



Canadian Coalition for Seniors' Mental Health

To promote seniors' mental health by connecting people, ideas and resources.

Coalition Canadienne pour la Santé Mentale des Personnes Âgées

Promouvoir la santé mentale des personnes âgées en reliant les personnes, les idées et les ressources.

STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION

sponsored by the **Geriatric Medicine Research Unit** at Dalhousie University

ABOUT THE CANADIAN COALITION FOR SENIORS' MENTAL HEALTH

The Canadian Coalition for Seniors' Mental Health (CCSMH) started in 2002 to **promote the mental health of seniors by connecting people, ideas and resources**. Members of the CCSMH are organizations and individuals representing health care professionals, educators, researchers and policy makers as well as seniors, family members and informal caregivers from across Canada. The CCSMH is engaged in a range of activities that include promoting best practices, advocacy, research, and knowledge transfer.

VALUE STATEMENT

Mental illness is not a normal part of aging. All seniors have the right and deserve to receive services and care that promotes their mental health and responds to their mental illness needs.

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CANADIAN COALITION FOR SENIORS' MENTAL HEALTH (CCSMH) 4TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE

WHEN & WHERE:

Monday, September 27 &
Tuesday, September 28
Westin Nova Scotian, Halifax, Nova Scotia

STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION:

The CCSMH is pleased to organize a poster competition for students in the fields of seniors' mental health: **epidemiology, gerontology, health promotion, medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, psychology, recreation, social work, sociology, urban planning, etc.**

Submission is open to all students who plan to attend the CCSMH 4th National Conference in Halifax. Posters will be displayed throughout the conference foyer on Monday, September 27, with two time blocks dedicated to poster viewing.

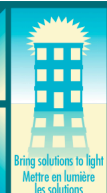
The winner will receive \$250 and a letter/certificate highlighting their accomplishment.

The deadline for submitting your abstract is Friday, July 16, 2010.

FOR FULL DETAILS VISIT

www.ccsmhevents.ca/2010conference.html

CCSMH 2010 National Conference
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CONFERENCE THEMES:

The CCSMH is pleased to host its fourth national conference focused on connecting research and education to care in seniors' mental health. The conference is inter-disciplinary with health care professionals, researchers, policy makers, caregivers, and seniors from across Canada.

Specific themes for poster presentations include:

- New research findings
- Models of care & service delivery
- In-service education & training
- Health promotion & illness prevention
- Implementation of best practice guidelines
- Anti-stigma & raising awareness
- Role of the caregiver & consumer
- Knowledge transfer & exchange

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS & GUIDELINES:

1. Abstracts must be no more than 250 words (excluding title and student information), single-spaced.
2. Please include the following information in the abstract:
 - a) Title of the presentation (in CAPITAL letters)
 - b) Student information (All correspondence from the CCSMH will be directed to this individual):
 - first & last name
 - email
 - phone number
 - mailing address
 - degree level (undergraduate, masters, doctoral)
 - university
 - program/discipline
 - c) Presentation purpose
 - d) Objectives
 - e) Background information or a general description
 - f) Methods and results (if applicable)
 - g) Conclusion
 - h) Three learning objectives for delegates reviewing the poster
 - i) Identified theme (from list above)
3. Abstract must be saved as an MS Word document and sent as an attachment to the email address: kwilson@baycrest.org. Please type "abstract submission" in the subject line.
4. All accepted abstracts and contact information of presenters/authors may be published in the program and on the CCSMH website unless otherwise indicated in submission (as submitted).
5. All selected students must register and pay for the conference. Special student rates are available. Please note that the CCSMH cannot cover the cost of printing posters, nor travel.

All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by an interdisciplinary panel of CCSMH members. Successful applicants will be notified of acceptance via email by August 15, 2010.

JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Quality of the research (clarity of theoretical perspectives, method, sample, findings, discussion, limitations).
2. Merit of the research (validity of conclusions, relevancy to field of seniors' mental health, potential for application).
3. Quality of abstract and content (coherence, logical flow, grammar, spelling, concise abstract).
4. Demonstrated understanding of the student (recognition of limits of the study, familiar with research context).
5. Special merit marks will be awarded for innovative, novel research projects.