- For panel presentations include a separate description for each presentation.

Poster Specifications

- Poster boards are 4 feet high by 6 feet wide (4'x6').
- Posters can be made using PowerPoint. Lots of free poster templates are available on the internet: do a Google search on 'free PowerPoint poster template' if you'd like to use one.
- Only a limited number of posters will be accepted due to space limitations.

Conference information

- Registration for this conference is free. Travel costs cannot be covered by the conference budget, sorry.
- Your **BC SUPPORT Unit Regional Centre** may offer some support; please check with them directly.
- Be sure to schedule October 4, 2018 in Vancouver in your calendar so you can be there to present!
- Presenters are encouraged to bring 8.5" x 11" hard copies of their project's key messages or content, and may bring business cards, newsletters, brochures, or other project related materials, to share with conference participants.

Conference details can be found on the **BC SUPPORT Unit conference webpage**.

Submission

Please submit your abstract(s) by **June 17, 2018** using our **online form**.

We welcome your contribution and wish you the best of luck!