

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Introduction

The IHF World Hospital Congress is a unique global forum where multidisciplinary exchange of knowledge, expertise and experiences in health sector management and service delivery is facilitated. This forum brings together leaders, gurus, delegates and participants conversant in healthcare policies and reforms, management practices, financing trends and solutions, quality and safety, to engage in constructive dialogue on best practices and innovations in hospital and healthcare management aimed at improving the overall health and wellness of our patients and communities.

Hosted by the American Hospital Association (AHA) and the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), the IHF 39th World Hospital Congress will be held on 6-8 October 2015 in Chicago, USA with the theme: ***Advancing Global Health and Health Care***, with the following subthemes and tracks:

- ***Equity and Access to Care***
- ***Quality and Safety***
- ***Patient/Community Engagement and Empowerment***
- ***Healthcare Management and Leadership Opportunities and Challenges***
- ***Innovation in Healthcare Delivery***
- ***Ethics***

Submission of Abstracts

Authors wishing to present their work, orally or as a poster, at the IHF 39th World Hospital Congress are invited to submit an abstract of no more than 300 words, by using the online submission form to the Scientific Committee for consideration.

Important dates:

<i>Open for abstract submission</i>	<i>1 October 2014</i>
<i>Deadline for abstract submission</i>	<i>1 December 2014</i>
<i>Notification to authors (to author's email address)</i>	<i>15 February 2015</i>

Important notes:

The Congress language is English. All abstracts submitted for oral or poster presentation must be in English. All abstract submissions must be made electronically via the *online submission form* available at the official Congress website: www.worldhospitalcongress.org. Abstracts sent by post or email will NOT be accepted.

Please carefully read the information below before proceeding to online submission of abstracts

General criteria for assessment of abstracts:

- Presents an experience and knowledge sharing opportunity for the global healthcare community
- Addresses major issues of importance according to the 2015 Congress themes
- Will be of benefit to a large audience
- Findings presented will generate information that could be useful in advancing global health and healthcare
- Materials and methods are well presented and analysed, with appropriate case studies

Financial support policy:

1. No honorarium or financial support will be provided to authors for abstracts accepted for oral or poster presentation.
2. Authors wishing to present their abstracts accepted for oral and poster presentation at the Congress must register to attend the Congress by paying a special discount Congress registration fee of US \$350. The registration fee must be paid on or before **15 July 2015**.

General and Technical Requirements:

- Best online abstract submission system—Internet Explorer 7.0 or higher/Mozilla Firefox 3.0 or higher; Cookies and JavaScript need enabling in order to submit.
- Conflict of interest: Author(s) must declare any potential conflicts of interest when submitting their abstract.
- After the submission deadline, only requested changes by the Scientific Committee reviewer will be accepted.
- Poster content should include introduction, objectives, material and methods, results and conclusions.
- Poster dimensions should be 152 cm (60 inches) wide x 102 cm (40 inches) tall.
- Only abstracts in “final submission” status will be considered.
- **All decisions on Abstract submission by the International Scientific Committee are final.**

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