



opha 2007

PUBLIC HEALTH

Who's at Risk? ▲ What's at Stake?

Call for Abstracts

All abstracts must be submitted electronically. The form will be available on our website at www.ophaconference.ca as of March 30, 2007.

Conference Theme:

Public Health: Who's at risk? What's at stake?

Conference Goal:

To provide a forum for profiling the leading developments and topical issues facing people who are active in public and community health throughout Ontario.

Conference Objectives:

Participants will benefit from learning that strengthens their ability to play an active role in promoting a progressive public health agenda in Ontario. The conference will:

1. Enhance knowledge, enable information sharing and build capacity to assess, manage and communicate risks to the health of the population.
2. Examine current issues of organizational change and workforce pressures, reflecting what is at stake as our public health system is reformed.
3. Provide extensive opportunities for both structured and informal professional development, networking and group meetings.

Conference Sub-themes:

The Program Planning Committee invites submissions of abstracts consistent with the Conference Goal and Objectives and the following five Sub-themes:

- Working in a Health System under Reform
- Evidence Based Practice and the Precautionary Principle
- Emerging Issues in Public Health
- Populations at Risk
- Access, Equity and Social Justice

Abstract submissions will be reviewed by the Program Planning Committee according to the following presentation formats:

Oral Presentations

Presentations should address one or more of the Sub-themes. Presentation time should not exceed 20 minutes, including time for questions.

Panel Discussion

Panels will be 60-80 minutes, including time for discussion and questions, and will allow a team of presenters to provide a more in-depth exploration and discussion of the Conference Theme and Sub-themes.

Posters

Poster presentations should address one or more of the conference Sub-themes. Each poster will be displayed for one full day, and one author must be present with the poster 30 minutes before the day's program begins as well as during the breaks. Poster specifications will be communicated to presenters upon acceptance of an abstract.

Student Submission

The PHRED Student Award, presented annually at the OPHA Conference, was created to recognize the work of graduate or undergraduate students in applied public health research and evaluation.

The winner will be awarded \$1,000 which will be presented during the OPHA Conference awards lunch. The winning paper will be presented during one of the concurrent sessions at the conference. For more details, please go to the conference Website under Studentship Award.

Please note: We will adhere to strict timing of all presentations and workshops.

Required Abstract Submission Format

To be considered, all abstracts must be submitted electronically, by completing the form available on our Website at www.OPHAconference.ca.

Abstract submissions must contain complete information under the following headings: title of abstract; author(s) name and titles; lead presenter with position, organization and contact information (e-mail, phone, fax); presentation theme(s); presentation format preference (poster, oral, interactive workshop); brief description (20 words or less); abstract (not to exceed 250 words); interest in alternate presentation format if first choice is not available. French language abstracts will be accepted and descriptions for those sessions will be published in English and French in the Program Guide. Please note that presentations must be made in English because the conference is not providing translation services. We also ask presenters to provide written statements of competing interests, if any, and we will use these statements in our peer review when assessing the value of presentations.

Audiovisual Requirements

Each presentation room will have a laptop and data projector available. AV staff will be present to assist you with the equipment. Any equipment not provided by the conference organizing committee will be the responsibility of the presenter.

Handouts

Presenters will be notified of the number of people who have registered for the session and are expected to bring the required number of handouts. In addition, presenters are requested (not mandated) to bring an electronic version of their presentation or poster, to be given to the moderator at the conference and to be made available on the conference Website.

Conference Registration Requirement

All presenters are required to pay conference registration fees.

Deadline for Abstract Submission

The deadline for receiving the electronic abstract submission is **May 7, 2007**.