



# Call for Poster Abstracts Now Open!

## ***MPA AMPLIFIED: SPREADING EDUCATION AND INNOVATION***

Deadline for all submissions is  
Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 11:59 PM EDT  
Please submit online [here](#)

---

The Medical Psychiatry Alliance (MPA) is pleased to announce the 2019 Medical Psychiatry Alliance annual conference: ***MPA Amplified: Spreading Education and Innovation***, Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at the [Chelsea Hotel](#), Toronto, ON.

The 2019 Medical Psychiatry Alliance conference will showcase projects and share our learnings while exploring sustainability and scaling education opportunities that build capacity and collaborations. We invite all faculty, residents, students, staff and partners to join in the dissemination and discussion at the conference.

The Planning Committee for the 2019 Medical Psychiatry Alliance annual conference invites all MPA project leads to submit an abstract for the facilitated poster session. While submissions that cover important and interesting areas of medical psychiatry are welcome, presenters should pick a theme that best aligns with their project work. Alignment with a theme will determine which “track” a poster is assigned to for the conference poster crawl.

### **Poster themes:**

- Building Teams for Integrated Compassionate Care
- Collaborating with Clients and Families to Develop Medical Psychiatry Education
- Improving Communication with Patients through Education
- Preparing Providers to Manage Individuals With Complex Physical and Mental Health Needs
- Leveraging Technology for Enhanced Education
- Training and Support in System Navigation for Patients and Family Members
- Measurement Based Care and Quality Improvement

A facilitated poster session will occur on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. During the facilitated poster session presenter(s) will be expected to provide a 5-7 minute presentation highlighting key points from their poster followed by a 2-3 minute group discussion. A facilitator will be appointed to lead the discussion. The purpose of facilitated sessions is to allow presenters and attendees an opportunity to share ideas and insights.

## **Submission and Review Process**

Please submit online [here](#). It is recommended that you visit the abstract submission site once you are prepared to submit your entire abstract submission as it cannot be saved in draft.

The annual meeting planning committee is dedicated to assembling the highest-quality educational program for our attendees. Each year, the best-received sessions are those in which attendees learn information relevant to their work in a lively, engaging environment. In the spirit of continuous improvement we encourage all potential presenters to incorporate emerging knowledge about how adults learn to better engage their audience.

Posters allow the dissemination of scholarly work completed by an individual or group, and presented by at least one author. Posters can describe the results of a research project within the MPA, a review or description of a programmatic innovation related to clinical care or education, or a review of literature related to a clinical case or educational intervention (i.e., case report). The topic must be considered relevant and specific to medical psychiatry and align with any of the conference themes and sub-themes and clearly describe how the innovation will *amplify* or spread impact. Posters are graded according to their alignment with the conference theme/sub-themes.

### Online abstract submissions must include:

All submissions are required in the following format:

1. Type of project & theme alignment
2. Contact information
3. Presenter(s) information
  - i. Presenter name
  - ii. Organization affiliation
  - iii. Title/position
  - iv. Poster title (400 characters max.)
  - v. Abstract (500 words max.)

### Preferred format for posters:

The MPA Planning Committee encourages all poster presenters to use a novel and simplified layout in lieu of the traditional research poster layout. The following is an example of a design to help transfer insights more efficiently, encourage conversations and to streamline poster design.

- Keep it simple
- Lead with main finding in plain language
- Be comfortable with negative space in the poster
- QR Code for future reference (generate QR codes [here](#)).

**CLICK [HERE](#) TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO CREATE AN INSIGHTFUL RESEARCH POSTER USING THIS FORMAT.**

Figure 1 Novel poster format example

Abstracts for all presentations may only be submitted online. All tasks must be fully complete before an abstract is accepted for review. It is recommended that all abstract submissions are reviewed prior to submission by the MPA site leads. Abstract submissions not fully complete by 11:59 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 will not be considered.

We encourage you to email us at [mpa.ume@utoronto.ca](mailto:mpa.ume@utoronto.ca) should you have any questions.