

Poster Abstract Online Submission

Submission Deadline: 11:59 PM Friday, October 15, 2010

The National Cancer Institute is now welcoming scientific abstracts for a multidisciplinary conference titled “**Multilevel Interventions in Health Care: Building the Foundation for Future Research.**” The conference will be held March 4–5, 2011, in Las Vegas NV, and comes at a particularly important time in our nation’s history as health care reform begins to be implemented.

What is a multilevel intervention? For the purposes of this meeting, a multilevel intervention addresses health outcomes for patients, as well as at least two additional levels of contextual influence. We are thereby targeting at least three levels in a multilevel model of improving health status: the individual patient and also some of the national, state, community, organizational, provider, and social/familial levels of the context in which those individuals participate in health care. These layers of context influence patient and provider behavior directly and indirectly. While there is a long history of interventions targeted at patients and providers in specific contexts, such as the patient’s network of social support, or the type of organization (HMO, PPO, MCO) within which care is provided, we are encouraging consideration of a wider set of factors affecting the health behaviors and outcomes of patients seeking care.

What is the purpose of the conference? The conference will serve as a forum for discussing multilevel theory, models, and methods from several disciplines, exploring interactions across levels, including mediators and moderators of the effects and exploring the efficacy of multilevel interventions on health status. The conference will also identify priorities for future research and explore research designs and measurement approaches that address the challenges of developing multileveled interventions that affect individuals’ health. While the conference will be anchored in papers focused on cancer, we expect a wider discussion of health, health care, and multilevel influences on each.

Abstracts must be limited to 300 words or less. Priority will be given to those abstracts that address at least three levels; however, other abstracts are encouraged if they are relevant to discussion of future research needs. You are encouraged to submit abstracts on a combination of any of the following issues relevant to multilevel interventions:

- Multi-disciplinary theory and models
- Research design
- Measurement, including operational definitions, validity, and reliability
- Conceptual framework and taxonomy
- Analytic approaches
- Research infrastructure
- Meta-analyses or meta-reviews of existing evidence related to intervention efficacy
- Multilevel interventions in an era of health care reform and personalized medicine

The abstract submission deadline is 11:59 PM on Friday, October 15, 2010. If your abstract is accepted, please plan to register for the conference, prepare a poster, and speak to conference attendees about your research at three separate 30-minute poster presentations during the conference. **You will be notified of abstract decisions via e-mail on Wednesday, December 1, 2010.** Please adjust your spam filter to accept email from: ncidccpsmli@mail.nih.gov.

Poster Abstract Instructions and Guidance

Abstracts may be from previously published, in press or unpublished work. Abstract format may include but is not limited to:

- Purpose
- Methods
- Findings
- Conclusions

Abstracts will be grouped according to the categories below. Add keywords to identify which of these apply to your research:

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Submitters must identify one corresponding author.

A full list of criteria and instructions for submission are available online:
<http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/mli/>