

NHAND Conference 2012

“Pharmaceutical Perspectives”

Nashua, NH

November 9–10, 2012

Call for Abstracts

The New Hampshire Association of Naturopathic Doctors (NHAND) invites you to submit an abstract for the 12th Annual Pharmaceutical Perspectives Conference.

All abstracts will be reviewed by the Conference Committee. Accepted abstracts will be published in the Proceedings Manual and course notes will be available on the NHAND website, which will be accessible to conference attendees.

Please read all guidelines before submitting an abstract. Incomplete abstracts will not be reviewed.

Important Dates

February 15, 2012 – Abstract submissions due

March 1, 2012 – Notification date

June 15, 2012 – Final presentation submission deadline

Presentation Topics

The 2012 Conference Committee is looking for a wide variety of interesting topics for the conference.

Conference Attendees

Conference attendees are mostly experienced naturopathic physicians, although the conference is also attended by a few pharmacists, medical/osteopathic doctors, nurse practitioners, chiropractors, and other health care professionals.

Fees

Conference presenters will receive a \$250 honorarium and a complimentary registration for the conference with CEUs for lectures they attend (valued at \$325). All presenters are responsible for their own travel, room & board.

Selection Process

The Conference Committee will make selections based on content, learning objectives, and other evaluation criteria (including quality of the abstract itself). Preference will be given to presentations that will be eligible for **pharmacy CEUs**; such presentations require that a minimum of 25% of total slides (by number) include pharmacy (drug) content and another 25% contain naturopathic therapeutics. **See below for more information on this requirement.**

Note: Roughly 30% of selected presentations may be non-pharmacy lectures/general CE. Therefore, all topics are encouraged and will gladly be considered.

The deadline for abstract submissions is February 15, 2012. All persons who submit abstracts will receive notification of the committee's decision no later than March 1, 2012.

The deadline for final presentation submission is June 15, 2012. This is to allow adequate time to have the program evaluated for CEUs. **By submitting an abstract, you are agreeing to this deadline.** ALL presenters are REQUIRED to submit Powerpoint slides for the conference Proceedings Book by this date. The Conference Committee reserves the right to cancel any presenter who does not meet these criteria.

Evaluation Criteria

Relevance

Learning Objectives

Significance and originality of material

Clarity of abstract

Speaker experience/quality (if known)

Pharmacy content

Types of Presentations

The convention will host oral presentations of either 60 or 90 minutes in length.

Instructions for Abstract Submissions

General Policies and Requirements

Abstracts must be factual and report significant research findings, clinical procedures and results, techniques, topics, or products.

Absolutely no late submissions will be accepted.

All abstracts submitted are subject to review by the Conference Committee according to the above stated criteria.

All presenters are responsible for their own expenses, including travel, hotel and any other costs incurred by conference participation. Each presenter will receive conference attendance with applicable CEUs and a \$250 honorarium.

The Conference Committee reserves the right to suggest co-presenters and to combine submissions.

Submitters should be available to present during any of the two days of the conference, November 9–10, 2012, as sessions cannot be scheduled per individual requests.

Presenters are responsible for the transport and storage of their presentation materials.

It is the responsibility of the presenter to ensure accuracy of content, spelling and presentation. Abstracts and course notes will be published as submitted, subject to reformatting that may be required by the Conference Committee.

Accepted abstracts may be published in the Proceedings Book, on the Conference website, CD-ROM and other NHAND print or electronic publications. All copyright will be transferred to the NHAND. The Conference Committee reserves the right to reformat abstracts to ensure publication uniformity.

All speakers must provide information on any conflict of interest and make aware any affiliation or financial interest that may affect the speaker's presentation. (Accepted speakers will be asked to complete disclosure forms.)

Formatting and Submission

Font must be Times New Roman, size 11 point. All typing should be single-spaced. All margins (top, bottom, left and right) must be set to 1 inch. Abstracts should be formatted in Microsoft Word, Mac Word or as a .pdf file.

Abstracts must be submitted via email to the conference planners at:
health@nhand.org.

Please type "NHAND Call for Abstracts 2012" in the Subject section of your email. Faxed or posted abstracts will not be considered.

Abstract Specifications

ALL of the following must be included in your submission. **Incomplete abstracts will not be reviewed.**

Contact Information

Contact Name

Presenter(s) full name/degree(s)

Address, City, State and Zip Code

Day time telephone number

Fax number

Email address

Preferred length of presentation (60 or 90 minutes)

Presentation title

Short description of presentation (up to 50 words)

Abstract

All Abstracts should include:

Clearly stated learning objectives

Presentation outline

Mention of whether or not pharmacy discussion **as outlined herein** will occur during the presentation

Target audience (e.g. medical practitioner, researcher, scientist, policy maker, student, general audience, etc)

Biographical sketch (up to 150 words)

There is no limit to the number of abstracts one may submit.

The interdisciplinary nature of the Conference should be kept in mind when writing the abstract. Sub-specialty jargon should be avoided. If accepted, some portion of the abstract will be published in the Conference Proceedings.

Technical Information

The podium in the Conference Hall will be equipped with a laptop computer, LCD projector, and screen for your use. The presentation will be preloaded on the laptop, but it is recommended that you bring the final presentation on a flash drive as a back-up. Technicians will be able to provide you with assistance and will load your presentation onto the speakers' computer network.

An Important Note about Pharmacy Requirements

Our conference is entitled "Pharmaceutical Perspectives: Integrative Partners in Health." Many naturopathic doctors in the Northeast and across the country depend on this conference to provide a significant percentage of the pharmacy continuing education credits (CEUs) they need annually to maintain licensure. For this reason, **we require roughly 70% of our presentations meet pharmacy CE requirements.** We are currently using Bastyr University's guidelines, which are summarized as follows:

- A minimum of 50% of presentation slides must focus on therapeutic agents used by naturopathic doctors. These agents are interpreted to include: botanicals, nutritional supplements and nutraceuticals, as well as drugs. At this time, other naturopathic therapies are **not** included in this category (e.g. energy medicine, counseling, diet, exercise, physical therapy, spinal manipulation, etc).
- A minimum of 25% of presentation slides must focus specifically on pharmaceutical agents (drugs). The pharmaceutical slides might discuss how/when these approaches work well, their limitations, interactions with naturopathic approaches, a mix of these (or something else entirely), but they must discuss drugs.

EXAMPLE: If a presentation contains 100 slides, at least 25 of them must discuss pharmaceuticals/"drugs;" another 25 slides need to discuss other ND treatment methods (botanicals, homeopathy, vitamins/minerals, etc), or they may also discuss drugs, for a total of 50 slides devoted to treatment. The balance of 50 slides could discuss the condition(s) in question, assessment, diagnosis, etc.