Call For Submissions:

Academy on Violence and Abuse
2021 Global Health Summit
October 21-22, 2021
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“Imperfect Storm: Lessons Learned from a Traumatic Year”
Call for Submissions Deadline:
June 1, 2021

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The 2021 Global Health Summit on Violence and Abuse provides a collegial environment for participants to meet and greet, network as well as get to know the latest science and practice in violence and abuse treatment and prevention from a very traumatic 2020. Last year, our world experienced trauma in many areas such as racism, a pandemic, political unrest, human trafficking, and more. This year’s summit encourages lessons learned to foster a positive path forward.

- Participants will be able to learn more about the AVA, including its mentoring, affinity groups, global development, and meet others with similar interests.

- The AVA provides mentoring and development opportunities for members to plan and develop their professional careers and research.

This Summit is intended for professionals, students and trainees from multiple disciplines, including criminal justice, attorneys, 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 research in the area of violence and abuse.

AVA welcomes proposals for presentations that will foster an interprofessional 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 local, national and global efforts to address violence and abuse.

Topics to consider but not required:

- Racism as a form of violence
- Prevention of violence and abuse across the lifespan
- Implementation of trauma informed care in health care, legal and educational settings
- 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)
- 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
- Inter-professional curricula related to teaching about violence and abuse
- Resilience – measuring, teaching, enhancing
- Corporal Punishment
- Ethics
- Stories from the frontline
- Growth from "Me Too" Movement
- Trauma from COVID-19 pandemic
General Information and Instructions

Please email your submissions in Word or PDF documents, following the directions in the "Call for Submissions," to nicole@avahealth.org.

Please note that the deadline for submission is June 1, 2021.

Submission Directions: Designate Long Paper, Short Paper or Poster. List name(s), affiliations and contact information for presenter(s). Provide the Title of your presentation followed by an Abstract of up to 500 words that includes Background, Methods, Results and Discussion/Conclusions.

Long Papers**: Purpose: To provide a more detailed discussion of new research, concepts or approaches that advance the understanding and integration of these concepts into health care systems. These presentations will be grouped by topic and will be 30 minutes long with 10 minutes discussion. Several breakout groups will run concurrently.

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 health care systems. These presentations will be grouped by topic and will be 15 minutes long with 5 minutes for discussion. Several breakout groups will run concurrently.

Poster Presentations**: Graduate and Undergraduate students are encouraged to submit!

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 in Zoom Breakout rooms)

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