

Call for Abstracts

CAMP LEJEUNE REGIONAL MEDICAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The 15th Annual Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune Research Competition and Symposium Call for Abstracts is NOW OPEN (December 16st 2024). The Symposium will be held Thursday April 17th 2025 and will include a full day of both poster and podium presentations.

Dates to Remember

- **December 16st 2024:** Call for abstracts opens
- **February 06th 2025:** Abstract application deadline
- **February 20th 2025:** Notification to applicants (on or around)
- **April 17th 2025:** Annual Research Symposium

Purpose

To improve communication and encourage scholarly collaboration among all healthcare personnel in North Carolina. The full spectrum of research will be considered including basic science, case reports, reviews, clinical studies, experiments, and other scholarly works. The Symposium will have an emphasis on operational medicine and Family Medicine; however, abstract submissions from any specialty and all levels of training will be considered.

Application

How to Submit: Please submit an abstract of 500 words or less by 5:00 PM EST on **February 06th 2025**. Please fill out the attached ARS Application form and submit to dha.lejeune.camp-lejeune-nmc.mbx.nmcl-anr-symposium@health.mil

Format for the Submission: Title, Author(s), Author affiliation, Background, Methods, Results, Discussion, and Conclusion.

If the work requires, you may use another format. No figures, tables, or images should be used in the abstract. By convention, abstract word count does not include Title, Author(s), and Author affiliation. All authors must be identified by name, rank or title, position. Non-provider authors are required to have a provider sponsor. All authors which are included on the submission must review the submission and be included on the application submission email. The use of the English language is expected.

You are required to disclose any funding, prior presentations of the same content, conflicts of interest, and any scientific or ethical oversight. If there are no disclosures, please include the following statement at the end of the abstract: *The authors have no disclosures to report.*

Notification: Submissions will be considered for podium presentation or poster based on the content of the abstract. More generalizable medical information and information that relates more to operational concerns will be prioritized for podium presentation. You may state your preference in your submission, but final selection will be made by the contest coordinators. You will receive acknowledgement of receipt of your submission and a reply regarding your acceptance on or around **February 20th, 2025**.

Categories

Ancillary medical personnel (Hospital Corpsmen, Medics, nursing assistants, technicians, etc.)
Nurses
Medical students
Non-Physician Independent Providers
Medical Trainee
Ph. D. level specialists
Physicians
Multidisciplinary Teams

Submission Options

- **Research**

Categories Include- Clinical Investigations, Educational Research

– *If a project involves human subject research, documentation of approval or exemption from an institutional review board (IRB) is required.*

- **Quality Improvement/Process Improvement**

- **Health Care Equity:** Addresses barriers to resources and ways to eliminate and/or reduce barriers.

- **Literature Review/Meta-Analysis:** Review of current evidence-based recommendations for a clinical topic, providing a systematic review of the current best research evidence to answer a clinical question.

- **Case Reports-** Provides detailed report of the symptoms, signs, diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up of an individual patient.

- *A Case Report (involving one or two subjects) does not qualify as research and does NOT require IRB approval a Case Series (three or more subjects) is considered a clinical investigation and requires IRB approval.*

Instructions for Submission

Before starting your application it is advised that you have all materials and information listed below ready and in the required format.

- Poster title
- Author and Co-Author(s)
- Contact information
- Full abstract
- IRB approval/exemption document as an attachment; required if project involves human subjects.

Recommended Abstract Layout and Organization

Research

- Introduction/Objective
- Methodology
- Results/Findings
- Discussion
- Conclusion

Quality Improvement/Process Improvement

- Goal
- Barrier
- Intervention
- Results
- Discussion
- Conclusion

Health Care Equity

- Goal
- Barrier/Disadvantage
- Health Outcomes
- Discussion
- Conclusion

Literature Review/Meta-Analysis

- Abstract
- Clinical question or problem
- Analysis of literature review
- Literature search
 - Search engine, Search strategy, Results of search
- Discussion
 - Relevant literature
 - Hypothesis
- References

Case Reports

- Abstract
- Introduction
- Case
- Discussion
- Conclusion

Judging Criteria

Poster judging is a two-tier process.

1. Application/Abstract

Application and abstracts will be peer-reviewed and judged on the following criteria:

- Originality/innovative nature of project or question
- Statement of purpose/goals
- Project description
- Evidence-based nature of content
- Validity of conclusions
- Impact on future work

2. On-site Poster Presentation

- If accepted for presentation, poster authors will be invited to display their posters at the 2025 Research Symposium
- On-site judging will be held on **April 17th 2025** at pre-determined times.

Display

- Entries accepted for presentation will be displayed in designated area at the conference.
- Displays should be limited to 2' wide x 3' high (24"x36").
- Costs associated with creating, shipping, and storing the poster display will be the responsibility of the authors.
- Display stands will be provided at the conference site. Frames (3' wide x 2' high) will be available on request and are first come first serve at the conference.

Recognition

Outstanding presentations will be recognized during the afternoon of **April 17th 2025** at the Conference.