Scientific Presentation Instructions  
*Platform Research, Poster Symposia and Poster Presentations*

**Before you begin the submission process, please note following:**

- While submissions for scientific presentations do NOT have to be consistent with the theme of the annual meeting, submissions that are related to the theme are strongly encouraged and will receive additional consideration.
- This year we are also accepting submissions for poster presentation that describe innovative health care delivery programs for topics relevant to adolescent health. We are particularly interested in programs related to the theme that address innovative approaches to enhancing adolescent transition and young adult services.
- The submission of multiple abstracts reporting results from the same study, clinic program or overlapping abstracts from the same group of investigators are strongly discouraged. Multiple abstracts considered to be the result of excessive splitting of data will be evaluated accordingly and will not be given priority. In order to accommodate as many submitters as possible, the Abstract Review Committee Chair may request that such multiple submissions be combined and that a revised abstract be provided.

**The deadline for submission of scientific presentations is on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 (closes 11:59 p.m. CDT).**

There is a fee of $40.00 (US) for all scientific presentation abstracts.

**ABSTRACTS CAN BE EDITED UP UNTIL THE DEADLINE. YOU CAN SAVE YOUR SUBMISSION AND RETURN TO THE SITE TO EDIT YOUR ABSTRACT AT A LATER TIME. ONCE THE SUBMISSION SITE CLOSES, EDITS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE.**

**Consideration of abstract as Platform Research Presentation**

If you want your abstract to be considered for an Oral Platform Presentation (including abstracts eligible for the New Investigator Award), you will be directed to provide additional information for the abstract reviewers. In addition to the materials requested under “submission steps” below, you will need to upload, along with CVs, a one-page Microsoft Word document that includes only the abstract title at the top (no names) that includes an expanded description of the Methods and Results sections from your abstract. Do not repeat your Purpose or Conclusions in this document. These will be available to the reviewer on the first document you have submitted. This additional one-page document is intended to allow you to present a more detailed description of your Methods and Results. A table or figure can be included in this document. Please use 1 inch (2.5 cm) margins all around and 11-point Arial font. This 1-page document is only for the reviewers use and will not be published in the program or in the journal supplement. If more than one page is submitted, the reviewers will only read the first page. Submission for consideration for an Oral Presentation does NOT guarantee acceptance. The submission may be accepted for a poster presentation or may not be accepted for presentation at all.
Poster Symposia Presentation

In addition to the traditional evening large-room poster session, this year we are again adding a new format for poster presentations: the Poster Symposia. The goal of the poster symposia sessions is to create a forum for the presentation and in depth discussion of recent research with a focus on stimulating advancements in the field of adolescent health. Sessions will include a brief presentation of key research findings by each poster presenter followed by moderated group discussions of the implications of research findings both for clinical practice and for adolescent health research. Symposia may feature research grouped either by content area (e.g. STIs, violence) or research methods (e.g. qualitative focus group research). This year, we would also like to have a poster symposia session that highlights exemplary programs and best practices around adolescent transition throughout the world. We highly encourage both research and program description submissions on this topic. All abstract submissions will be considered as candidates for this format by the committee. Selections will be based both on review committee assessment of research quality and appropriateness of fit for the symposia topic.

- **SAHM/Mead Johnson Nutritional New Investigator Award:** As in the past, first authors who are ELIGIBLE for the NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD should talk with a senior member of SAHM about their research efforts and indicate in the submission that they wish to be considered for this award. Eligibility criteria include the following: (1) Candidates must be either in training or have completed their fellowship (or graduate training) within the past five calendar years; (2) Research must be in an area of knowledge unique to the development and healthcare needs of adolescents; (3) The award will be given for a specific piece of research and is not dependent upon the awardee's total research; (4) Candidates need not be a member of SAHM, but if chosen as a finalist, must be nominated by a member of SAHM; and (5) New Investigator Award recipient MUST submit his/her manuscript to the *Journal of Adolescent Health* (JAH) for right of first refusal. Should the first author wish to be considered for the New Investigator Award, he or she must click the box on the online submission site indicating that the first author is eligible for the New Investigator Award.

Authors of the top 5 abstracts ELIGIBLE for the New Investigator Award will be notified at the same time all abstract acceptances are mailed. These authors will be asked to send a complete packet of materials to the Awards Committee at the SAHM National Office. The completed packet will include a biographical sketch, curriculum vitae, letter of nomination by a SAHM member that designates the significance of the research to adolescent health care, a letter of support by a senior investigator, and a manuscript (background, methods, results, conclusion).

- **Robert H. Durant Award for Statistical Rigor and Innovation in Adolescent Health Research:** The Durant Award recognizes the abstract submission with the most sophisticated methodology or analytic approach. Abstract Review committee members will nominate submissions for the Durant Award. Authors of the top 5 abstracts eligible for the Durant Award (and not nominated for the New Investigator Award) will be notified at the same time all abstract acceptances are mailed. These authors will be asked to send a CV and manuscript to the Awards Committee at the SAHM National Office. The Durant Award recipient MUST submit his/her manuscript to the *Journal of Adolescent Health* for right of first refusal.
**Submission Steps**

1. Provide Contact Information for Primary Author/Leader
2. Complete the Primary Author Disclosure Questions
3. Add Additional Contributing Authors
4. Upload CVs for each Contributing Author
5. Enter a Title – *(must be no more than 250 characters)*
6. Write the Abstract – Each section (Purpose, Methods, Results, Conclusions) should briefly describe the objectives of the study or investigation, the basic procedures (study subjects and analytical methods), the main findings (giving specific data and the statistical significance, if possible), and the principal conclusion. Emphasize new and important aspects of the study. Sources of support should be included at the end of the abstract. There is a cumulative total of 500 words allowed for all fields including sources of support.
   - For abstract submissions for consideration as a Program Description Poster Presentation or Poster Symposia, you will be asked to provide the following: Program Name, Purpose (includes goals of the program, why it was started and what need it fills), Methods (Includes population served, setting, disciplines involved in care, unique aspects of delivery and how the program is supported financially), Results and Outcomes (Provide any outcome data) and Conclusions (Highlight generalizable findings and lessons learned).
7. Provide Learning Objective – *(must be not more than 250 characters)*
8. Provide up to 5 key words, separated by commas, for your abstract from the MeSH database to be published with your abstract.

View examples of well written abstracts and expanded methods/results from the 2014 winners of the New Investigator and Robert H. DuRant awards:

**2014 New Investigator Award Winner** - Craig S. Ross, MBA
- View Abstract

**2014 Robert H. DuRant Award for Statistical Rigor** - Kelli Hall, PhD
- View Abstract

**Important Notes**
Do not repeat the title or include author information in the body section. No tables or figures are allowed in the abstract. The abstract should be text ONLY.

**For questions regarding abstract content, please contact:**
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