



**2017 Provider Symposium**  
**REDUCING RACIAL DISPARITIES IN CANCER OUTCOMES**

**October 7, 2017**

***Call for Abstracts***  
***Young Investigator Poster Competition***  
**(Submission Deadline September 7, 2017)**

We are calling for abstracts for poster presentations at the 2017 Gateway Medical Society Provider Symposium. This year's symposium will focus on improvement of racial and ethnic disparities in cancer health outcomes by highlighting approaches from the clinical, research, and community arenas to improve health outcomes. Selected abstracts will be presented during poster sessions during the Symposium.

Please review the abstract instructions (below) before submitting your abstract. At this year's symposium, we are highlighting the following areas of focus:

- Breast Cancer
- Colorectal Cancer
- Prostate Cancer
- Pediatric Cancers

Please use this form to submit your abstract by the deadline of **September 7, 2017**.

## **Young Investigator Objective & Eligibility**

The objective of the Young Investigator Poster Competition is to offer a forum for those medical students and physician trainees who are committed to closing the gap in the area of racial and ethnic health care disparities, and /or cancer care to have a forum to present their scientific work before an audience of peers and mentors. Young Investigators are defined as medical students and physician trainees (residents and fellows) for this competition.

## **Themes**

Abstracts (research, policy, or clinical) are categorized in three broad thematic areas (Track I: *Social Determinants of Health*, Track II: *Disease Process, Disparities, and Equity*, and Track III: *Health Maintenance and Prevention*). Please note that reviewers have the authority to reassign categories as necessary and score abstracts according to criteria.

## **Abstract Topics**

### **1.0 Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Linked to Cancer (Breast, Colorectal, Prostate, and Pediatric)**

#### **1.1 Health and Health Care**



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- 1.2 Education
- 1.3 Neighborhood and Built Environment
- 1.4 Health Economics
- 1.5 Social and Community Context
- 1.6 Health Policy
- 1.7 Clinical Care Setting: Patient-level Interventions
- 1.8 Clinical Care Setting: System-level Interventions
- 1.9 Other

#### **2.0 Disease Process, Disparities, and Equity**

- 2.1 Cancer (Breast, Colorectal, Prostate, and Pediatric)
- 2.2 Mental Health
- 2.3 Faith-based / Spiritual
- 2.4 Cancer Diagnosis Decision Process
- 2.5 Social Support / Group Therapy
- 2.6 Other

#### **3.0 Health Maintenance / Prevention (Breast, Colorectal, Prostate, and Pediatric)/ Evaluation**

- 3.1 Screening
- 3.2 Pharmacologic / Naturopathic
- 3.3 Motivators / Barriers to Cancer (Prevention, Treatment, and/or Control)
- 3.4 Nutrition / Physical Activity
- 3.5 Evaluation Models / Methods / Measures
- 3.6 Recruitment and Retention of Minorities in Clinical Trials
- 3.7 Survivorship
- 3.8 Technology
- 3.9 Other

#### **Abstract Submission Rules**

1. The work **MUST** be original and may have been recently published or presented.
2. The work is mainly the result of the applicant's effort.
3. Only one submission per author will be considered.
4. Abstract must indicate presenting author's full mailing address, telephone number fax number and e-mail address.
5. Abstracts **MUST** be structured as follows: (1) Abstract Title; (2) Author(s); (3) Academic Affiliations of Author(s); (4) Purpose; (5) Materials and Methods; (6) Results; (7) Conclusion
6. The abstract text is limited to **350 words** (maximum). There is a 50-word minimum.



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7. Abstracts are to be submitted via e-mail in MS Word software and Windows XP compatible.
8. All abstracts will be reviewed to ensure balance, independence, and objectivity.
9. To that end, authors are required to disclose **if pertinent:** (a) all relevant financial relationships with commercial supports, (b) whether they intend to discuss an investigational product or the off-label use of a commercial product (c) whether recommendations involving clinical medicine are based on evidence that is accepted within the profession of medicine as adequate justification for their indications and contraindications in the care of patients, and (d) that all scientific research referred to, reported or used in support or justification of a patient care recommendation conforms to the generally accepted standards of experimental design, data collection, and analysis.
10. The submission must be accompanied by a statement of certification from the candidate's Department Head, Residency Director or Supervising Professor that the candidate executed the work.
11. All abstract submissions are final, no changes or modifications will be permitted.

### Young Investigator Poster Competition Rules

There will be two categories of awards given by the Gateway Medical Society:  
Best Medical Student Award; Best Physician Trainee Award.

These awards are given for originality, innovativeness, scientific merit, presentation and relevance to improving cancer outcomes. Abstract finalists are expected to be present to receive their awards. **Priority will be given to abstracts that address the overall conference theme, fit well in one of the conference tracks, and present high-quality data to support abstract conclusions.** Any finalist who cannot personally present their work will be ineligible for the award.

### Young Investigator Poster Competition Awards

Grand Prize Awards of \$1,000 will be provided to one medical student and one physician trainee at the October 7, 2017 Gateway Medical Society Symposium.

### Procedure

If your abstract is selected by the Scientific Review Committee, you will be invited to participate in the poster presentation on October 7, 2017. Priority will be given to abstracts that address the overall conference theme, fit well in one of the conference tracks, and present high-quality data to support abstract conclusions. Authors will be required to select a track for their abstract and must adhere to the format: Background, Methods, Results, Conclusions, and Implications for practice.



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Abstracts presenting results of empirical research should report completed studies or substantial interim results. Abstracts describing proposed or early stage studies are not encouraged.

Abstracts accepted for poster presentation will be presented during the poster session on October 7th. You will receive further details about the scheduled presentation (location, date, time, poster dimensions, and set-up and tear-down times) if your abstract is accepted.

### Review Criteria

Abstracts will be reviewed with preference being given to those that:

1. Focus on the conference theme and tracks (see area of focus)
2. Utilize rigorous and relevant research methods
3. Present high quality data to support findings
4. Adequately demonstrate how the study will advance the field

Research may consist of basic science bench work, clinical research, quantitative and qualitative data as well as prospective and retrospective investigations. A list of interesting topics are listed above, but is not meant to exclude any research that is original.

## Abstract Submission Form

### Presenting Author Information for GMS Young Investigator Poster Competition

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| <b>First Name:</b>       | <input type="text"/> |
| <b>Last Name:</b>        | <input type="text"/> |
| <b>Title:</b>            | <input type="text"/> |
| <b>Telephone number:</b> | <input type="text"/> |
| <b>Fax number:</b>       | <input type="text"/> |
| <b>E-mail address:</b>   | <input type="text"/> |

Abstract should consist of these elements in the following order: (1) title, boldface in sentence case; (2) author information (including institutions and cities), in separate paragraph from title – underline presenting author; (3) blank line; (4) body of abstract in a single paragraph, limited to 350 words. Please use Times Roman, 12 point font.



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Submit your abstracts electronically to [administration@gatewaymedicalsociety.org](mailto:administration@gatewaymedicalsociety.org).