

Call for Proposals

The 33rd Forum for Behavioral Science in Family Medicine

Promoting Well-being and Reflection among Medical Professionals

September 27-30, 2012



Marriott Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile – Chicago, IL

Online Submission Opens: January 6, 2012

Online Submission Deadline: March 19, 2012

About The FORUM

First held in 1980, **The Forum for Behavioral Science in Family Medicine** has served to stimulate the advancement of behavioral science in family medicine for 32 consecutive years. At the core of **The Forum's** success are three objectives: promote professional networking, provide practical and innovative professional development opportunities, and advance the integration of behavioral science in family medicine training. From its inception, **The Forum** has fostered a strong tradition of interaction between presenters and participants.

The Department of Family Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin has financially sponsored **The Forum** since 1999, and The Society of Teachers of Family Medicine has recognized and endorsed the conference since 1981. The success of **The Forum** is a reflection of the dedicated efforts of behavioral scientists and family physicians to integrate behavioral science into the core of medical education.

It is a great privilege to serve as the program chair for **The Forum**. I hope you will join us in downtown Chicago to network, share, learn and renew your motivation to advance behavioral science education.

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Submit a Proposal

The Forum is organized around ten core content areas (see next page) which reflect the professional responsibilities of those who teach behavioral science. The program committee will consider proposals relevant to **any** of the ten core content areas for the 2012 conference. **Additional program time will be devoted to the theme, PROMOTING WELL-BEING AND REFLECTION AMONG MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS.** Proposals relevant to the theme receive preference in the review process. Please see the **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES** for details.

Presentation Formats:

Lecture/Discussion (1 hr): Present didactic information or panel discussion in a focused area with time for discussion.

Clinical Practice Update (1 hr): Present a clinical topic to family physicians & behavioral scientists to advance their clinical knowledge & skills. **Clinical Practice Updates** are designed for clinical practitioners, and are not “how to teach” sessions.

Seminar (1½ hrs) Present didactic information or panel discussion of specific topics or research with substantive audience engagement and discussion.

Workshop (2 hrs) Teach & practice specific skills or work on a project using active participant involvement in small groups or using other interactive methods.

Research and Project Presentation: Present current research or projects in 15 minutes along with other research presentations in a one hour session. **For 2012, The Forum is especially interested in projects which focus on medical trainee and professional well-being and reflection.**

Networking Breakfast (1 hr): Provide a brief overview of topic and guide an informal discussion with participants. (No audio-visual support is provided or available.)

Note: The program committee may accept highly similar topics for **Focused Seminars** in which presentations are combined in an extended session.

Submission Process: Proposals will only be accepted through the STFM web site. Please go to www.stfm.org/FORUM to submit your proposal. For technical submission questions, contact Larry Peery, 1-800-274-2237 ext 5405 or email lpeery@stfm.org

For further information:

Contact Mary Ellen Radjenovich, Conference Coordinator, 414-955-8189 or email meradjen@mcw.edu.

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Submission guidelines are available at: www.familymedicine.org or www.stfm.org/forum. If you encounter submission difficulties, contact Larry Peery, 1-800-274-2237 ext 5405 or email lpeery@www.stfm.org

Who should submit a proposal? Behavioral scientists, family physicians, medical educators and others interested in behavioral science in primary care. *Collaborative presentations by physicians and behavioral scientists or multi-site proposals are encouraged.*

How are proposals reviewed? All proposals undergo a blinded review by the program committee. Identifying information should be removed from abstracts and session descriptions.

Fees and registration: All presenters must register and pay the appropriate registration fees.

Theme for 2012: *Promoting Well-being and Reflection among Medical Professionals*

1.) *A significant portion of the 2012 program will be devoted to proposals which focus on successful, innovative and formative teaching strategies, educational models, system-based initiatives and evaluation methods which address:*

- ◆ strategies for developing trainee skills in reflection, self-assessment and self-awareness
- ◆ mindfulness practices in training
- ◆ integrative/holistic approaches to support health providers health: mind, body, spirit, spirituality
- ◆ needs of specific trainee populations (LGBT, pregnant resident)
- ◆ impairment prevention, identification, intervention
- ◆ international graduate adaptation, assimilation, adjustment
- ◆ strategies for duty hour management & reducing fatigue, sleep deprivation,
- ◆ teaching trainees about stress management, burnout, compassion fatigue
- ◆ system-based methods: retreats, intensives, advising
- ◆ support for healthy medical marriages, dual career relationships & medical families
- ◆ use of the Humanities to teach wellness and reflection
- ◆ group methods (Balint, support groups)
- ◆ resilience, hardiness, positive psychology and other salutogenic approaches
- ◆ skills for responding to secondary trauma and critical incidents

2.) **The Forum** also invites proposals in any of the following core content areas.

- ◆ Physician-patient relationships and interpersonal skills
- ◆ Resident support and well-being
- ◆ Family systems and family-oriented care
- ◆ Professional and personal development of behavioral scientists
- ◆ Office-based counseling and psycho-social interventions
- ◆ Collaborative and integrated care models and practices
- ◆ Health Behavior Change-Behavioral Medicine
- ◆ Community and cross-cultural medicine
- ◆ Recognition and treatment of psychiatric disorders in primary care
- ◆ Specific curricular areas of focus (palliative care, interpersonal violence, ethics, etc)

3.) **The Forum** also invites proposals for the Clinical Practice Update Track (See **Presentation Formats** for details.)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: STFM Behavioral Science/Family Systems Fellowship

The Forum is pleased to participate in the Behavioral Science-Family Systems Fellowship created by *The Society of Teachers of Family Medicine*. BFEF fellows receive extensive training and support through multiple resources. Fellows participate in a pre-session and conference sessions at the annual STFM conference, receive on-going mentoring, develop research skills and participate in a Fellow-only pre-session at **The Forum**. Fellows need not be current STFM members. To obtain further information, contact Deborah Taylor, PhD at taylor@cmhc.org.



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