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Application
Guidelines

International Massage Therapy Research Conference May 9-10, 2019 | Alexandria, VA

2019 Call for Abstracts

Submission Deadline
July 27, 2018 (11:59 pm CST)

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*This Call for Abstracts invites **original research** that will promote the dissemination and discussion of new information in the following **research categories**:*

- ❖ **Foundational Science or Mechanism of Massage** - Experimental trials (quantitative)
- ❖ **Clinical** - Clinical trials, research or cohort studies (quantitative and/or qualitative)
- ❖ **Public Health** - Population health studies, preventative care, etc.
- ❖ **Integration** - Incorporating massage services into hospital or other clinical settings

Important Information

- The primary author will be the contact person for all correspondence. Please do not send communications through a third party, staff member, or co-author.
- It is the responsibility of the primary author to ensure that all submission requirements are met. If they are not, the submission will not be considered for review.
- A maximum of 5 abstracts may be submitted.
- No faxed, mailed, or hand delivered submissions will be considered. Only submissions emailed to IMTRC@massagefoundation.org will be considered.

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Please submit **all** application materials listed below to IMTRC@massagetherapyfoundation.org, no later than **July 27, 2018** at 11:59 pm CST.

NOTE: Submissions that do not include these materials will not be accepted for consideration. Abstract submissions that are accepted may be published.

1. **Abstract** (300 word maximum). Abstracts must include the following subheadings:

Research abstracts

Introduction
Objectives
Methods
Results
Conclusions

Case Studies

Introduction
Objective
Case presentation
Intervention
Interpretation
Implications

NOTE: Please do not include references, pictures, tables, or figures in the abstract.

2. **Ethics Materials** (*if applicable*)

- **Research studies involving human subjects** (surveys, observational, and any research studies) must be approved by proper Institutional Review Board (IRB's) / Research Ethics Boards (REB's) / Ethics Committees. Questions should be directed to your institution's board/committee.
- **Case studies / reports** require obtaining written consent from the patient to use de-identified case information and/or images (unless your institution also requires IRB/REB/Ethics review).

3. **Author responsibilities**

- Corresponding author must collect and submit signed authorship forms for all authors.
- Applications submitted infer an author's commitment to present in person, if selected for an oral presentation. This includes the presenting author (not necessarily the first author) registering, attending, and presenting their research or case study at the conference. **Funding should be confirmed in advance of submission.**

4. **Review Process**

Applications are peer-reviewed by volunteer committees. The committee is provided with the proposals, along with relevant survey and evaluation data to guide them in their decision-making. The committee may request additional information for any item that is submitted. This may be for internal quality control purposes or to check on materials if a concern is raised.

If the IMTRC Review Committee confirms that there is an inappropriate submission, it will be disqualified. Examples of inappropriate submissions include (*but are not limited to*):

- *Submissions previously presented at IMTRC*
- *Incomplete submissions*
- *Duplicate submissions*
- *Non-authors listed as authors*
- *Plagiarized work*

5. Criteria for Selection

Presenters are selected by a committee on the basis of speaker's qualifications, content, and relevance to the profession. All submissions will be evaluated for completeness, strength of contribution to the profession, and relevance to the IMTRC conference. The selection criteria include:

- *Clarity, Completeness, Originality*
- *Theoretical framework*
- *Applicability to massage therapy (practice, education, future research, etc.)*
- *Quality of experimental or descriptive design*
- *Interpretation of results*
- *Conclusions (practicality, significance, etc.)*
- *Implications for massage practice, research, education, and policy*
- *Overall rating of the paper*

6. Speaker Selection Policies

The Massage Therapy Foundation and AMTA do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, age, national or ethnic origin, marital status, sexual orientation, or physical disability.

To ensure quality programming (and that presentations reflect the business needs), speakers may be asked to review the program content with staff and may be requested to make adjustments to the presentation.

7. Notification

Corresponding authors will be notified of peer review results by **September 30, 2018**.

For questions about CE Credit, please contact us at IMTRC@massagetherapyfoundation.org.