

Call for Abstracts - Research Oral and Poster Sessions
5th Global Dental Hygiene Research Conference
September 23 – 25, 2021

We invite you to submit an abstract for presentation during the upcoming 5th Global Dental Hygiene Research Conference. Abstracts are being accepted for consideration for both oral and poster research sessions and are due by **March 1, 2021**. **The Conference will open with the poster session on Thursday September 23rd** and the **oral sessions will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021**. The goals of the research sessions are to:

1. Share original dental hygiene research with colleagues.
2. Identify topic areas of shared interest to foster collaborative research efforts.
3. Learn new ideas for furthering dental hygiene research work efforts.
4. Assess how the presented research supports dental hygiene research agendas.

Individuals submitting abstracts may be the primary presenter on only one abstract but may be the co-author on other abstracts. Presenters are not required to be the principal investigator of the study but should be a member of the research team. Previously presented and published abstracts will be allowed; however, acknowledgement must be made by providing the citation to the published abstract.

Research should pertain to published national research agendas, including but not limited to:

- The ADHA National Dental Hygiene Research Agenda, (<https://www.adha.org/search/google/Research%20agenda>) or (https://www.adha.org/resources-docs/7111_National_Dental_Hygiene_Research_Agenda.pdf)
- The Canadian Dental Hygiene Research Agenda and Executive Summary (https://files.cdha.ca/profession/research/DHResearchAgenda_EN_updated_2020.pdf) (https://files.cdha.ca/profession/research/Research_agenda_executive_summary_2015-2020_EN.pdf)
- *Healthy People 2020* (<https://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/About-Healthy-People/Foundation-Health-Measures>)
- The NIDCR Strategic Plan 2020-2025 (http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/Research/Research_Priorities/Strategic_Plan/)
- The CIHR Strategic Plan (<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/193.html>) and (<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/51333.html>)
- Evidence-based patient-centered dental hygiene practice,
- An area of research significant to advancing the dental hygiene body of knowledge.

All presenters of accepted abstracts are expected to register by July 9, 2021, and attend the meeting. If an emergency arises and the presenter is unable to attend, he/she must notify the National Center for Dental Hygiene Research & Practice **in writing prior to the meeting** that he/she is withdrawing the abstract or naming a substitute presenter. **Every effort should be made to arrange for a substitute presenter prior to withdrawal.** All notices must be emailed to Lesley Kupiec at lesleyann411@gmail.com.

By submitting your abstract, you are agreeing to have it appear in the Conference Proceedings that will be jointly published in the Journal of Dental Hygiene and the Canadian Journal of Dental Hygiene. The abstract is published by direct reproduction of the author-prepared abstracts. Abstracts will not be edited in any way. Thus, any error that appears in the submitted abstract will appear in the journals.

All presenters will be required to pre-register by **July 9, 2021**. When you receive your acceptance notification, you will notice that you are only provisionally accepted for the program in Bethesda, MD. **Along with the acceptance notification will be a registration form.** If you do not pre-register by the date given, your abstract will **not** be included in the printed program and you will not be allowed to present your abstract at the meeting. These measures are necessary for adequate space and fiscal planning. Presenters are responsible for their own meeting registration fees, transportation and lodging expenses.

Authors are asked to refer to the abstract preparation guidelines below. Submissions will undergo a double-blinded review process by an external review committee. All abstracts must be submitted via e-mail to Lesley Kupiec at lesleyann411@gmail.com. **Deadline for submission of abstracts is March 1, 2021**. Notification to the authors of accepted or rejected abstracts will be made by **May 28, 2021**.

Guidelines for the Preparation of Abstracts

1. Please read all instructions before typing the abstract on the electronic form.
2. Proofread your abstract carefully. The abstract will be reproduced directly from this form.
3. Typeface characters must be **Times New Roman font size of 11**. Do not reduce or condense the size of print. (**This is an example of the smallest acceptable font size, Times New Roman 11**). Dot matrix print is not acceptable. Type must be in black ink.
4. **The maximum number of words of the abstract cannot exceed 300.**
5. Start on the first line within the box. TYPE THE TITLE IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS FOLLOWED BY A PERIOD. List the first name, middle initial, last name, and credentials of each author, followed by affiliation, and country. If several authors have a mutual affiliation, list the names and credentials of all authors first, then list the affiliation. **Please place an asterisk (*) after the presenter's name.**
6. Double-space between the authors and the body of the abstract. **The abstract must be single-spaced. Label each section of the abstract using bolded headers** according to the type of research being submitted. For example, for New Research, the sections will be labeled: **Problem Statement, Purpose, Methods (including IRB approval/status as required by the specific country in which the research was conducted), Results and Conclusions**. Use a narrative text, and do not include any graphs, tables or references.
7. Funding support must be identified as last sentence, i.e., "Funding source: _____".
8. Abstracts MUST be submitted via email using the **Submission Form** found on the **DHNET by March 1, 2021**, <http://dhnet.org/Education/Global>.
 - a. Save the Abstract Submission Form to your computer and name the file with your last name and topic, (e.g. filename: Smith, tobacco cessation)
 - b. Complete the saved form.
 - c. Email the form as a WORD attachment to Lesley Kupiec (lesleyann411@gmail.com)***If you have any problems, contact Lesley Kupiec (lesleyann411@gmail.com).**
9. Presentations will be grouped according to the categories listed on the Submission Form. **Please indicate the appropriate category on the front of the abstract form where the abstract is to be placed.**
10. Please indicate whether your project has been completed or is in progress (provisional acceptance); study design used; and if your abstract has been presented at another meeting (e.g., IADR, ADEA, ADHA, and if it was published)
11. **Please check whether your abstract is being submitted as a poster or an oral presentation.**
***Note that there are limited slots available for each 20-minute oral presentation.** Not all submissions for oral presentations may be accepted for these slots; however, if the abstract has been accepted for the conference, the author may present the research as a poster presentation instead.
***Authors who submit for an oral presentation must indicate whether they are willing to present their research as a poster presentation instead should space no longer be available.**
12. Presentations of accepted abstracts must reflect the abstract's content. **All presenters for the poster and oral research sessions must register for the meeting** at the appropriate registration fee.
13. All posters must be accompanied by a presenter who is a member of the research team.

NOTE: ABSTRACTS THAT DO NOT CONFORM WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT REVIEW

ABSTRACT SELECTION CRITERIA

All abstracts must be received by March 1, 2021 to be considered.

We encourage you to submit early to ensure prompt processing

Abstracts will be selected on the basis of the scientific quality of the work as judged from the abstract. Submissions will undergo a double-blinded review process to evaluate the content of each abstract to make a final decision. Label each section according to the **bolded** criteria for the type of abstract you are submitting: New Program, New Research, or Systematic Review. Each abstract must be **no more than 300 words** (excluding title, author names and affiliations) and contain the following elements:

New Program

1. **Purpose/Goals:** Program purpose/goals are clearly defined.
2. **Significance:** The significance of the program is clearly stated.
3. **Approach/Key Features:** Program's approach/key features are clearly described.
4. **Evaluation:** The evaluation plan is well developed and/or the results demonstrate program effectiveness.

New Research

1. **Problem Statement:** Statement of the problem and study significance is provided.
2. **Purpose:** Study purposes are clearly defined.
3. **Methods:** Methodology (design, sampling and intervention; IRB approval) is outlined and appropriate for the study.
4. **Results:** Results including data analysis (or plan for analysis) are included.
5. **Conclusions:** Conclusions (or preliminary findings) are supported by the results and stated clearly.
6. IRB approval is required for all studies involving human subjects or animals and must be stated.
7. Studies in-progress at the time of submission must include a detailed plan for statistical analysis and/or preliminary findings.

Systematic Review

1. **Objective:** A specific and clearly formulated statement of the problem and the research or PICO question.
2. **Search Strategy/Selection Criteria:** Explicit methods of how studies were identified, selected and critically appraised relevant research.
3. **Data Collection and Analysis:** Methods used to collect and analyze data from the studies that are included in the review.
4. **Main Results:** Number and type of studies included and summary of the results.
5. **Conclusions:** Brief highlight of findings, type of evidence and recommendations.
6. Statistical methods (meta-analysis) may or may not be used to analyze and summarize the results of the included studies.
7. The review process is comprehensive and unbiased.

Common reasons for an abstract to be rejected or revised:

- Abstract does not follow the guidelines for the preparation of abstracts.
- Abstract content does not comply with stated criteria.
- No data or appropriate statistics.
- Conclusion is not supported by results.
- IRB information not stated.
- Over-generalized statements such as *“results will be discussed and data will be analyzed using appropriate statistical tests”*.

Please note that abstracts in the evaluation phase may be accepted provisionally until final data are submitted no later than June 25, 2021. Authors of provisionally accepted abstracts must also preregister for the conference by July 9, 2021.

Important Dates re: Abstract Submission

Abstract Submission:	March 1, 2021
Abstract Authors Notified by:	May 28, 2021
If Provisionally accepted, final data analysis and abstract due by:	June 25, 2021
If Abstract is Accepted, Must Register by:	July 9, 2021

The Abstract Submission form can be found on the DHNET,
<http://dhnet.org/Education/Global>

Once completed, please email to **Lesley Kupiec** (lesleyann411@gmail.com). If you do not receive a confirmation email within 48 hours, please contact **Lesley**.