

Research Paper and Poster Presentation Information:

AWHONN 2011 Convention, “Inspire, Lead and Forge New Directions in the Care of Women and Newborns”

Research paper and poster presentations are **original** and pertain to **completed** research or evidence-based practice projects related to women’s health, obstetric and/or neonatal practice, education or administration. All research must have completed the data analysis stage before submission of the abstract, with research outcomes evident. **Submissions are reviewed blindly.**

Researchers can indicate a preference to present orally in a paper session, or as a poster. All applicants interested in presenting orally are encouraged to indicate a willingness to display a poster if not selected for oral presentation. There are a limited number of slots available for oral presentation plus our poster room is extremely well attended. Arguably more attendees are exposed to your work there than in an oral presentation which competes with 9 other sessions.

Criteria for Selection (Research)

- Research study complements the convention goal and objectives
- Relevant problem statement/research hypothesis, clearly and succinctly written
- Literature and conceptual framework provides basis for study
- Design procedure appropriate
- Sample/subjects appropriate
- Measurement/data gathering strategies defined
- Data analysis/reduction appropriate and related to the problem
- Discussion/interpretation/evaluation or results clear
- Content free of commercial bias
- Application/implications for women’s health, obstetric or neonatal nursing practice, education or future research

Criteria for Selection (Evidence-Based Practice Project)

- Project complements the convention goal and objectives
- Explanation of current practice and proposed change succinctly written
- Guidelines used are evidence-based, clearly described
- Design/procedures appropriate for EBP selection
- Clearly delineated implementation strategies
- Sample/subjects appropriate
- Data analysis is appropriate and related to the problem
- Discussion/interpretation/evaluation of outcomes clear
- Content free of commercial bias
- Application/implications for women’s health, obstetric or neonatal nursing practice, education or research.

Goal and Objectives

The goal of the 2011 AWHONN Convention is to inspire, lead and forge new directions in the care of women and newborns.

At the conclusion of the conference, participants will be able to:

- Design evidence-based solutions for diverse practice settings.
- Develop a personal and professional leadership path.
- Disseminate knowledge to create and sustain quality outcomes.

Submission Process

To expedite the submission process, gather required components before entering the Speaker Management System. You will be asked to provide the following:

- **Title:** Should be catchy, yet still clearly reflect the content. Sample titles: *An Animal Assisted Therapy Intervention for High Risk Antepartum Women;* *Changing Nursing Practice to Incorporate Evidence- Based Practice: Skin-to-Skin Care*
- **Submitter's Email:** If there is more than one submitter, list the email address of the primary contact.
- **Presentation Format:** You will be asked to indicate your preference to present as a paper, a 30 minute oral presentation, or as a poster. If you select paper, you will also be asked if you are willing to present as a poster if your abstract is not selected as a paper.
- **Brief Description:** This is 2-3 sentences, no more than 75 words, intended for posting on the convention website or other program materials to let attendees know what the session is about. You want them to attend your session, this should capture their interest. Sample descriptions:
 - *Research has supported the benefits of animal assisted therapy (AAT) in a variety of populations. The literature suggests that the high risk antepartum population is at an increased risk for boredom and anxiety. This poster explores the effects of AAT on boredom and anxiety in pregnant women in the hospital who are at high risk for early labor.*
 - *National and professional organization policies and recommendations are calling for skin-to-skin care beginning immediately after an infant's birth and continuing until after the first feeding is complete, but implementing this recommendation is a dramatic change to current practice. Maternity nurses at a Midwestern hospital addressed the challenge through a translation research project: documenting current practices, delineating the barriers, developing bench marks to monitor outcomes, provided staff education. Successes and outcomes of the project will be presented.*
- **Three Behavioral Objectives.** This is what the learner should be able to do on completing your session. Sample objectives:
 - *Identify patterns of intrapartum maternal fluid intake in relation to delivery type.*
 - *Describe the implementation sequence of a research study with maternal-newborn dyads.*
 - *Describe the relationship of maternal intrapartum fluid intake to newborn weight loss, urine and stool output.*

- **Teaching Delivery Methods:** You will be asked to select from a list of delivery methods; the methods you choose should be appropriate for the content and objectives.
- **Pharmacology Content:** You will be asked to estimate how many minutes you will spend discussing medications during your presentation.
- **Bibliography:** Reviewers want to see the scientific or academic basis for your presentation, the sources for your assertions. You will be asked to provide at least 5 references, preferably from peer reviewed journals. At least 3 of them must be current as of the last 5 years. A sample bib:

Burkman, R., Grimes, D., Mishell, D., & Westhoff, C. (2006). Benefits to contraception to women's health: An evidence-based perspective. *University of Southern California: Dialogues in Contraception, 10*(3).

Center for Disease Control. (2008). Estimated pregnancy rates by outcome for the United States, 1990-2004. *National Vital Statistics Reports, 56*(15).

Center for Disease Control. (2005). Fertility, family planning and reproductive health of US women: Data from the 2002 National Survey of Family Growth. *Vital and Health Statistics, 23*(25).

Corbett, P., Mitchell, C., Taylor, J., & Kempainen, J. (2006). Emergency contraception: Knowledge and perceptions in a university population. *American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, 18*,161-168.

Finer, L. & Henshaw, S. (2006). Disparities in rates of unintended pregnancy in the United States, 1994 and 2001. *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health, 38*(2), 90-96.

- **Content Outline:** To determine if the content is congruent with your description, title and objectives, you will be asked to provide the outline for your presentation. If you have indicated you prefer making an oral presentation, you must indicate how many minutes you will spend on each component of the outline. Make sure that the time allotted for each component totals 30 minutes. If you have specified that you will discuss medications, please detail in your outline. Sample objectives with appropriate outline:
 - *Identify the research intervention implemented in this study.*
 - *Discuss the impact of the study intervention on mothers' breastfeeding for night feedings.*
 - *Identify the impact of the study intervention on breastfeeding babies being fed in the nursery at night.*
- I. *Purpose of Study (5 minutes)*
 - II. *Background (5 minutes)*

- A. *Healthy People 2010 Breastfeeding goals*
- B. *Current hospital breastfeeding rates*
- C. *Potential factors impacting breastfeeding*

III. *Research Methods (10 minutes)*

- A. *Recruitment of study participants*
- B. *Survey methods*
- C. *Analysis of data*

IV. *Research Results (5 minutes)*

- A. *Maternity patient satisfaction with the breastfeeding experience*
- B. *Percentage of mothers breastfeeding at night time feedings*
- C. *Percentage of breastfeeding mothers having the baby fed in the nursery at night.*

V. *Conclusions (5 minutes)*

- A. *Study limitations*
- B. *Implications for future research*
- C. *Summary*

- **Disciplines:** You will be asked to check off focus areas likely to be interested in your presentation.
- **Author Information:** You will be asked to provide contact information, credentials and affiliations for all presenters. In addition you must include a short biosketch (limited to 200 words) which will be read to introduce you to attendees. Focus of the biosketch should be what makes you qualified to present the topic. This is a biosketch for a research presentation on intrapartum maternal fluids and neonatal weight loss and output:

Jane Lamp is an experienced clinician and educator. She is ANCC certified as a Perinatal Nurse and an AWHONN member. She has held positions as university clinical nursing faculty, staff nurse, and staff development specialist prior to her current role as CNS. She has served as team leader for several evidence-based Women's Health Department process improvements such as Smoking Cessation, Skin-to-Skin Mother-Baby Care, and the Late Preterm Infant initiatives. Jane led a nursing research study as a co-PI.

- **CV/Resume** All presenting authors must upload a current CV or resume.

- **CNE Disclosure:** All presenting authors must disclose any relevant personal, professional or financial relationships with a commercial interest producing, marketing or selling health care goods or services consumed by or used on patients. In addition, you must also indicate whether you will include discussion of off label drug or device use. These disclosures will be shared with learners prior to the start of your session, typically as a slide.

Abstract Text

You will be asked to submit a narrative summary of your talk, limited to 400 words. This abstract will be included in a conference proceedings supplement to the *Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic & Neonatal Nursing* and will be edited prior to publication. The abstract is used by reviewers to assess your approach to the topic, your grasp of the current state of practice and science, and the level of sophistication of the presentation. You can create the abstract in Word first and then cut and paste into the Speaker Management System. Your research abstract must be structured to include the following elements:

- Objective (Problem statement or research hypothesis)
- Design
- Setting
- Patients/Participants
- Methods
- Results (Data analysis)
- Conclusion/Implications for nursing practice
- Keywords: 3-6 key terms that can be used to index your abstract

If you are submitting an evidence-based practice project, your abstract must be structured to include the following:

- Objective (explanation of current practice and proposed change)
- Design including evidence based guidelines
- Patients/Participants
- Methods
- Implementation Strategies
- Results (Data analysis)
- Conclusion/Implications for nursing practice
- Keywords: 3-6 key terms that can be used to index your abstract

Your abstract should not include a reference list, in text citations, tables, or bulleted lists. If you include these elements, they will be removed prior to publication. Please use acronyms and abbreviations sparingly if at all. If you do use an acronym or abbreviation, write it out on first use followed by the acronym in parenthesis; use the acronym only thereafter.

Tips and Timeline

You do not have to complete the submission in one sitting. You can click 'save and continue' at the end of a page and get back to the submission by using your log-in number. If the system will not let you save the content because you have not completed the entire page, you can simply fill in a place holder such as "to be determined", and come back to that field at another time.

All abstracts submissions must be completed by August 23, 2010; you will be notified of the Program Committee's decision in October, 2010.

If Your Abstract Is Selected for Presentation

All accepted submissions will be eligible for the prestigious *Best Research Program Award* presented at a designated time during convention.

Paper presenters will be provided an LCD projector, computer, screen and lectern with microphone. No other audio/visual equipment will be provided or may be used. Each paper session will be limited to **30 minutes**, which should include time at the end for questions and answers. A **maximum of two people** can present a paper. *AWHONN does not permit use of flipcharts, overheads, slides or videocassettes during paper presentations.*

Posters are put on display in a room or foyer adjacent to the Exhibit Hall. Because we offer contact hours for poster review, posters cannot share space with exhibitors. Presenters are expected to be at their posters and available for questions during specified times. Attendees can earn a maximum of 5.0 contact hours by viewing posters. Selected poster presenters will be provided with a 4ft. X 8ft. corkboard and chair. Electrical outlets will not be available. A **maximum of two people may present a poster.**

Presenters will be responsible for their own travel and all expenses related to their presentation. All presenters are required to register to attend the convention and will be eligible for a \$75 discount off of full convention registration fees.

Questions or Concerns

If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Frank Balsinger, Continuing Nursing Education Program Specialist, by phone at 202-261-2414 or by email at fbalsinger@awhonn.org.