

# Showcase of Health Research 2010

## Call for Abstracts

St. Joseph's Care Group invites health researchers to showcase their work at our annual conference.

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**Abstract Submission Deadline:**  
Friday, December 18, 2009

Friday, February 5, 2010  
Best Western Nor'Wester Resort Hotel

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The Research Department at St. Joseph's Care Group is pleased to host "*Making a Difference: 2010 Showcase of Health Research*" on February 5, 2010. Since 2006 the Research Department has hosted what has become the premier annual venue for the dissemination of research relevant to the health of Northwestern Ontarians.

The conference features oral and poster presentations by health professionals, students and scientists. We cordially invite you to participate in this event by submitting an abstract.

## Showcase Objectives

1. To provide a forum for the dissemination of health research relevant to Northwestern Ontarians;
2. To facilitate research uptake in clinical practice; and
3. To foster the opportunity for networking and research partnerships.

## Call for Abstracts

We invite submissions for paper and poster presentations of health research ranging from prevention to service delivery and from basic to applied research.

While the findings and conclusions may not be known at the time the abstract is submitted, the research or project should be well underway with completion expected in advance of the Showcase.



## Paper and Poster Presentations

A paper presentation is an oral presentation of research or a project involving a single topic. Presenters will have approximately 15 minutes to discuss their project. It is expected that oral presentations will be supported with Power Point slides. The Research Department will provide a laptop computer, LCD projector, a screen and an electronic pointer.

A poster presentation is a visual display illustrating a research project. The presenter must be available during the poster sessions to discuss the display with viewers. Poster boards and Velcro tabs will be supplied for the poster presentations.

If additional equipment is necessary, please contact Carrie Gibbons.

## Submission and Notification

The submission deadline is: Friday December 18, 2009. Structured abstracts (see the following section) should be sent electronically using the form below. A notice of receipt will be sent electronically within one week of submission. If confirmation has not been received, please contact Carrie Gibbons. Researchers will be notified by early January about the status of their submission(s). At this time, researchers will also be informed of the time and format of their presentation(s).

## Abstract

For both paper and poster presentations, please submit a structured abstract of your research, including the following sections:

- Title
- Author(s)
- Institution(s)
- Background/objectives
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusion

The abstract should be no more than 250 words. Abstracts should be factual and report on significant research findings. Please see the sample abstract below. There will be a program for the Showcase, so please ensure that you have proof-read your submission.

## ❖ Abstract Example:

### Associations between psychotic behaviors and dependence in activities of daily living

M Tran, M Bédard, S Dubois, Lakehead University and McMaster University

**Background/objectives:** Cognitive impairment resulting from Alzheimer disease (AD) is associated with dependence in activities of daily living (ADL). The presence of psychotic behaviors (delusions/hallucinations) may further increase this dependence but their contribution remains to be fully elucidated.

**Methods:** We analyzed data from 558 individuals with AD referred to a memory clinic. Information on ADL (basic and instrumental), psychotic behaviors, depression symptoms, and cognitive impairment were collected with standardized instruments.

**Results:** The frequency of psychotic behaviors was correlated with dependence in ADL ( $r = 0.44$ ,  $p = .001$ ). The independent contribution of psychotic behaviors, after consideration for cognitive impairment and depression symptoms, was assessed with hierarchical regression models (basic and instrumental). Twenty-eight percent of basic ADL variance was explained by cognitive impairment and depression symptoms; psychotic behaviors ( $b = -0.13$ ,  $p = .001$ ) accounted for an additional nine percent of the variance. Cognitive impairment and depression symptoms explained 35% of instrumental ADL variance; psychotic behaviors ( $b = 0.22$ ,  $p = .001$ ) accounted for an additional seven percent.

**Conclusion:** Psychotic behaviors are associated with dependence in ADL after control for cognitive impairment and depression symptoms. Future research should confirm causal linkages between psychotic behaviors and dependence in ADL. This may have implications regarding interventions to maintain independent living in people with AD.

## ❖ Instructional Workshops

Prior to the Showcase, members of the Research Department will offer instructional workshops to presenters on conducting paper and poster presentations. These workshops will take place in January.

## ❖ Registration Fee

Participation in this event is free of charge and lunch will be provided.

## ❖ For more information

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**Abstract Submission**

Please complete all sections and submit by December 12, 2008.  
Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

**1. Identification Information**

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