Call for Abstracts

General Information

1. Please submit your abstract online. See instructions.
2. All presenters must register for the 2020 NBS and assume responsibility for their own transportation, lodging and registration fees. See registration information on the Symposium website.
3. There is no limit on the number of abstracts that registrants may submit. However, authors must be in attendance for their presentations.
4. Accepted abstracts will be posted on the Symposium website. Editorial changes may be made to accepted abstracts at the discretion of the Planning Committee.
5. Membership in APHL or the International Society of Neonatal Screening (ISNS) is not required for presenting a paper at the Symposium.

Selection Criteria and Guidance

1. Abstracts must accurately and briefly describe:
   a) the problem studied and/or objectives;
   b) methodology;
   c) significant results, including statistical significance where applicable; and
   d) conclusions and/or implications.
2. Abstracts must report the results of original findings pertinent to the subject matter. Papers should report the results of new, applied studies on:
   • Current Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP) Conditions in State NBS Panels (including point-of-care, improved testing methods or follow-up, reporting on secondary conditions)
   • Conditions under Consideration for Addition to or Removal from State Panels (e.g., cytomegalovirus (CMV))
   • Adoption and Use of Second-tier Testing (when appropriate, intersection of newborn screening and diagnosis)
   • Training/Education/Communication (for providers, legislators, families and general public)
   • Financial, Legal, Ethical, Policy and Social Implications (FLEPSI) (e.g., legislative processes, drug access and policies, storage and use of residual bloodspots, consent issues)
   • Health Information Technology
   • International Perspectives
   • Molecular Technology: Methods and Utility (NextGen Sequencing)
   • Quality Improvement and Assurance Activities
   • Screening of Special Populations (e.g., sick, low-birth weight, pre-term or older babies, out-of-hospital births, methods and tools)
   • Short-term Follow-up (engagement with specialists, interesting/challenging cases, methods and tools for short-term follow-up)
   • Long-term Follow-up and Patient Outcomes (engagement with specialists, interesting/challenging cases, methods and tools for long-term follow-up, late onset conditions, etc.)
   • Emergency Preparedness & Contingency Planning
   • Public/Community Engagement/Experiences in Newborn Screening
   • Workforce Issues (staff development, morale, shortages, retention, succession planning, etc.)
   • Data Analytics and Bioinformatics (how to improve the predictive power and risk assessment determinations in NBS)
   • Emerging Therapies for Newly-added and Current RUSP Conditions
   • Intersection of Federal and State Recommendations for Adding Conditions to the RUSP
   • Health Equity (access to treatment, therapies and genetic testing)
   • Other

Submissions of an educational and/or non-technical matter will also be considered.

3. Studies must be based on accepted scientific practices.
4. The body of work should not have been previously presented or intended for presentation at another scientific meeting. Papers should not appear in print prior to the 2020 NBS.
5. Results should be summarized. Do not use tables or graphs in the abstract submission.
Abstract Submission

Abstracts submitted for the 2020 NBS will be evaluated for acceptance by the Planning Committee. Please be sure to follow the format instructions carefully; failure to do so may result in rejection. Information in the abstract must not have been previously published in a copyrighted journal.

Abstract submissions must be received no later than midnight PT February 28, 2020. All submissions must be completed on the online abstract submission site which has detailed instructions.

Online Abstract Submission Site

You will receive an email confirming receipt of your submission. All correspondence will be made with the person who submits the abstract.

Presentation Formats

Oral
A number of 10-15 minute oral presentations will be slotted for each 60 or 90 minute session. Specific length for each presentation will be determined during the review process. Concurrent Panels of related presentations may be suggested but individual abstracts must be submitted and will be judged separately as well as together. At the top of the abstract text box list “Concurrent Panel” along with the last names of the suggested co-panelists so appropriate abstracts can be paired. LCD projectors will be available. PowerPoint presentations (16x9 format) will be required to be loaded onto the conference laptops prior to the session.

Poster
Freestanding horizontal boards will be provided for presenting posters. The size of the poster board is 4’h x 8’w (120cm h x 240cm w). Posters may be smaller than the board but cannot be larger. Handouts may be used, but audiovisual equipment will not be available.

Roundtable
Informal discussion of a single topic in a room with up to 100 people at round tables. NO audiovisual equipment will be provided except a flip chart and microphone. Roundtables will take place at 7:00 am for 60 minutes. Only four will be scheduled.

Note: Presenters should indicate their preference for presentation. The Planning Committee will make the final decision on presentation format based on quality of abstract and the needs of the Symposium.

Poster Award
To encourage excellence in poster presentation, a Best Poster Award for the 2020 NBS will be presented by the Planning Committee. Results will be announced during the Symposium.

A certificate and a gift card will be awarded for first place. Posters will be judged equally on the following criteria:

1. Importance and Relevancy
2. Broad Interest of the Topic
3. Educational Value
4. Design and Layout

Contact Information

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