

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
Hepatitis Coordinators' Conference
Deadline for Submission: May 31, 2002

Please consider submitting an abstract to present at this year's Hepatitis Coordinator Conference, which will be held January 27 -30, 2003 in San Antonio, Texas.

This year's conference will be organized around the many and diverse groups we serve and venues in which we work. A comprehensive listing of these groups and issues is found below. The conference will be centered on repeated concurrent discussion workshop sessions as well as plenary sessions. We also plan poster presentations for those topics not lending themselves to the workshop format.

We are particularly interested in workshop presentations, discussions, and tools that demonstrate effective implementation of programs in the following areas of hepatitis prevention, treatment, counseling, and testing. Categories are as follows:

1. Working with special populations (includes but is not limited to corrections-related populations; school health issues; racial/ethnic groups; and hepatitis C, hepatitis B or HIV-positive individuals).
2. Program administration issues (includes but is not limited to VFC and birth dose issues, cross-program collaboration, policy and political issues, finances and grant-writing, vaccine supply issues, working with the private sector and health insurers, and ACIP recommendations).
3. Working in health-related settings (includes but is not limited to STD/HIV clinics, family planning clinics, adolescent health clinics, public health offices, hospitals, birth dose issues, school health settings, correctional health settings, and disease outbreak settings).
4. Surveillance (includes but is not limited to the use of surveillance data to drive program decisions, immunization registries, signal to cutoff ratio, and immunization rates).
5. Outreach (includes but is not limited to risk-group based strategies, counseling and testing, community-based planning, working with innovative programs [e.g., syringe exchange], and health education and communication).

Abstracts should indicate into which of these five categories the submission falls. More than one category might be chosen.

Please submit your abstract following the instructions below, and with the expectation that you will present your materials and, along with a moderator, lead a discussion on the topic you have chosen. Conference participants are eager to interact with presenters, both formally and informally. Because each discussion workshop will potentially be offered twice, *please do not submit a workshop abstract if you will not be able to attend the entire conference.*

Please note that submitting an abstract constitutes an agreement on your part that you will provide copies of your presentation, if accepted, for distribution at the conference.

ABSTRACT FORMAT

Size: Limit your abstract to no more than one side of one page.

Typesetting: *Submit your abstract in Microsoft Word.* Please use one-inch margins and do not use anything smaller than 10-point font. Do not include tables or graphs.

Title of Abstract

Authors: List all authors, with primary author first and affiliations.

Category: Indicate which category or categories (of the five above) into which the abstract falls.

Learning objectives: Explain what the participants will learn from your presentation and how your presentation will stimulate discussion.

Background; Objectives; Methodology; Results

Other Required Information: Names and degrees of all authors; Position/Title; Business Address; Telephone and fax numbers; Email address; Occupational specialty.

You may attach other required information as a separate sheet to your abstract. If you are submitting as a poster presentation only, please specify this at the top of your abstract.

Method of Submission:

DO NOT FAX your abstract. Please email abstracts *as a Microsoft Word (.doc or .rtf) file* to the University of Minnesota Office of Continuing Medical Education at mccre005@umn.edu . Please label your email (in the subject line) “HEP 03 ABSTRACT/ followed by author's last name.”