

Call for Abstracts

12th Annual Safe Patient Handling and Movement Conference

March 19 – 23, 2012 Orlando, Florida

Cutting-edge safe patient handling research, best practices for implementing safe patient handling programs, and access to the state-of-the-art in technology are the cornerstones of the annual Safe Patient Handling Conferences. 2012 will be our 12th year of sharing important research findings and translating research into practice for clinicians, policymakers, risk managers, administrators, and others. The conference is co-sponsored by the Tampa VA Patient Safety Center of Inquiry, the American Nurses Association, the American Physical Therapy Association, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and the European Back Exchange.

Conference Objectives:

1. Identify three best practices for patient care ergonomics.
2. Assess technologies for safe patient handling given high risk tasks.
3. Use effective strategies to change attitudes and behaviors of direct care providers, students, managers and administrators in support of safe patient handling.
4. Develop strategies to reduce risk to caregivers at local facilities.
5. Use a business case approach for analyzing the cost and benefits of safe patient handling.

We invite abstract submissions for concurrent oral and poster presentations. Speakers selected through the call for abstracts are eligible for a discounted registration rate. Poster presenters are not eligible for a discount.

For questions regarding abstract submission, please contact Valerie Kelleher at Valerie.Kelleher@va.gov or by phone at 813-558-3948. Submit abstracts electronically to Valerie Kelleher. **The deadline for submission is July 1, 2011.**

Abstract Submission Requirements:

- Abstracts should follow closely with the objectives of the conference and provide participants with lessons learned, best practices, and research outcomes related to safe patient handling.
- Limit abstracts to 500 words (not including title and section headings). Do not use bolding, underlines, columns, scientific symbols, graphs or tables.
- Include presenters' names, credentials, and affiliations. Provide contact information (telephone number, e-mail address) for one person.
- Note if abstract should be considered for oral presentation, poster presentation, or both.
- **Research abstracts** should include: Research objectives, methods (study design, population, data collection methods), findings, and implications for policy, healthcare delivery, clinical practice, technology development, and/or future research.
- **Non-research abstracts** should include: Presentation objectives, description of how objectives were met, lessons learned, and implications for policy, healthcare delivery, technology development, and/or clinical practice.

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Clarity of Presentation
2. Relevance/Significance
 - Contribution to Science and/or Practice—Timeliness—Innovation
3. Methodology or Approach
 - Scientific Quality or Systematic Approach
 - Data Collection and Analysis
 - Appropriateness of Approach
4. Impact or potential impact
 - Implications/Next Steps
 - Relevance to the Broad Community

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