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CAPD/ACDP GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS 2024

This is a call for abstracts to be submitted to the Scientific Committee of the Canadian Academy of Pediatric Dentistry/Académie Canadienne de Dentisterie Pédiatrique (CAPD/ACDP) for presentation at the CAPD/ACDP Annual Conference, taking place in St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador from September 19 to 21, 2024. This year's CAPD/ACDP Graduate Student Research Presentations will be held Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 8:00 to 9:30 Newfoundland Time.

Please encourage your graduate students to submit either abstracts on their original research or literature reviews, as this is an excellent venue for them to present their research to their future colleagues, who are always very supportive and interested in their presentations.

Please remind your students that registration for the Scientific Sessions at this annual conference is complimentary to all CAPD/ACDP Student Members who are Canadian citizens or Canadian Residents and are attending an accredited Graduate Pediatric Dentistry Program. Students wishing to attend the Friday evening Welcome Reception and the Saturday evening President's Dinner and Dance, can register for these events at reduced rates. In addition to the complimentary registration for the Scientific Sessions at the Annual Conference, students whose abstracts are accepted for presentation will receive the following benefits:

- Complimentary registration for the Friday night Welcome Reception and the Saturday night President's Dinner and Dance (at which the winner is announced);
- Reimbursement of up to 2 nights hotel accommodation at the conference rate;
- Reimbursement of travel expenses at the lowest fare, economy class.

All graduate students currently enrolled in a graduate pediatric dentistry program whose abstract is selected for presentation, will automatically be considered for the CAPD/ACDP award. This prize of \$1,000 CAD is awarded to the graduate presentation, which is judged best overall based on a number of aspects; e.g. scientific content and clinical implications of the research. [Please note that an individual can participate in the CAPD/ACDP abstracts process only once in their lifetime].

Please find attached a copy of the CAPD/ACDP Instructions for Submissions of Abstracts for your information. The Scientific Committee will select up to 5 abstracts for presentation. **The deadline for submission of abstracts is July 5, 2024 and the successful presenters will be notified no later than August 9, 2024.** Please submit your abstracts to info@capd-acdp.org.

Thank you for sharing this information with your students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Trang Nguyen
Chair, CAPD/ACDP Scientific Committee



PRESENTATION METHODS FOR RESEARCH ABSTRACTS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACTS

The Canadian Academy of Pediatric Dentistry/Académie Canadienne de Dentisterie Pédiatrique (CAPD/ACDP) encourages submission of presentations from current graduate students in pediatric dentistry training programs and new graduates (less than 1 year since graduation). There are two categories of presentations:

1. **Research abstracts**
2. **Literature review on a topic of interest to CAPD/ACDP members**

1. RESEARCH ABSTRACTS

The abstract must contain a brief statement of:

- a) The objectives/purpose of the investigation
- b) Experimental methods used
- c) Essential results – including data and where appropriate statistics
- d) Conclusions

To achieve a more consistent abstract style, and to facilitate automatic validation of your abstract, please ensure that each of the key words listed above – **objectives, methods, results and conclusions** – appears in singular or plural form immediately followed by a colon. Please do not underline conclusions.

Do not include illustrations or photographs. Tables, charts and columns may be used. Abstracts reporting studies using unidentified drugs or materials will not be accepted. All drugs and materials must be identified in the abstract and presentation. When the abstract includes research based on a commercial product, the brand name of the product may only be mentioned once in the abstract.

External funding **MUST BE** disclosed by listing the name of the supporting agency and grant number in the body of the abstract.

Abstracts must be 400 words or less.

Selection Criteria:

Abstracts will be selected for the scientific program on the basis of the scientific quality of the work as judged from the abstract. An impartial panel of reviewers will evaluate the content of each abstract. These reviewers, whose decision will be final, will determine the selection of the abstracts.

Judging Criteria:

- a) The following criteria will be used to judge the abstracts:
- b) The research project is applicable to pediatric dentistry.
- c) The abstract is well-organized and readable.
- d) The abstract contains objectives, methods, results and conclusions.
- e) The abstract is not closely related to another submitted abstract with the same co-authors.
- f) The research problem is well-defined and the importance clear.
- g) The methods are indicated or are obvious.
- h) The data and statistical analysis are adequate to evaluate the objectives.
- i) The results are adequate and appropriate.
- j) The conclusions follow as a consequence of the methods and results.
- k) The conclusions are adequately qualified.



Reasons for rejecting an abstract may include:

- a) Abstract poorly organized and/or not complete.
- b) Required information not included in abstract.
 - i. Objectives
 - ii. Methods
 - iii. Results
 - iv. Conclusions
- c) Nature of problem not explicit from either title or abstract.
- d) Material too closely related to another submitted abstract by the same co-authors, which could have been combined into a single abstract.
- e) Problem is well-defined, but the importance of the project is doubtful.
- f) No well-defined criteria are given for the evaluation of variables.
- g) No control groups are reported.
- h) Choice of control groups is questionable.
- i) Methods of obtaining data are not appropriate with respect to the stated problem for the following reasons:
 - i. Methods are not sufficiently precise to permit the measurements to be accurate.
 - ii. Sampling methods contain inherent discriminatory factors not recognized.
 - iii. Size of sample is insufficient to show significant conformity or differences.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW ON A TOPIC OF INTEREST TO CAPD/ACDP MEMBERS

CAPD/ACDP recognizes that not all graduate students will have results of original research to present at annual meetings. However, there are often topics of interest to CAPD/ACDP members which graduate students are encouraged to conduct literature searches on and to present up to date information on these topics. These topics may include, but are not limited to, reviews of controversial issues and reviews of medical conditions of interest to pediatric dentists.

Outline of literature review presentation:

Introduction: Present a brief introduction to the review topic.

Body of presentation: This will take the form of a summary of current information with reference to the scientific literature to support any conclusions or recommendation made during the presentation.

Presenters are encouraged to use audiovisual aids for their presentations.

Summary: A brief summary of the presentation with conclusions is required.

Judging Criteria:

The following criteria will be used to judge literature reviews:

- a) The review is a topic of interest to CAPD/ACDP.
- b) The review is well organized and clearly presented.
- c) The review is supported by up to date scientific literature.
- d) The topic has not been presented at a CAPD/ACDP annual meeting in the previous 4 years.