

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
Division of Infectious Disease
2012 Infectious Disease Annual Conference**

November 13, 2012
Augusta Civic Center
Augusta, ME

**Call for Abstracts
For Poster Presentation**

Deadline for Submitting Abstracts September 21, 2012

Since 1983, the Division of Infectious Disease, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention has organized an annual infectious disease conference targeting public health issues of emerging concern.

Proposals for poster presentations at the 2012 Conference are requested. Poster presentations will be displayed for the full duration of the conference with one poster session scheduled from 1:45-2:15 PM



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General Information

- All abstracts must be submitted no later than **September 21, 2012**.
- Submit abstracts electronically to jgogan@neias.org
- There is a preferred limit of 400 words for the body of your abstract (not including the title).
- Please limit the use of all caps to acronyms of organization names, and please spell out organization names on first reference.
- Concluding statements such as “to be completed” may not be accepted.
- Submission of an abstract implies that you (or a substitute presenter) are committed to making the presentation at the meeting if your abstract is accepted. All speakers are required to register for the conference and pay related fees.

Abstract Format

POSTER PRESENTATION

A visual illustration of findings displayed through graphics, photographs, diagrams and limited text on a poster board. Presentations are limited to one (1) speaker slot available for the submitted abstract.

TITLE

- The title is not included in the abstract word count; however, titles should not exceed 185 characters.
- Capitalize only the first letter of the title, any proper nouns or acronyms, and the first word following a colon(:).
- Example: *Engineering gene expression of Escherichia coli by mRNA: Applications in molecular biology*
- Do not begin titles with “The”.
- Do not end title with a period.
- Use a concise title that summarizes the content of the abstract.
- Do not use abbreviations.

REQUIRED BODY FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS

BACKGROUND: Study objectives, hypothesis, or a description of the program.

METHODS: Study design and appropriate statistical analysis.

RESULTS: Specific results in summary form.

CONCLUSIONS: Description of the main outcome of the study.

SPEAKERS AND AUTHORS

- Abstracts should be completed by the primary speaker if co-speakers are involved with the presentation.
- Abstracts should include all pertinent speaker contact information.
- A speaker is defined as the person who will be presenting at the conference and may or may not be an author.
- An author may be listed as part of the abstract, but should not be listed as a speaker unless the author is actually presenting the abstract. Authors will not be printed in the final program. Formal letters of invitation are sent by e-mail from the Maine CDC. All primary speakers receive a formal communication regarding the Program Planning Committee’s determination.
- It is the responsibility of the primary speaker to communicate with any co-speakers.

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Presentation Set-up

- Posters will be displayed using a table and a 4 X 6 foam board.
- Other equipment and supplies such as pins and Velcro must be supplied by the presenter.
- Maine CDC is available to provide assistance with printing posters if requested when abstract is submitted.
- Posters shall be set up between 7:15am and 8:15am and will be on display for the entire conference.
- Presenters need to be present during the poster session, scheduled from 1:45 pm – 2:15 pm, to present their work and respond to questions.
- Posters should be taken down promptly at 4:00 pm, the end of the conference.

Questions

Contact Jessica Gogan at AdCare Educational Institute at 207-626-3615 or jgogan@neias.org