

Rare Diseases & Orphan Products BREAKTHROUGH SUMMIT



Call for Poster Abstracts

Academics, researchers, industry, government agencies, health care professionals, patient organizations and any other interested parties that have conducted rare disease or orphan product research studies or public health projects are invited to submit a poster abstract to the **National Organization for Rare Disorders'** Rare Disease and Orphan Products Breakthrough Summit taking place **October 17-18, 2016** in Arlington, VA. The overall theme of the poster sessions is "Life-Transforming Treatments." The four themes listed below are the suggested specific topic areas within that over-arching theme that the planning committee would like addressed. Please use these as a guide as you develop your poster abstract.

Deadline: Poster abstracts must be received by August 19, 2016

Notification of Selected Abstracts: August 31, 2016

Onsite Requirements:

Display boards are freestanding with a surface that allows push pins to secure the display of the posters. Presenters must prepare a poster to fit a poster board no larger than 4' x 8' (four feet high by eight feet wide)

Themes

1. *Innovative Research*

Abstracts may cover any type of research conducted in rare diseases and orphan products including – clinical, patient focused, innovation (technological or otherwise), or economic and policy research as it relates to health and social issues. Also included in this theme are collaborative initiatives and centers of excellence that involve ground-breaking strategies or projects that could be useful to other groups, organizations, patients, government, academics or professionals in the rare disease and orphan product community.

2. *Medical Education Advancement*

The public health awareness and education of health care professionals in rare diseases and orphan products; information exchange or training that leads to advancements in diagnosis; medical education training.

3. *Patient Community Building*

Advancing patient education and involvement in the rare disease and orphan product community; increasing patient advocacy and awareness by leveraging technology and social media.

4. *Other Topics*

These abstracts should still relate to the overall topic of rare diseases and orphan products, but do not fit within the themes previously listed.

Eligibility

Poster abstracts may be submitted under one of the two below categories:

1. Student (graduate or undergraduate);
2. Professional (post-doctoral scholars, medical residents/fellows/professionals including patient advocates/advocacy groups).

All poster presentations must exclude commercial brand names or logos.

Student Eligibility

- Individuals submitting an abstract under the student category must be enrolled at an undergraduate, graduate or doctoral academic program at an accredited academic institution. *Individuals must be able to provide documentation of this enrollment if required.*
- The submitted research must have been conducted at an academic institution.
- Individuals who completed a degree during the 2015 academic year may submit a student poster only if they are able to provide documentation that they were an eligible student (according to the guidelines) at the time of research.

Additional Information

- The top three to five posters selected will be asked to provide a one page summary of their work for distribution to all summit attendees.
- A limited number of selected abstracts that were submitted will receive one complimentary meeting registration to attend the conference in full. Those receiving complimentary registration will be notified after the selection process is complete.
- The logistics and cost of shipping all materials to the conference will be the sole responsibility of the presenter.
- These abstracts should be original in research, include appropriate empirical evidence and not have been widely presented or circulated prior to the NORD conference.

General Requirements

1. All abstracts must be submitted by **August 19, 2016** via email to: ashley.worrell@cbinet.com;
2. Posters should include data (preliminary and pilot data will be accepted) for consideration.

Submitted Abstracts Must Include the Following Sections at the Time of Submission:

- **Author Information**
Note: If you are submitting on behalf of the author please include both your SUBMITTER information as well as the AUTHOR information. Submitters will be the point of contact for the abstract unless otherwise specified.
- **Abstract Title** — No more than 125 characters inclusive of spacing. Titles should not only describe the focus of the abstract but also reflect one of the listed themes.
- **Abstract Keyword** — No more than 100 characters inclusive of spacing.
- **Abstract Objective** — No more than 300 characters inclusive of spacing.
- **Abstract Method** — No more than 300 characters inclusive of spacing.
- **Abstract Results** — No more than 2,000 characters inclusive of spacing.
- **Abstract Conclusion** — No more than 2,000 characters inclusive of spacing.