2nd Annual
GU BioBank Conference: Next Generation BioBanking

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Presented by:
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OVERVIEW

Join us in Toronto for the GU BioBank annual conference. A gathering of clinicians, technicians, managers, researchers, students and stakeholders. Held at a new location this year, the meeting has generated high interest among the biobanking and the research community.

We had over 75 delegates attend in 2018. Don’t miss out on the chance to feature your work.

IMPORTANT DATES

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If you have any questions about abstracts, please contact: Heidi Wagner at Heidi.Wagner@uhn.ca

Submit an abstract today!
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PRESENTATION FORMAT

Oral Presentations
The majority of the GU BioBank Conference is dedicated to presentations in oral format. Abstracts submitted for oral presentations should describe research that is either complete or will be complete by the conference dates. Each presenter will be given 10 minutes to share their work. Abstracts submitted for oral presentations can subsequently be considered for poster presentations if they are not accepted for the oral format.

Poster Presentations
Posters will be on display during the conference. Poster presentations can cover research that is complete or in progress, as well as novel ideas or other matters that participants wish to present in order to receive feedback from their peers. Specific viewing times and the schedule for the authors' presentations will be confirmed after the call for abstracts is completed and presentations are selected. Posters must remain on display for the assigned presentation day. Poster size should not exceed 45 inches wide (114 centimeters). Poster boards are 8ft tall (244 centimeters) and 4ft wide (122 centimeters) with a frame. Posters must be portrait style.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION CONTENT GUIDELINES

The online process will collect contact information about the presenter, sources of funding, and whether the submission represents a student’s project.

Oral Presentations & Posters
To facilitate peer review, abstracts must be submitted in a structured format comprising four sections:

- Background and objectives (75-word limit);
- Approach / Methods (100-word limit);
- Results (125-word limit);
- Conclusion (50-word limit).

The abstract submitted should not exceed 350 words. You are encouraged to submit abstracts describing methods, as well as novel discoveries. For submissions describing work in progress in which the results will not be complete by the conference dates, describe anticipated results or impacts.
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INSTRUCTIONS, GUIDELINES & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please review the information below carefully:

- Each abstract is to be submitted for one of two (2) formats:
  - Oral Presentations
  - Poster Presentations

- Proposals for presentations of any format (oral or poster) must identify the presenting author as the main contact. The presenting author information should not be included in the content of the abstract itself.

- Abstract submissions should be for research that is either complete or will be complete by the conference dates.

- All abstracts must be submitted using the online abstract submission process.

- Avoid specialized jargon and undefined abbreviations. Do not include tables, figures, diagrams, footnotes, references, or acknowledgements in the text of the abstract.

- All presenters accepted through the abstract submission process and/or presenting at the conference must register for the conference and pay the registration fee. Presenters are responsible for their own related expenses. In addition, if the accepted presenter invites additional speakers to present with them at the conference, they must also register for and pay to attend the conference. All presenters must be registered by the early bird deadline for registration. More details regarding registration as an abstract presenter will be provided upon acceptance of the abstracts for the conference.

- There is no limit to the number of abstracts an author may submit; however, no lead authors will be allowed to present more than one oral presentation.

- Accepted abstracts will be published in the conference program which will be distributed to the conference delegates and will be made available electronically on the GU BioBank website following the conference.

- The conference office will aim to meet all reasonable requests for audio-visual equipment, based on the type and duration of the presentation. Upon acceptance, the conference manager will confirm audio visual details for your presentation.

- Please be sure to note specific requirements or considerations when submitting your abstract online.

- In an effort to be transparent and to promote learning, abstract evaluation feedback is available upon request.
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ABSTRACT AREAS OF FOCUS

Abstracts submitted for the conference should identify which of the areas of focus below best describe the abstract being submitted.

- BioBank Sustainability
- Quality and Optimization in Biobanking
- Utilization of Biospecimens and Liquid Biopsies
- Next-generation Biospecimens for Translational Research
- Planning Today for Tomorrow’s Research
- Challenges in Data Management
- Health Policy and Global Implications
- Biobanking for Precision Medicine
- Biobanking for Improving Clinical Trials
- Digital Annotation and Surgical Pathology
- Fit For Purpose
- Business Planning for Biobanking

EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

Using a blinded review process, the Scientific Committee will review submitted abstracts for oral and poster presentations using the following criteria:

- Importance and relevance of the topic to BioBanking and Oncology;
- Originality of presented work;
- Appropriateness of methods;
- Robustness of results, including use of biospecimens and BioBanking techniques;
- Appropriateness of conclusions, consistent with the methods and results;
- Importance of implications for health outcomes, practice and programs.

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Submit an abstract today!
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