Call for Abstracts

General Information

Abstracts should be submitted electronically, using the guidelines below to Alberto Aguilera (aaguiler@health.usf.edu) on or before December 30th, 2010. Abstracts should be in Arial, 12 point, typeface, with the title in boldface. The name of the presenting author should be underlined. The abstract text is limited to 250 words and the entire submission must fit on a single page. Questions may be directed to the Conference Coordinator, Alberto Aguilera aaguiler@health.usf.edu

Abstract Title

The abstract should have a short, specific title (containing no abbreviations) that indicates the nature of the investigation. Title should be in boldface font.

Author Name(s)

- The name of the primary/presenting author should be underlined.
- **Individuals should not submit more than one abstract as presenting author.**
- There is no limit to the number of abstracts an author's name may appear on.

Abstract Text

- Abstracts should be structured and organized to include the following:
  - Background/rationale
  - Methods
  - Results
  - Conclusion
- Use generic drug names (brand name may be included in parentheses).
- Do not begin sentences with numerals.
- Standard abbreviations may be used without definition. Nonstandard abbreviations (kept to a minimum) must be placed in parentheses after the first use of the word or phrase abbreviated.
- Abstracts are limited to 250 words. This includes the text plus any graphic/table, but not the title or authors. The entire submission must fit on one page.

Presentation

- Guidelines for abstract presentation (poster) will be provided to authors.

Traps to Avoid

1. Typographical errors are irritating to most readers.
2. Don't cite references in the abstract.
3. Provide some context/statement of relevance that provides the rationale for your study.
4. Don't use complex graphics. Simple line or bar graphs work best. Make sure the font is adequate on each axis to be seen. Check a printed version of the abstract before submission.
5. Don't leave abstract writing until the 11th hour -- this increases stress and leads to errors.