Call For Presentations:
“The Developing Science of Violence and Abuse: Toward a New Understanding”

Academy on Violence and Abuse
Biennial Scientific Assembly
April 15-16, 2011
Minneapolis, MN

Deadline for Submissions: October 15, 2010
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Conference Theme: The Developing Science of Violence and Abuse: Toward a New Understanding

New research is yielding important insights into the physiological mechanisms that connect exposure to abuse and adverse health consequences. This conference is designed to accelerate the adoption of teaching about violence and abuse into health professions curricula by increasing awareness about the science underlying our reactions to exposure.

The multi-disciplinary conference audience will include dentists, physicians, nurses, psychologists, counselors, marriage and family therapists, social workers, physical and occupational therapists, as well as professionals in the fields of nutrition and dietetics, public health and pharmacy. Participants will include advocates, administrators and other professionals who work in health care and educational settings. AVA is particularly interested in hearing presentations from those working to improve teaching in the health professions as well as scientific researchers in the area of violence and abuse.

AVA welcomes proposals for presentations that will help make the conference a forum for the interdisciplinary exchange of findings from innovative research. Reports of original research related to violence and/or abuse and health or health professional education are particularly welcome. The research may pertain to clinical, economic, health systems, curricular, or faculty development issues in relation to the field violence and abuse.

Preference will be given to submissions with the following themes:

• Research that sheds light on the biological pathways through which exposure to violence and/or abuse affects physical and/or mental health

• New findings from neuroscience and biochemistry of changes resulting from abuse and Methods of measuring or identifying these changes

• Promising ways of modifying or reversing health effects in the exposed population

• Clinical approaches to treating abuse issues such as improving the health care response (e.g. interdisciplinary and holistic models)

• The cost of health care related to exposure to violence and abuse

• Health professional education including evidence-based education, studies of what changes practice and what leads to competency.

• Curriculum issues related to teaching about violence and abuse, (e.g. including eliciting an abuse history as part of training in history-taking/interviewing)

• Cross-discipline curricula, engaging faculty leaders, or core competency development
General Information and Instructions
Online Submission

AVA will only accept online submissions for consideration by the reviewers. Go to http://www.stfm.org/ava/ to apply. Please note that the deadline for submission is October 15, 2010. Late submissions will not be accepted.

In the online submission process you will be asked to provide demographic information about the presenter(s). You will then be asked to provide the “Title” of your presentation followed by an “Abstract” of up to 250 words. Next, provide brief descriptions of the following typical research paper sections: Introduction/Background, Methods, Results and Discussion (about 150 words each up to 1500 characters total for these sections). Most submitters have found that the easiest approach is to create the content of each of these areas (and do a word count to see that they’ll fit) in a word processing program and save the content as text files. You can then copy each item and paste it into the appropriate section of the online form.

Detailed instructions are provided at: http://www.stfm.org/ava/.

Long Papers
Purpose: To provide a more detailed discussion of new research, concepts or approaches that advance the understanding and integration of these concepts into the health care system. These will be thirty minutes long with ten minutes for discussion. These presentations will also be grouped by topic. Several breakout groups will run consecutively. (Presentation 30 minutes, 10 minutes Q&A)

Short Papers
Purpose: These presentations should be designed to inform the attendees of new research, concepts, or approaches that advance the understanding and integration of these concepts into the health care system. These will be fifteen minutes long with five minutes for discussion. AVA plans to group the presentations by topic. Several breakout groups will run consecutively. (Presentation 15 minutes, 5 minutes Q&A)

Poster Presentations
Purpose: Poster presentations are an opportunity to display and discuss with interested conference participants your new research, concepts, or approaches that advance the understanding and integration of these concepts into the health care system. (Exposure, 2 hours interactive time)

Breakfast Roundtables
Purpose: Share experiences and ideas in an informal setting. The topics should be problem or issue oriented to sharpen the focus and stimulate discussion. Leaders will briefly present material and facilitate discussion among breakfast table participants. (Presentation time will be 50 minutes including breakfast)

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