

20th Anniversary

2024 SHOWCASE OF HEALTH RESEARCH

Call for Abstracts

The Centre for Applied Health Research at St. Joseph's Care Group invites health researchers to showcase their work at our 2024 Showcase of Health Research.

Deadline for Abstracts:

Friday, November 17, 2023

[Submit Your Abstract Now](#)

For more information, please contact
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February 9, 2024

Thunder Bay, Ontario



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For two decades, the Centre for Applied Health Research (CAHR) has hosted what has become the premier annual venue for the dissemination of research relevant to the health of Northwestern Ontarians.

Past conferences have featured paper and poster presentations by health professionals, students, and scientists. The quantity and quality of work that has been presented at the Showcase has been impressive and speaks to the rich research culture in our community. You are cordially invited to submit an abstract for the 2024 Showcase of Health Research taking place on February 9, 2024.

Showcase Objectives

1. To provide a forum for the dissemination of health research relevant to Northwestern Ontarians;
2. To facilitate research uptake in clinical practice; and
3. To foster the opportunity for networking and research partnerships.

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We invite submissions for paper and poster presentations of health research ranging from prevention to service delivery, and from basic to applied research.

While preference will be given to completed projects, abstracts with incomplete results may be considered. In such cases where conditional acceptance is granted to incomplete projects, updated abstracts (with findings and conclusions) must be submitted no later than Friday, January 12, 2024 for inclusion in the Showcase.

CAHR Prize

The CAHR Prize is awarded to the best student poster presentation. To be eligible, the presenter or first author must be a post-secondary learner supervised by a member of the CAHR.

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Paper and Poster Presentations

A paper presentation is an oral presentation of research involving a single topic. Presenters will have no more than 15 minutes to discuss their project. It is expected that oral presentations will be supported with PowerPoint slides. We will provide a laptop computer, LCD projector, a screen and an electronic pointer.

A poster presentation is a visual display illustrating a research project. The presenter must be available during the poster sessions to discuss the display with viewers. Poster boards and clips will be supplied for the poster presentations.

If additional equipment is necessary, please contact Hillary Maxwell.

Submission and Notification

The submission deadline is Friday, November 17, 2023. Structured abstracts (see the following section) should be sent electronically using the link. A notice of receipt will be sent via email immediately following your submission. If confirmation has not been received, please check your spam/junk folder or contact Hillary Maxwell. Researchers will be notified by early January 2024 about the status of their submission. At this time, researchers will also be informed of the time and format of their presentation.

Abstract

For both paper and poster presentations, please submit a structured abstract of your research, including the following sections: Background/objectives, Methods, Results, and Conclusion. Abstracts should be no more than 250 words. Abstracts should be factual and report on significant research findings. Please see the sample abstract to follow. Abstracts not submitted in the appropriate format will be returned to the author for revision.

There will be a program for the Showcase, so please ensure that you have proof-read your submission.

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Abstract Example

Associations Between Psychotic Behaviors and Dependence in Activities of Daily Living

M Tran, M Bédard, S Dubois, Lakehead University and McMaster University

Background/objectives: Cognitive impairment resulting from Alzheimer disease (AD) is associated with dependence in activities of daily living (ADL). The presence of psychotic behaviors (delusions/hallucinations) may further increase this dependence but their contribution remains to be fully elucidated.

Methods: We analyzed data from 558 individuals with AD referred to a memory clinic. Information on ADL (basic and instrumental), psychotic behaviors, depression symptoms, and cognitive impairment were collected with standardized instruments.

Results: The frequency of psychotic behaviors was correlated with dependence in ADL ($r = 0.44$, $p = .001$). The independent contribution of psychotic behaviors, after consideration for cognitive impairment and depression symptoms, was assessed with hierarchical regression models (basic and instrumental). Twenty-eight percent of basic ADL variance was explained by cognitive impairment and depression symptoms; psychotic behaviors ($b = -0.13$, $p = .001$) accounted for an additional nine percent of the variance. Cognitive impairment and depression symptoms explained 35% of instrumental ADL variance; psychotic behaviors ($b = 0.22$, $p = .001$) accounted for an additional seven percent.

Conclusion: Psychotic behaviors are associated with dependence in ADL after controlling for cognitive impairment and depression symptoms. Future research should confirm causal linkages between psychotic behaviors and dependence in ADL. This may have implications regarding interventions to maintain independent living in people with AD.

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Registration

Registration for the Showcase will open early 2024.

Participation in this event is free of charge and lunch will be provided.

In the event that pandemic-related public health measures prohibit large gatherings, event formatting will be subject to change.