2015 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
American College of Nurse-Midwives
60th Annual Meeting & Exhibition
June 26 – June 30, 2015
National Harbor, MD (Washington DC Metro Area)

Deadline for Submissions: August 4, 2014 11:59 PM

All abstracts (Program and Division of Research (DOR) and Division of Global Health (DGH) research abstracts will be submitted at the same time and in the same electronic system. THEREFORE, PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE CALL CAREFULLY. Research abstracts will be blind peer-reviewed by the DOR and DGH. All other abstracts will be blind reviewed by the program committee members. If you are a researcher and would like to present an education session, please submit a general abstract, select a primary track and research as a secondary identifier. Abstract submission in any category does not guarantee acceptance.

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission Dates: The electronic system will open on Monday, June 9, 2014 and close Monday, August 4, 2014 at 11:59pm EST.

Notification of Acceptance/Rejection: The official notifications for ALL ABSTRACTS will be e-mailed after the second week in November 2014. This will be followed by a final e-mail containing presentation time that will be sent after the second week of March 2015, to all registered, accepted presenters.

GENERAL ABSTRACT INSTRUCTIONS:

All abstract submitters will have a poster option. The American College of Nurse-Midwives is very excited to introduce this new opportunity for sharing ideas at the ACNM Annual Meeting. One abstract site and submission date for all oral sessions and posters. We are actively recruiting posters, educational sessions, workshops, roundtables, keynotes and panel discussions. We invite abstract submissions for posters and oral presentations on topics relevant to midwifery; including clinical, research, global health, public policy and education. All poster submissions should describe an innovative approach to the clinical, educational, business and policy or global service aspects of midwifery education and practice. Posters may describe a clinical project, address elements of clinical practice that expand on current practice or introduce novel approaches to care. We welcome posters on the delivery of full scope maternity care, high risk obstetrics, gynecological issues, family planning, primary care, Pediatrics as it applies to the newborn, and behavioral and psycho-social aspects of care. We also welcome topics, which include the management of counseling and therapies for psychological conditions and challenges surrounding a woman's life along with upcoming health promoting and disease preventing strategies. The College both supports and encourages posters that address the art and science of providing midwifery care. Political and business practice issues, public relations and development of public and private programs serving childbearing families and mothers from a grassroots to global approach are vital to the growth of our profession and our goal for improving maternal child care and the care of all women. Students are encouraged to submit posters describing scholarly projects, service learning innovations and Masters or ND Capstones or PhD dissertations.

We expect all interested presenters to submit their oral abstract or poster to a “common” site according to the track which most closely relates to their topic.
Create your poster in PowerPoint using one of two options: 1) A single slide enlarged and printed on a large format printer or 2) Multiple slides, printed on standard sized paper and posted in sequence. All posters must fit within a 4X8 foot free standing poster board and hang using stick pins. No honoraria are provided for poster presenters. All general posters will be considered for CE, therefore references and bios need to be submitted during the call. Please follow the general guidelines for abstract submissions.

GENERAL GUIDELINES for Abstract Submissions: The following is the content you will be required to submit. Abstracts that are incomplete, late or not consistent with the format will not be considered.

All general abstracts submitted for oral presentation must go beyond ACNM core competencies or show new learning (new research, new models, etc), and have appropriate documentation of references. References from the past five years, from peer-reviewed, refereed journals or texts are required with the abstract submission. Topics relevant to full-scope clinical midwifery including primary care, evidence-based practice, global health, education, business, and policy that expand on current practice or introduce novel approaches to care are sought.

The behavioral objectives serve to clearly outline what the participant will learn as a result of attending this session. Each objective must be stated in terms of learner outcome i.e. At the end of the session the participant should be able to demonstrate the following knowledge and/or skills.

An outline should be submitted and relevant to each objective. The outline and the objectives must support each other and be directly related. For each content area, be sure to indicate time allocated.

Review of submissions: The Program Committee will begin to review the abstracts after the call for abstracts has closed.

Abstract submitters must adhere to the following rules:

- ACNM reserves the right to cancel a presentation based on noncompliance at any point on any issue.
  - This includes but is not limited to: failure to return signed presenter agreement, failure to submit handouts, presenter changes, etc.
- The individual submitting the abstract is considered the primary contact. All correspondence about the abstract will be emailed to the primary contact person. The primary contact person is responsible for providing any communication details to the other presenters.
- The submission of an abstract does not guarantee participation in the program.
- The ACNM is a noncommercial forum. Under no circumstances may a session be used as a place for direct promotion of a presenter's product, service, or monetary self-interest. Sales pitches disguised as presentations will not be considered.
- Presenters do not need to be ACNM members in order to submit an abstract.
- ACNM will provide laptop computers for education session presentations. ACNM will only provide the following audiovisual: Laptop, LCD projector and screen, one wired lavaliere microphone and podium. All other AV needs must be communicated to the meeting planners prior to the conference. A presentation laptop computer will not be provided for workshop presentations. Workshop presenters must bring their own laptop and notify ACNM in advance if they plan to do so.
- All workshops will be identified as half day (4 hours) or full day (8 hours).
- All education session presentations will run 60 minutes. Presenters should limit the scope they will cover and focus on pertinent issues.
- Regardless of ACNM's decision to accept your abstract, we will notify all presenters of the results. If a presentation abstract is selected, information regarding important deadlines and requirements will be provided to the primary speaker.
RESEARCH ABSTRACTS

Research Abstracts Research Abstracts will be accepted in a structured format for poster presentation or limited podium research presentation slots. During the submission process you will be asked to submit a single-spaced abstract of not more than 350 words using 12 pt Times New Roman Font and the following headings; Purpose/Aim, Research Questions and/or Hypotheses, Significance/Background (conceptual framework if applicable), Methods (eg. design, sampling, procedures, instruments, limitations), Findings (presentations of work in progress may use N/A for Findings), Discussion (conclusions and implications for practice, research, and/or education). Research presentation of work in progress will be accepted, however for forum presentations findings must be presented at the time of the annual meeting. Research podium presenters will have the option of having their abstract published in the Journal of Midwifery and Women’s Health. DOR and DGH poster and podium presentations are judged events. Awards are given to the best podium, poster and student presentation of research. No honoraria are provided for DOR or DGH research podium or poster presentations.

PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

Presenter registration - All Presenters must register to attend the ACNM Annual Meeting for at least the day of oral or poster presentation.

GENERAL PROGRAM ABSTRACT ISSUES

If abstract is accepted, presenter(s) agree to:

- ALL presenters must return signed presenter agreements.
- Presenters must use PowerPoint as a means to present. No overhead projectors will be supplied for presentations. There is no internet capability in any of the rooms.
- Workshop presenters agree to upload handouts to a designated website to be copied for distribution.
- Education session presenters agree to upload PowerPoint presentations to a designated website to be reviewed by ACNM staff and posted on our website for attendee download.
- Presenters agree to permit ACNM to provide their contact information to attendees.
- Presenters agree to be available to appear any day ACNM assigns Concurrent Sessions. Programming will be presented on Friday, June 26th through Tuesday, June 30th. Approximately 4 educational sessions will run concurrently.
- ACNM reserves the right to revise presentation titles, reassign the identified topic area, or edit the program summary for promotional and program materials.
- Presenters agree to abide by the terms of the copyright release in order to present at ACNM’s Annual Meeting. ACNM records its education and premier sessions and makes audio and video recordings available to its members and other professionals interested in the topics being covered. All presenters agree to provide ACNM with permission to record, edit, archive, duplicate, distribute, reproduce and sell any written or visual material submitted in connection with and including the oral presentation, delivered at this program, in any and all media now existing or hereafter developed, throughout the world. Presenter(s) understand that ACNM has sole right to any revenues generated from these sales. All participants must grant this permission in order to be considered for participation in ACNM’s Annual Meeting. ACNM understands that there may be exceptions to the copyright release and these will be handled on a case by case basis.

Honoraria
**Education Sessions**

- **Presenter/s are responsible for their own travel & all expenses related to presentation.**
- Presenters are eligible for one complimentary room night and tax at contracted hotel.
- This is only provided to the primary presenter unless otherwise pre-approved and authorized by the ACNM in advance.
- There is no honorarium for educational session presenter, except for invited speakers.

**Workshops**

- **Presenter/s are responsible for their own travel & all expenses related to presentation.**
- For ½ day workshop, presenter is eligible for one complimentary room night and tax at contracted hotel and payment of $150. For full day workshop, presenter is eligible for two complimentary room nights and tax at contracted hotel and payment of $300.
- This is only provided to the primary presenter unless otherwise preapproval and authorized by the ACNM.

**Roundtables, Forums and Posters**

- ACNM does not provide any form of honoraria for these presentations.

Note: **Education session and Workshop Presenters are required to make their own reservations at the contracted hotel in their own name. If an upgrade is requested by the presenter, it is the presenters’ responsibility to pay the difference for the upgrade.**

**Presenter on site responsibilities:**

- Check in at registration.
- Check in at speaker ready room 1 hour prior to session/workshop presentation start time.
- Check in to session/workshop room 20 minutes prior to start time and identify yourself to the page.

Thank you for your interest in submitting your abstract for consideration at the ACNM 60th Annual Meeting and Exhibition in National Harbor, MD. If you have any questions, please contact Melinda Bush at mbush@acnm.org.

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**RESEARCH ABSTRACTS**

Abstracts may be submitted for consideration by either the Division of Research (DOR) or Division of Global Health (DGH) and for one or both of the two types of refereed research presentations that are available at the ACNM Annual Meeting.

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**Notification of Acceptance/Rejection:** Each abstract receives blinded peer review. Abstracts with the highest scores are selected. Presentation time frames are assigned by the DOR/DGH Committees. The official notifications for ALL ABSTRACTS will be e-mailed after the second week in
December 2014. This will be followed by a final e-mail containing presentation time that will be sent after the second week of March 2015, to all registered, accepted presenters.  

**FORUM PRESENTATIONS:** A forum presentation is an oral presentation of completed original research on a topic specific to midwifery practice. Therefore in order to present a forum, findings must be available by the time of the annual meeting. Forum presentation slots are limited. Abstracts submitted for a forum presentation, but not accepted, may be offered a poster presentation opportunity if the poster presentation option is also checked. Depending on the number of presenters in each forum, presentation will be limited to 10-15 minutes in length, followed by a 5 minute question-and-answer period. Forum presenters will be offered an opportunity to revise their abstract for publication in the *Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health*. In order for Research Abstracts to be eligible for CEU credit, the primary author must also provide a short reference list and a biographical sketch.  

**POSTER PRESENTATIONS:** Completed research or research in progress may be submitted for consideration as a poster presentation. Completed research may also be submitted for a poster presentation *if the poster presentation option is checked*. All posters must fit within a 4X8 foot freestanding poster board and hang using stickpins. Presenters are expected to be available to discuss their posters with Annual Meeting participants during a designated time (to be announced) during the meeting. Because poster space is limited based on space available at the meeting, the highest scoring abstracts will be accepted for poster presentation slots.  

**Note:** Student midwives are invited to submit abstracts for either or both forum or poster presentations of research. Student abstracts will receive the same blind peer review as all other research abstracts.  

During the submission process you will be asked to submit a single-spaced abstract of not more than 350 words using 12 pt Times New Roman font and the following headings:  

- **Purpose/Aim**  
- **Research Questions and/or Hypotheses**  
- **Significance/Background** (conceptual framework if applicable)  
- **Methods** (eg. design, sampling, procedures, instruments, limitations)  
- **Findings** (posters of work in progress may use N/A for Findings)  
- **Discussion** (conclusions and implications for practice, research, and/or education)  

Questions can be directed to the following contact persons:  

**For DOR abstracts:** Carrie Klima, PhD, CNM, cklima@uic.edu  
**For DGH abstracts:** Amy J. Levi, CNM, WHNP-BC, PhD, FACNM, FAAN; AmyLevi@salud.unm.edu  

The Research Forum and Poster Presentations at the ACNM Annual Meeting are competitive refereed events. Three awards are given for research presented:  

1) Best Forum Presentation of Research  
2) Best Poster Presentation of Research