



Call For Presentations:

“Controversies and Challenges in Addressing Violence and Abuse Across the Lifespan”

Academy on Violence and Abuse
First Members' Meeting
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Salt Lake City, UT



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This is the FIRST biennial AVA MEMBERS Meeting. This meeting's design is different from the AVA biennial conferences in that it is member driven with ample opportunities for small gatherings and discussions. The goals of the Members Meeting is to learn from each other, nurture our friendships, and revitalize our spirits. There will be time for fun and relaxation in the beautiful setting of Salt Lake City. Nonmembers are invited to join our group and will be provided a discounted yearly membership fee.

New research is yielding important insights into the connection between exposure to violence and abuse with long-term health consequences, providing unprecedented opportunity for new advancements in health care. This meeting provides a forum to better understand how clinicians, educators, researchers and advocates are addressing the complex challenges of addressing violence and abuse within the health care setting.

This meeting is intended for health care professionals, students and trainees from multiple disciplines, including behavioral health, counseling, dentistry, family therapy, medicine, nursing, nutrition, pharmacy, physical and occupational therapy, psychology, public health, and social work. AVA is particularly interested in providing an academic forum for those working to systematically address different forms of abuse in unique clinical settings, improve teaching in the health professions as well as scientific researchers in the area of violence and abuse.

AVA welcomes proposals for presentations that will foster an interdisciplinary exchange of solutions for the challenges of addressing violence and abuse in the health care setting. Reports of original clinical programs, research related to violence and/or abuse and health or health professional education are particularly welcome. The research may pertain to clinical, economic, health systems, curricular, or faculty development issues in relation to the field violence and abuse.

Preference will be given to submissions with the following themes:

- Research that sheds light on the biological pathways through which exposure to violence and/or abuse affects physical and/or mental health
- New findings from neuroscience and biochemistry of changes resulting from abuse and methods of measuring or identifying these changes
- Promising ways of modifying or reversing health effects in the exposed population
- Clinical approaches to treating abuse issues such as improving the health care response (e.g. interdisciplinary and holistic models) (continued on next page)

- The cost of health care related to exposure to violence and abuse
- Health professional education including evidence-based education, studies of what changes practice and what leads to competency.
- Curriculum issues related to teaching about violence and abuse, (e.g. including eliciting an abuse history as part of training in history-taking/interviewing)
- Cross-discipline curricula, engaging faculty leaders, or core competency development

General Information and Instructions Online Submission

AVA will only accept online submissions for consideration by the reviewers. [Click Here](#) to **download the application**.

Please note that the **deadline for submission is May 1, 2014**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

In the online submission process you will be asked to provide demographic information about the presenter(s). You will then be asked to provide the "Title" of your presentation followed by an "Abstract" of up to 500 words which will include background, methods, results and discussion/ conclusion.

Short Papers

Purpose: These presentations should be designed to inform the attendees of new research, concepts, or approaches that advance the understanding and integration of these concepts into the health care system. These will be fifteen minutes long with five minutes for discussion. AVA plans to group the presentations by topic. Several breakout groups will run concurrently. (Presentation 15 minutes, 5 minutes Q&A)

Poster Presentations

Purpose: Poster presentations are an opportunity to display and discuss with interested conference participants your new research, concepts, or approaches that advance the understanding and integration of these concepts into the health care system. (Exposure, 2 hours interactive time)

**For more information,
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