

# **2023 Power of Rural: Healthcare Conference**

**University of Wyoming Conference Center  
Laramie, Wyoming**

**April 17 -19, 2023**

**Call for Proposals  
Deadline: February 3, 2023**

**Hosts:  
Equality State Research Network  
Wyoming Primary Care Association  
Office of Rural Health, Wyoming Department of Health**

The Power of Rural Healthcare Conference is a partnership between the Equality State Research Network; the Wyoming Department of Health, Office of Rural Health; and the Wyoming Primary Care Association.

We invite proposals for posters, and oral presentations at our annual meeting to be held in person in Laramie, Wyoming at the University of Wyoming Conference Center. Virtual attendance will be available.

## Presentation Themes:

Priorities are given to presentations incorporating patient and community perspectives. Presentation topics can align with, but are not limited to, the following themes:

- **Wellness**
  - childhood obesity prevention, hypertension, case/care management, chronic disease management.
- **Innovations and Change in Rural Health and Wellness**
  - community-based research, diversity equity and inclusion, adapting care and systems of care, telehealth, and reimbursement.
- **Access to Healthcare**
  - mental health, maternal health, patients' rights, financial stability, and telehealth.
- **Workforce Success**
  - resilience, retention, burnout, recruitment, operations and other topics relevant to organizational development.

## Types of Presentations

All proposals will be submitted in the same format (see below) and selected for presentation as either an oral presentation or poster presentation. Submitters may indicate their preference to be considered only an oral presentation, only a poster presentation, or either. Please plan to attend in-person if accepted to a presentation.

**Oral Presentations** can describe program implementation, patient care techniques, practice management issues, policy issues, research, or other topics related to the conference theme. Presentations should be factual, descriptive and should describe implications for rural healthcare. Research presentations can include any type of inquiry such as quality improvements, program evaluation or research findings, but should be driven, reports of new findings that have not been previously published.

The length of all oral presentations, regardless of theme, topic or content, will be determined based on the number of oral presentations accepted for presentation. Abstracts will be grouped into sessions according to common themes.

**Poster presentations** must conform to the same standards as the oral presentations. Poster presenters will provide a 5-10 minute summary of their poster.

## Review Process:

All submissions will be reviewed for merit by independent reviewers. Reviewers are unaware of author identities. Submissions are rated using the following criteria:

- Importance of topic or findings
- Clarity
- Potential audience engagement
- Method, program or project details
- Appropriateness of interpretations, implications or conclusions
- Relevance of topic to rural health, healthcare innovations, and to meeting attendees

## Guidelines for Submissions

ALL PROPOSALS WILL BE PRINTED EXACTLY AS THEY ARE SUBMITTED. Therefore, we recommend that you check the spelling and grammar of the text before submitting it. The conference organizers will not edit any portion of abstracts (e.g., title, authors, affiliations, spelling errors).

1. **Proposals must be submitted through the [online submission tool](#) by 11:59 pm on Friday, February 3, 2023**
  - a. Please submit through this link:  
<https://redcap.uwyo.edu/surveys/?s=CTXKRKKPETJFAKLR>
2. The text of the submissions must be 500 words or less.
3. Graphics (tables/figures) are optional. They do not count toward the 500-word limit. A maximum of two graphics are allowed (2 tables, 2 figures, or one of each), incorporated into a single file.
4. Indicate which of the conference theme the submission is associated with.
5. Indicate whether the proposer prefers to present as a poster, a oral presentation, or either.
6. List 3-5 learning objectives.
7. Specify if you need any additional accommodations or technology to present.
8. Provide a short (100-200 word) bio, and headshot / profile picture (a high resolution .jpeg format, good quality headshot is preferred).
9. Additional considerations for abstracts:
  - a. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest. Any real or perceived financial conflict of interest (COI), such as royalties, pharmaceutical relationships, case litigation, etc., of each investigator must be reported. Any potential for financial gain that may be derived from reported work may constitute a potential conflict of interest. Failure to declare a real or perceived COI, or COI statements from any co-authors that are incomplete will result in withdrawal of the abstract from meeting presentation. All COIs must be displayed in oral and poster presentations, and they will be identified in the online program.
  - b. Data Presentation: Presentation of research at the meeting must be substantively identical to that summarized in the abstract. Including new data collected after submission is encouraged.