

**18th Canadian Collaborative Mental Health Care
Connecting People in Need with Care
Primary Health Care and Mental Health Collaborations
Pre-Conference Day
June 1, 2017, Delta City Centre, Ottawa, Ontario**

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

DEADLINE: Friday April 14, 2017 at 4:30 PM (Eastern Time)

The Pre-Conference Day is meant to be practical and of interest to regional and national interprofessional primary and mental health providers and/or researchers. This year, the presentations and workshops will focus on:

- Integrative/Collaborative Care for Addiction;
- Improvement of Detection and Management of Depression in Primary Care;
- Quality Improvement in Collaborative Mental Health and Addiction Care.

The pre-conference day will include two calls:

- 1) Research posters, paper presentations and “works in progress” paper presentations.
- 2) Workshops/courses oriented towards sharing effective practices for widespread implementation.



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PROPOSALS SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Title of the presentation
- Presenter name(s)
- Degree(s), professional designation(s), organization(s)
- Three learning objective(s)
- Two literature references (as applicable)
- Relevance to conference theme
- Description of preferred presentation format (max 250 words)

An individual/group may submit more than one proposal.

CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE:

All proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Fit within one or more of the identified pre-conference themes (note you will be asked in the submission to explain how you feel that your abstract fits into the theme you choose);
- Use of active/interactive learning methods and/or knowledge translation strategies.
- Originality.
- Clarity.
- Scientific rigor (evidence, impact).

2017 PRE-CONFERENCE LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Increase knowledge about collaborative practice in mental health and addictions, and in particular...

- Focus on Integrative/Collaborative Care for Addiction, Detection and Management of Depression in Primary Care and Quality Improvement.
- Create opportunities for further engagement of primary care, specialist care and interprofessional care to work in a “shared practice” model with people living with mental illness and addiction and their families.
- Sharing of important mental health and addiction research on a regional and national scale.
- Illustrate the value of inclusion of people with lived experience in the design of care services and in the development of a “culture of collaboration”.

PRESENTATION FORMATS:

Contributors to the conference are invited to submit proposals for consideration by the Scientific Committee in one of the following formats:

- ✓ **A paper presentation** (20 minute presentation plus 10 minutes for questions) will address innovative programming, completed research that has been demonstrated through evaluation to have an impact on clinical practice, system design or policy development related to collaborative mental health.
- ✓ **A “works in progress” (WIPS) paper presentation** (20 minute presentation, 10 minutes for dialogue) researcher or clinician will seek feedback from the audience to enhance his research, quality improvement project or innovative programming. The presenter will begin by outlining the project and what they hope to achieve through dialogue with participants, and the rest of the session will be focused on attendees providing their suggestions. This is a unique opportunity to obtain assistance and feedback from colleagues, participants, and experts on a project you are working on. Submissions should include what you hope to learn through feedback from the participants.
- ✓ **A poster presentation** will address concepts and research related to the conference theme. The presentation follows previous conference formats, which facilitate face-to-face contact with attendees to increase the opportunity for academic discussion and collaborative networking.
- ✓ **Development Workshop/Course:** (1.5 hrs. or 3 hrs. sessions) Sessions should focus on an issue in practice. It is particularly important that presenters include approaches that will encourage interaction and will draw out contributions from the audience. As this is a research conference, we are interested to receive submissions that present examples of practice that have been informed by published research. The purpose of the session is to share best practice and provide opportunities for discussion around the theme.

Accepted proposals must be presented in the language in which they were submitted (English or French).

Notifications will be sent by the end of April 2017.

Questions?

Please contact Valerie Testa, Pre-Conference Chair, at vtesta@uottawa.ca