

Topics for Abstract Submission

2008 Conference Research and action: Towards good quality of life and equity in Health access

- I. Theoretical Framework
- II. Special Populations and Concerns:
 - Poverty and Social exclusion
 - Aging/Elderly
 - Infants, Children and Adolescents
 - Migrants, Culturally different populations
 - Stigmatising Conditions (HIV, obesity, mental & physical disabilities)
 - Chronic diseases & caregivers
 - Unemployment and other workplace-related conditions (absenteeism, presenteeism, work climate)
 - Women's Health issues (Domestic violence, Sexual Abuse, Pregnancy)
- III. Application:
 - a. Population Health and Equity in health access
 - Population Health (epidemiological studies)
 - Evaluation of health promotion and lifestyle changes (nutrition, physical activity leisure, social relationships)
 - Policy and Resource Allocation
 - Evaluation of intervention programs
 - b. Clinical application:
 - Clinical Practice & doctor-patient communication
 - Clinical studies
 - Nursing practice
 - Outcome evaluation in quality of care
- IV. Areas of Evaluation:
 - Prevailing conditions
 - Cardiovascular conditions

- Diabetes & other endocrinol
- HIV/AIDS
- Oncology
- Pain/ Palliative care
- Renal Diseases
- Respiratory Diseases
- Rheumatoid Diseases
- Rehabilitation
- Neurological Conditions (Epilepsy, Headaches, Parkinson Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, Stroke)
- Sexual disorders
- Transplantation
- Special emphasis will be given to Mental Health (Anxiety, Depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia; Dementia; Personality, coping & HRQL; Alcohol, cigarette and other drug abuses; Suicidal attempts; Stress -- chronic, posttraumatic, occupational, burnout)

V. Methodological:

- CAT/e-data capture
- Cognitive Testing
- Cross Cultural Adaptation
- IRT/Rasch Models
- Missing Data
- Preference Measures/Utilities
- Proxy measurement
- Qualitative methods
- Response Shift
- SEM/Path Analysis
- New Technologies (use of new IT tools)