

2017 Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury Summit

Abstract Guidelines and Submission Information

Critical Dates

EXTENDED DEADLINE: Abstracts must be received **no later than 11:59 p.m. (ET) April 21, 2017**

Abstract Selection Notification: Week of May 22, 2017

2017 DCoE Summit: Sept. 19-21, 2017

The Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE) welcomes the submission of research poster abstracts and education session abstracts about **advances in the state of the science and best practices** in psychological health and/or traumatic brain injury (TBI). Abstracts must have relevance to the military health community.

The 2017 DCoE Summit will be an online virtual event. Health care professionals, researchers and academicians from around the world will interact live via the Adobe Connect web conferencing platform.

RESEARCH POSTER ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

Abstracts must fall within one of the five categories in the psychological health and/or traumatic brain injury continuum of care:

- Surveillance
- Risk Reduction/Prevention
- Assessment
- Treatment
- Reintegration

Use the following information to prepare your abstract submission(s):

- Point of Contact (POC) Information: It is recommended that the primary presenter serve as the main contact for communications with the DCoE Planning Committee.
- Title (maximum of 20 words): Title should be brief, unique, and interesting.
- Category: Select one (1) of the categories listed above for your topic area.
- Abstract: Provide a concise abstract description of research study aims, methods used, results, and clinical relevance/implications. Your abstract must include the following:
 - Background (100 word maximum)
 - Purpose/Aim (30 word maximum)
 - Method and Main Outcome Measures (100 word maximum)
 - Results (150 word maximum)
 - Clinical Implications/Conclusions (120 word maximum)

The Method and Main Outcome Measures section should describe the study design, setting, selections of participants, and interventions. Subheadings may be used within the body of the abstract to distinguish these details.

The Clinical Implications/Conclusions section should provide a succinct statement summarizing the key finding(s) of the research study as well as the overall clinical relevance (i.e. Implications for clinical practice).

EDUCATION SESSION ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

The 2017 DCoE Summit will feature two education session tracks – the psychological health track and the TBI track. Education sessions will either be presented under the psychological health track or the TBI track. *NOTE: There are two distinct “Suggested Topics for Education Sessions” lists – a list for education sessions intended for the psychological health track and a list for education sessions intended for the TBI track. Refer to the suggested session topic lists provided below.*

All selected education sessions will be delivered virtually via Adobe Connect. The Department of Defense will not fund travel for presenters or attendees for this event.

Each education session will be scheduled for one hour (60 minutes), unless otherwise noted. Please refer to the suggested session topics lists for these sessions.

Use the following information to prepare your education session abstract submission(s):

- Primary Point of Contact (POC) Information: It is recommended that the primary presenter serve as the main contact for communications from and to the DCoE Planning Committee.
- Education Session Title (20 words maximum): Title should be brief, unique, and interesting.
- Category: See “Suggested Topics for Education Sessions” lists below. Select up to three (3) topics to categorize your presentation.
- Learning Objectives:
 - Include three (3) to five (5) learning objectives.
 - Each learning objective should complete the statement, “At the conclusion of this session, the participant will be able to...”
 - Use Bloom’s Taxonomy; i.e. critical thinking/measurable verbs.
- Content Outline: Please provide a detailed outline of the content you are proposing to present. Include subtopic areas and time frames (i.e., I. Introduction (10 minutes), II. Subtopic Area (20 minutes), III. Summary and Conclusions (5 minutes).
- Presenter Biographical Information (150 word maximum per presenter): Provide a brief biography for each presenter. The brief bio should include name, credentials, education, training, affiliation(s) and description of current job position.
- Keywords: Three (3) keywords relevant to the education session.
- References (Citations): At least five (5) topic-relevant references (within the last 5-years) using the “Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th Edition.”

- Abstract Body: Should not exceed 500 words.

Suggested Topics for Education Sessions – Psychological Health Track

The following topics are desired for the psychological health track. Presenters may submit an abstract for any of the topics listed below. *NOTE: Other topics of interest will be considered.*

- Ethics: Cultural Competency (Military and Transgender Issues)
 - Two-hours [120 minutes] will be scheduled for this topic session.
- Introduction to Military Psychological Trauma and its Repercussions (e.g., Transient Psych Effects, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Major Depressive Disorder)
- Major Depressive Disorder Clinical Practice Guideline
- Treatment Planning for People Who Won't/Can't Engage in Exposure Therapy
- Male Sexual Assault (Treatment, Gender differences, Coping)
- Intersection of Concussion and Psychological Symptomatology (Assessment and Treatment)
- Brain Imagery/Biomarkers for PTSD Diagnosis: Introduction and Update Geared for a Non-neuroscientist Audience
- Psychological Assessment of Opioid Dependence

Suggested Topics for Education Sessions – TBI Track

The following topics are desired for the TBI track. Presenters may submit an abstract for any of the topics listed below. *(NOTE: The topics marked with an asterisk [*] should include an Assessment and a Treatment/Rehabilitation component.)*

- *Surveillance Related Topics:*
 - TBI Overview
 - Research Gaps: Cutting Edge TBI Research
 - Preliminary Findings of the 15-Year Longitudinal Study of TBI
 - Cognitive Rehabilitation Research Study
 - Overview of DVBIC Research and products
- *Risk Reduction/Prevention Related Topics:*
 - Patient (service members and veterans) and Family Education and TBI Resources
 - Risk of Cumulative Concussion in High Risk Occupations (Airborne, Infantry, SEALs, Special Forces)
 - Reducing TBI Risks: Sports/Recreational, Military Training, and Occupational Hazard–Related Causes
- *Assessment (Screening and Diagnosis) Related Topics:*
 - Military Acute Concussion Evaluation (MACE)
 - Neuroimaging in TBI Assessment
 - NCAT: Pre-deployment Neurocognitive Testing
 - TBI Assessment in Theater
 - TBI Care on the Battlefield
 - TBI Screening: Outpatient Setting/Pre-Deployment/Deployed Setting/Hospital and Post Deployment

- Physical Therapy Evaluation and Treatment of Vestibular Dysfunction*
 - Occupational Therapy Evaluation and Treatment of Visual Dysfunction*
 - PT/OT/Speech Language in Assessment and Treatment of TBI – Case Studies in Interdisciplinary Care*
 - SLP and Auditory Processing Dysfunction: Evaluation and Treatment*
 - Update on ICD- 10 Coding for TBI*
 - Technology Updates: TBI Tech Tools & Cutting Edge Enabling Technology*
 - Novel Neurodiagnostics
- *Treatment and Rehabilitation:*
 - Co-occurring Conditions: TBI and PTSD
 - Co-occurring Conditions: Polytrauma
 - Acute/Chronic Pain Management
 - Anxiety and Depression Management
 - Sleep Disorders*
 - Substance Abuse*
 - Post-traumatic headache (PTH)*
 - Cognitive and Behavioral Symptom Management
 - Cognitive Rehabilitation in the Management of TBI
 - Intimacy issues and sexual dysfunction*
 - Gender Differences (Women with TBI)
 - Progressive Return to Activity (PRA) / Strategies to Enhance
 - Return to Duty (RTD)
 - Alternative approaches (complementary and alternative health) for management
 - *Reintegration:*
 - TBI Care Coordination across the Spectrum; Transitions & Continuity of Care
 - TBI as a Chronic Disease Process; Long-term consequences of TBI
 - Strategies to Enhance Return to Duty
 - Navigating TBI Health Care for Service Members, Veterans and Family Members with DVBIC Recovery Support Program/RSS
 - VA Transitional Living Program

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Log into <http://dcoe.am.pesgce.com/>
2. If you are a new user, register using your email. For existing users, login using your existing account information.
3. After completing the contact information page, you will be logged in.
4. You will then be prompted to upload your CV or resume and complete the continuing education agreement. Presenters must sign a disclosure form.
5. After successfully uploading the required documents, under Activities in Section 2, you will see “2017 Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury Summit.”
6. Click the “submit an abstract” link.

To be considered, please adhere to the following [abstract submission requirements](#):

- Strict adherence to the formatting for either original work or a case report is required. Abstracts that do not follow the formatting requirements will not be reviewed.
- Consult the “Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th Edition” for guidance on proper formatting for references.
- Individuals may submit only one (1) abstract for poster presentation as primary (presenting) author, but may submit more than one abstracts as a secondary author.
- Individuals may use material previously presented.
- Presentations should be balanced and free of commercial bias. Commercial content, product endorsements, or service related advertisements are not permitted.
- Please be sure that your contact information is correct as all correspondence relating to submissions will occur via email.
- Abstract submissions must be complete and accurate with a confirmed topic (title) and speakers. Incomplete and/or late abstract submissions will not be reviewed or considered.

To submit your abstract for review, please log-in at <http://dcoe.am.pesgce.com/> and follow the instructions provided there.

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INQUIRIES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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