



**Call for Poster Abstracts**  
**Fall 2017 Clinical Vaccinology Course**  
**November 3-4, 2017    Bethesda, MD**  
**[www.nfid.org/cvc](http://www.nfid.org/cvc)**

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) invites abstract submissions of original research and clinical practices for poster presentation. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed for quality, originality, and overall impact. Accepted abstracts will be scheduled as poster presentations at the Fall 2017 Clinical Vaccinology Course (CVC) on November 3-4, 2017 in Bethesda, MD.

**How to Submit:**

All abstracts must be submitted electronically through the online submission site at <http://bit.ly/Fall2017CVC-abstracts>. All users will be required to create an online account. Users may begin the submission process and return to saved proposals any time up until the submission deadline.

**Abstracts submitted by email, fax, or mail will not be accepted.**

**Schedule:**

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| July 2017          | Call for Abstracts submission site opens                                                                                              |
| September 6, 2017  | Abstract submission deadline (11:59 PM PT). No extensions will be granted.                                                            |
| September 29, 2017 | Acceptance/rejection notifications issued for all submitted abstracts                                                                 |
| November 3-4, 2017 | Fall 2017 Clinical Vaccinology Course ( <a href="http://www.nfid.org/cvc">www.nfid.org/cvc</a> )<br>Bethesda Marriott<br>Bethesda, MD |

**Categories for Abstract Submission:**

The submitting author must select the most appropriate subject category from the list below. The CVC Planning Committee reserves the right to change the selected category to more appropriately reflect the abstract content.

- Addressing Immunization Disparities
- Addressing Vaccine Safety Concerns and Vaccine Hesitancy
- Best Practices to Increase Pediatric Immunization Rates
- Best Practices to Increase Adolescent Immunization Rates (including college campuses)
- Best Practices to Increase Adult Immunization Rates
- Effective Communication Strategies
- Global and Travel Immunization
- Implementation and use of Electronic Medical Records (EMR) or Immunization Information Systems (IIS)
- Maternal Immunization
- Vaccine Storage and Handling

**Abstract Format:**

All abstracts must be submitted in English and reflect original work. The data may have been published or presented at another scientific meeting and inclusion of updated information based on additional data generated and/or analyzed since a prior presentation is encouraged. Multiple submissions of the same abstract will automatically be rejected.

Abstracts must contain the following components:

- **Abstract Title:** (75 word limit)
  - Use a concise title that summarizes the content
  - Capitalize the first letter of each word, except for prepositions, articles, and species names
  - Italicize all specific names of microorganisms and scientific organism names
  - **DO NOT** use any of the following formats for the abstract title
    - **Bold**
    - all lower case
    - ALL UPPER CASE
    - *All Italics*
    - “Quotes around your abstract title”
- **Background:** (150 word limit) a concise statement of the issue under investigation or a hypothesis
- **Methods:** (200 word limit) the experimental methods used (including statistical analyses employed)
- **Results & Conclusions:** (270 word limit) a summary of specific findings and results (statistical analyses used to support the conclusions should be included; concluding statements such as “the results will be discussed” or “to be completed” are not acceptable)
- **Author(s):** (limit of 5 authors) Abstract submitter should note the First Author, Presenting Author (individual who will be presenting poster if accepted), and any co-authors of the work. Note that complete contact information and CVs will be requested for all authors. The online submission system allows users to send an email to each of the authors to complete the required information directly.
- **Disclosures:** Nfid requires all presenters and reviewers to disclose all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interest in any amount, occurring within the past 12 months that could create a conflict of interest. Disclosure information is reviewed in advance to manage and resolve any real or perceived conflict(s) of interest that may affect the balance and scientific integrity of an educational presentation.
- **Learning Objectives (optional):** You may submit a maximum of 4 learning objectives for each poster abstract submitted. Sample learning objectives are available at: [www.nfid.org/professional-education/presenter-resources](http://www.nfid.org/professional-education/presenter-resources).
- **References (optional):** You may include literature references/citations to support project findings. Use the conventional style for listing references as referred by the American Medical Association (AMA) Manual of Style: A Guide for Authors and Editors. Sample references are available at: <http://jama.jamanetwork.com/public/instructionsForAuthors.aspx#References>.

## Selection:

All abstract submissions will be reviewed by members of the Clinical Vaccinology Course Planning Committee for quality, originality, and impact. Abstract submissions will be reviewed for the following: a clearly stated hypothesis or issue; experimental and statistical methods used; specific findings (statements such as “the data will be presented,” are unacceptable); and specific conclusions (statements such as “the results will be discussed,” are unacceptable). Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to present their work as a poster presentation.

## Poster Presenter Information:

Detailed information for preparing poster presentations will be provided upon abstract acceptance. Poster presentations will be displayed on standard poster boards, measuring 4 feet high by 8 feet wide (1.22 meters high by 2.44 meters wide).

## Registration & Attendance:

**All abstract presenters** must register for the course and pay the appropriate registration fee by no later than **October 27, 2017** or their abstract will be withdrawn from the program. Presenters who fail to appear at the course at the specified time(s) will forfeit their registration fee and any future abstract submissions will be automatically disqualified from consideration for two years. No support for travel costs or registration fees is available.

**Register online at:** [www.nfid.org/cvc](http://www.nfid.org/cvc).

## Abstract Publication:

All posters will be available on the course website, for access by all registered attendees. Select poster abstracts may be included in future publications, with author permission.