



Optimizing Birth Outcomes: Quality Care, Effective Policies and Emerging Research.

2018 NYSPA Perinatal Partnership Conference

June 7-8, 2018

Desmond Hotel & Conference Center, Albany, NY

Call for Session Proposals

The New York State Perinatal Association's Annual Perinatal Partnership Conference is the *premier* maternal/infant/child health professional education conference in New York State, traditionally drawing an average of 200 - 250 health and human service providers and professionals from across the state.

The 2018 Conference Planning Committee invites proposals for plenary and workshop sessions, as well as abstracts for poster presentations for the 2018 conference.

2018 Conference Title: Optimizing Birth Outcomes: Quality care, Effective policies and Emerging Research

Date: June 7-8, 2018

Location: The Desmond Hotel, Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY

Conference Format:

- **5-7 Plenary Sessions: Duration: 1 – 1.25 hours (including Q&A)**
- **8-12 Workshops: Duration: 1 hour (including Q&A)**
- **Poster Displays: Duration: throughout conference; Peer reviewed 2 tracks: a) Research & Clinical Practice
b) Public or Community Perinatal/Maternal/Child Health, successful programs or promising practices**

Theme subcategories: The NYSPA Conference Planning Committee has selected the above title and theme for the 2018 annual program, and invites health and related professionals to submit proposals for presentation. Please consider the following subcategories for proposals, recognizing your individual or your group's knowledge and experience in the areas of public and environmental health and clinical strategies and expertise related to maternal-child health (MCH). Areas of interest include:

- A. Current & emerging issues in perinatal health & potential solutions
- B. Promising practices for community-based maternal infant health care/services

- C. Advances in genetic testing and applications
- D. Evidence-based programs: clinical research or implementation
- D. New areas of research or best practices in obstetrics, pediatrics and MICH
- E. Policies affecting MICH and their impact

Process: Your proposal should be no longer than 2 pages and MUST include:

- a) Name, contact information (name, address, phone, fax, email), credentials and experience in topic area and copy of CV. [If a joint presentation or panel, list *all* presenters and their contact information.]
- b) Which type of session would you prefer to present?
 ____ Plenary ____ Workshop ____ Poster (Poster session presenters must be present for both days.)
(Session determination will be made by the Conference Planning Committee)
- c) Title of presentation: _____
 Summary description: Should include a 1-3 paragraph description of the topic or best practice, and must explain how the session will be structured (i.e. lecture, participatory, case presentation, etc).
- d) List 3-4 educational learning outcomes to be achieved.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
- e) To assist with securing continuing education credits, we require 3 evaluation questions:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
- f) Please list below 3 publications/references that you either used in the creation of your talk or that you have published on the topic of your talk.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

* Presentations must be free of commercial bias. Please identify any potential conflicts of interest:

Preferred day for presentation: ____Thursday, 6/07/18 or ____Friday, 6/08/18.

(Although NYSPA will do its best to accommodate your preferred date, it may not be possible, and you will be contacted to confirm your availability).

Important: All slides must be submitted 6 weeks before the conference.

Audio-Visual Equipment Required:

- Laptop LCD Laser Pointer Slide Projector
- Internet access Audio Other _____

- Note: if you prefer to use your own Mac laptop, please plan to bring a converter to ensure compatibility with LCD.

Submission Timeline/Deadline:

Plenary & Workshop sessions: The committee will begin reviewing proposals in October 2018 and will continue doing so until the agenda is complete. We expect to complete the competitive review process and select all sessions no later than 2/15/18.

Poster abstracts can be submitted anytime between 11/15/17 and 4/1/18. Posters should be identified as to which category to be considered for. Abstracts will be peer reviewed for acceptance.

Proposals should be sent electronically to: nyspa@nysperinatal.org

Acknowledgement & Notification:

All submissions will be acknowledged within 48 hours to confirm receipt and completeness.

Plenary and Workshop Proposals will be reviewed monthly and assigned a ranking. Selection decisions will begin being made by 10/31/17 and continue monthly until agenda is complete. Presenters will be notified either upon selection or by 2/28/18. Presenters **MUST** complete and return an acceptance agreement (including continuing education documentation) no later than 3/30/18. Any selected session for which the presenter does not complete the acceptance agreement will be withdrawn from the program and replaced with an alternative presentation and speaker.

Poster Abstracts will be reviewed on a rolling basis and no later than 4/15/18, with authors notified by 4/30/18. Poster authors **MUST** complete and return an acceptance agreement no later than 5/15/18 with a reservation fee of \$25. The \$25 fee is to cover the cost of the board rental, but will be credited to the (one) author's conference registration fee. Any poster for which the author does not complete the acceptance agreement and submit the \$25 fee by 5/15/18 will be withdrawn from the program.

Benefits of Presenting at NYSPA 2018:

The New York State Perinatal Association is committed to supporting and promoting best and promising practices and programs to improve pregnancy and birth outcomes; women's, newborn and infant health; and to advocating for the availability, quality and competency of the full array of needed perinatal health services in New York State.

Plenary & Workshop Presenters: Your selection as a presenter at the 2018 conference will provide you with:

- ❖ An opportunity to showcase your expertise and your program.
- ❖ Recognition among your colleagues and peers
- ❖ Publicity through the conference brochure and the NYSPA media outlets.
- ❖ A complimentary one-year membership in NYSPA.
- ❖ A complimentary registration for the 2018 NYSPA Conference
- ❖ **Plenary sessions:** \$500 stipend (max per session) (Slides must be received 6 weeks before conference for receipt of full stipend).

Poster Authors: Your selection as a poster presenter at the 2018 conference will provide you with:

- ❖ An opportunity for your poster to be selected for award (2-4 abstracts will be selected within each category as finalists for award recognition by the respective peer review

committees by 5/15/18 with finalists selected and notified by 5/20/18 – award recipients will be identified at start of conference and recognized at the Awards Luncheon during the Conference).

- ❖ An opportunity to showcase your work and your program.
- ❖ Recognition among your colleagues and peers
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Questions: Please contact the Enid Jones at the NYSPA Office: 1-877-268-5072 or nyspa@nysperinatal.org