



2016 Call for Poster Presentations

“Our health information – the future in First Nations health research”

Call Deadline: December 11, 2015

The Chiefs of Ontario (COO) in partnership with the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Services (ICES) and Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research (CRaNHR) are pleased to issue a call for poster presentations for a symposium entitled: **Developing a Community-Driven First Nations Health Research Agenda in Ontario: “Learning from the experiences of using data to empower communities”** to be held on February 22, 2016 at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto.

A one day symposium will include outstanding key note presentations, interactive breakout discussion sessions and invited poster presentations on a variety of topics. The aim of the symposium is to create a place for collaboration and exchange of ideas - cultivating the conditions for excellence in Indigenous population health and patient/community oriented health research and to advance discussion around an Ontario First Nations health research agenda.

The poster presentations will promote the exchange of information and ideas amongst indigenous and First Nations community stakeholders and the indigenous / First Nation research community. Poster presentations should emphasize learnings from the perspective of indigenous communities and have a “take away” value for the participants reflective of topics such as:

- Indigenous approaches to understanding and making data meaningful
- First Nations community experiences in using health data; community research readiness
- OCAP™ principles actualized in practice in the context of the use of First Nation health data
- Unique understandings around First Nation data sovereignty and Indigenous data governance
- Participatory approaches engaging community and translating knowledge
- First Nations community based research ethics in practice; acknowledging community narratives and voices
- Using a strengths-based approach in creating applied health research questions
- “Decolonizing” data and ensuring it is more relevant to the needs of First Nations and Indigenous communities
- Exploring the story behind the numbers using mixed methods to complement data analysis
- Supporting communities in understanding who and what is available at ICES and ICES North and in accessing data for their identified priority projects to build capacity to undertake research projects of this nature

In crafting your poster presentation proposal, we encourage you to consider both our symposium theme and aims as well as the needs and interests of First Nation communities and the indigenous research community including: Ontario-based First Nation community representatives and health service providers, researchers, policy makers, knowledge users and Strategy for Patient Oriented Research (SPOR) Impact grant recipients that are working with First Nations, the SPOR Aboriginal Health Working Group members, and the COO First Nation Data Governance Committee, as well as other stakeholders.

Important Information

Poster presentation abstracts will be evaluated based on their inclusion of community presenters, “story value”, use of dynamic and visual concepts, incorporation of community based ethics and cultural values, teachings as well as how pertinent, thought provoking, timely and practical the presentation will be to our audience. Two scheduled opportunities for participants to attend poster presentations and talk with poster presenters are planned as part of the symposium.

Poster presentations: provide a concise 250 words or less description of your project. If selected, this will be the description we will use in the symposium program. Include information about the objectives of your poster presentation, linkages to community, your project’s overall approach, “key messages” or “take-away” value for the audience.

Abstracts are due by email (Cindy.Owl@coo.org) on or before December 11, 2015.

Key dates: If selected, you will receive confirmation of your selection via e-mail by **January 8, 2016**. All presenters will be asked to provide an electronic version of their poster presentation as well as a paragraph (brief bio) about each presenter to be used in the symposium by **January 30 2016**.