

ACTIVE LIVING RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2018

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Presentation formats and guidelines for submission

Workshop

Workshops for researchers (e.g., methods, statistics) and practitioners (e.g., use of measures or tools, dissemination, case studies of community change, translation or scalability of findings to inform policy and practice) are encouraged. Proposed sessions should be interactive and include clear learning objectives. Attendance will be limited to allow presenters to engage the audience as much as possible. Your abstract should explicitly describe the interactive features of your workshop. A panel of presenters with time for discussion does not qualify as an interactive workshop.

Workshops can be proposed for either 1.5 or 3-hour formats. It is anticipated that most of the workshops selected will be 1.5 hours. If you submit a proposal for the 3-hour format, you should provide a justification for the length and a breakdown for how the time will be used. In some cases the review committee may suggest a shorter format and/or provide other input for consideration.

Workshop abstracts should contain the following headings: Workshop Description, Learning Objectives (2-4 suggested), Interactive Features, and References (if applicable).

Research

Research focused abstracts should describe research that is related to policy and environmental aspects of active living or obesity. Methodological, correlational, intervention, "natural experiment," economic, and policy research studies are encouraged. Abstracts presenting innovative conceptual papers and reviews will also be considered, including those with a focus on translating active living research into practice and policy. If you do not have complete results to report in your abstract, please include a note to reviewers about the timeline for finalizing data analysis.

Research abstracts should contain the following headings: Background and Purpose, Objectives, Methods (including type of data collected), Results, Conclusions, Implications for Practice and Policy ('So what?'), References (if applicable), and Support/Funding Source (if applicable).

Practice/Policy

Practice/Policy focused abstracts should describe programmes, interventions, case studies, policy or advocacy impacts, or new resources that are related to environmental aspects of active living or obesity prevention (e.g., how evidence-based research was translated into successful adoption or implementation of policy). Efforts that resulted from multi-sector participation, applied previous research, or included evaluation are particularly encouraged.

Practice/policy focused abstracts should contain the following headings: Background and Purpose, Description (including how research was used to guide the programme or policy, if applicable), Lessons Learned (including any evaluation results), Conclusions and Implications, Next Steps (including how the programme or policy could be informed by research and evaluation, if applicable), References (if applicable), and Support/Funding Source (if applicable).

Research and Practice/Policy Presentation Types

Abstracts submitted to the Research and Practice/Policy categories will be considered for the following three presentation types:

Oral Presentation

Authors selected for an oral presentation will present during 90-minute concurrent sessions. There will be a total of three concurrent sessions scheduled in separate rooms with 4 speakers and a session chair assigned to each room. Session assignments will be made based on abstract topic, and each presenter will have a total of 20 minutes for presentation and Q&A.

Speed Oral Presentation

Authors selected for a speed oral presentation will deliver brief presentations during concurrent sessions. There will be a total of three concurrent sessions scheduled in separate rooms with 4-5 speakers and a session chair assigned to each room. Session assignments will be made based on abstract topic and each presenter will have a total of 8 minutes for presentation and Q&A.

Poster

Authors will display selected posters during one of two sessions devoted exclusively to poster viewing with no competing programming. The poster sessions are well attended and provide an effective mechanism for dissemination and networking.