The Canadian Medical Association and the Ontario Medical Association are proud to present the 5th Canadian Conference on Physician Health scheduled for September 7th-9th, 2017 at the Westin Ottawa Hotel in Ottawa, Ontario.

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

Submissions accepted from March 1, 2017 to April 1, 2017

This year’s conference will include both invited speakers as well as an open call for abstracts.

Join colleagues from across the country to share knowledge, insights and experience related to this year’s theme: *Burning Brightly, Not Out: Engaging and energizing physicians*. Please keep this theme in mind when preparing your abstract and presentation. The conference will showcase research and initiatives for improving physician health and wellness. It will promote an overall healthier culture in medicine for physicians by offering practical evidence-based skills and strategies for attendees to take back to their practice. The conference will provide a forum for practitioners and researchers to present recent findings and innovative strategies for enhancing physicians’ health. The friendly and informal conference environment promotes networking, exchange of experience and information, and leisure activity focused on staying healthy.

We are particularly interested in abstracts that focus on innovative research and proactive strategies, both system-level and individual-level, for improving physician health throughout the lifecycle- from medical school through to retirement- to promote the shift from awareness to action!
SUBMISSION CATEGORIES:

Please submit your abstracts in one of two categories:

1. Research

The abstract should clearly outline the purpose, methods, results, conclusions, learning objectives and alignment with the conference theme.

Research submissions will be evaluated with consideration given to the following criteria:

- Scientific merit
- Quality
- Original contribution to knowledge
- Relevance to audience and conference theme

2. Initiative

Showcase successful local initiatives for improving physician health and wellness. We are also interested in lessons learned and future directions from strategies that were not successful. Not scientific in nature.

Initiative submissions will be evaluated with consideration given to the following criteria:

- Quality
- Original contribution to knowledge
- Relevance to audience and conference theme

SUBMISSION TYPES:

Oral Presentation: short oral presentations of research or an initiative. Presentations will be grouped into related sessions. Presentations are likely to be 15-20 minutes in duration with the last 10 minutes reserved for questions and discussion. **Handouts are encouraged.**

Poster Presentation: written presentation of research or an initiative. Presentations will allow for discussion between the author and interested parties in an informal setting. **Handouts are encouraged and presenters are responsible for producing their own poster.**

Workshop Presentations: interactive presentations, involving the audience throughout the session. Presentations are likely to be 60-90 minutes in duration. **Submissions should include handouts, tools or media that will be used during the session, as well as the purpose and nature of the interactive portion(s).** Additionally, please include any information regarding previous experience delivering a workshop with audience feedback, if available.
PowerPoint presentations are encouraged for oral presentations and standard equipment (e.g., LCD projector, screen, audio-video connections) will be available at the conference. Provisions of any non-standard equipment needed will be provided by the presenter at their expense.

**Details regarding length of oral presentations, and poster dimensions will be provided upon acceptance of your presentation.**

ABSTRACT TEMPLATE:

Download the abstract template from the CCPH 2017 conference website and fill out all required fields.

All submissions must be 400 words or fewer.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION:

If you would like the opportunity to showcase your research, email your completed abstract template to physicianhealthconference@cma.ca by April 1, 2017 (EST). Please include “CCPH 2017 Abstract” as the email subject line.

Multiple abstract submissions are permitted.

Following submission, an email will be sent to you confirming that your abstract was well received. Acceptance or decline of the abstract will be communicated via email to the corresponding author.

Presenters are expected to register for the conference, and will be responsible for all of their own conference-related expenses. Registration for the conference will open in the spring of 2017. Check the CCPH 2017 conference website for updates. You may also email physicianhealthconference@cma.ca requesting to be included on the mailing list to receive an announcement of when the conference registration opens, along with other important conference-related updates.

If your abstract is accepted, and you cannot attend for any reason, please designate a co-author to present for you. Further details regarding presentations, including presentation time slots, will be released when the conference preliminary program is finalized.

Please contact us at physicianhealthconference@cma.ca with any questions or requests for further information.