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and
Participating Societies

Regional Meetings

Call for Abstracts

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Western Regional Meetings

January 28-31, 2009
Carmel, California

Abstract Deadline:
October 3, 2008

Southern Regional Meetings

February 12-14, 2009
New Orleans, Louisiana

Abstract Deadline:
October 16, 2008





Abstract Deadlines and Meeting Dates

Western Regional Meetings

Carmel, California

MEETING DATES:

January 28-31, 2009

PLACE:

Sunset Center
San Carlos between 8th and 9th
Carmel, California
Phone: 831/624-3996

ABSTRACT DEADLINE:

October 3, 2008

PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES:

CTS California Thoracic Society
WAFMR Western Section - American Fed-
eration for Medical Research
WAP Western Association of Physicians
WSCI Western Society for Clinical
Investigation
WSPR Western Society for Pediatric
Research
WSMRF Western Student Medical
Research Forum and Residents
Forum

CLUB MEETINGS:

Carmel Cardiovascular Club
Developmental Biology Club
West Coast Endocrine Club
Western Dismorphology Club
Western Gut Club
Western Kidney Club
Western Metabolism Club
Western Perinatal Club
Western Respiration Club

Southern Regional Meetings

New Orleans, Louisiana

MEETING DATES:

February 12-14, 2009

PLACE:

InterContinental New Orleans
444 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana
Phone: 504/525-5566

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PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES:

APA Ambulatory Pediatric Association
IACS-NA International Academy of Cardio-
vascular Sciences - North America
SAFMR Southern Section - American Fed-
eration for Medical Research
SSCI Southern Society for Clinical
Investigation
SSGIM Southern Society for General
Internal Medicine
SSPR Southern Society for Pediatric
Research

CLUB MEETINGS:

Southern Blood Club
Southern Bug Club
Southern Cardiology Club
Southern Endocrine Club
Southern Gut Club
Southern Lung Club
Southern Renal Club



Important Information

This abstract brochure is for the 2009 AFMR regional scientific meetings and meetings of other participating societies held in conjunction with these meetings. Included in the *Call for Abstracts* brochure is information unique to the Western and Southern regional meetings. Investigators may submit abstracts to any of the regional meetings regardless of the section or geographic area in which s/he resides. Please use the appropriate electronic submission form for each of the regional meetings which is found on the Internet at <http://wrm09.abstractcentral.com> or <http://srm09.abstractcentral.com>. It is **required of all abstract submitters** to fill out a CME Disclosure Form. This is available when you log in to submit your abstract. You must fill this form out in order to continue. For further information on the Regional Meetings please visit the AFMR website (<http://www.afmr.org>). **Please note: The abstract fee is separate from the registration fee.** You must also register to attend the meeting if you are presenting an abstract. It is **REQUIRED** that you submit your abstract electronically. If you encounter problems submitting your abstract electronically, please contact ScholarOne directly: Technical Support: 434-817-2040, ext. 406 or email: ts.acsupport@thomson.com. Technical Support Hours: 8:30 AM-8:30 PM ET Monday-Friday. If other questions arise, email admin@medpubinc.com or call 734/699-1217 for assistance.

Exciting Information for Fellow Trainees and Jr. Faculty for the Western and Southern Meetings

WESTERN MEETING: The Fellow and Junior Faculty Scholars Forum at the Western Regional Meetings in Carmel was created six years ago to honor the academic contribution of junior physician scientists. This program has been very successful at the Western Regional Meetings in Carmel and we will continue the program for the coming year. Last year we had 45 award winners across 13 subspecialties. The Carmel meetings have been reinvigorated with promising young scientists and this program is part of that new energy. Our goal is to have scholar programs in Cardiovascular, Development, Endocrinology, Hematology/Oncology, Infectious Diseases, Metabolism, Pulmonary, Renal, and Rheumatology. Successful scholars' will submit a top scoring abstract and present it in the subspecialty session at the Carmel meetings. Scholar award winners will be invited to a reception with their mentor's where they will be given their award and have the opportunity to learn more about academic career development from established physician-scientists with outstanding records for mentorship. A reception will be held Friday evening January 30, 2009 for the Fellow/Jr. Faculty and Mentor in an atmosphere that allows networking with other Fellows/Jr. Faculty in the West. Our hope is to offer 50-100 awards for fellow/jr. faculty abstracts that score highest in their subspecialty. We strongly encourage Fellows/Jr. Faculty to submit abstracts to the 2009 meeting.

SOUTHERN MEETING: Due to the success of the SSCI Nephrology Young Investigator Forum, we will continue this program in 2009 for Trainees. This will be held at the Hotel Inter-Continental on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 (**one day prior to the Southern Regional Meeting**). These postgraduate competitions are designed to create a subspecialty forum for oral presentation for Nephrology trainees (Fellows only). These competitions are also designed to create a subspecialty atmosphere for networking with other fellows. Those abstracts selected will receive reimbursement for travel, hotel, and registration expenses for the Forum and the Southern Regional Meeting. However, it is presumed that these abstracts **will also be submitted** to the Southern Regional Meeting. Fellows who are awarded an *SSCI Nephrology Young Investigator Award* **cannot also receive the SAFMR/SSCI travel award**, but may apply. Please see www.ssciweb.org for further details regarding the **SSCI Nephrology Forum Only**. The Cardiovascular Club, in conjunction with the North American Section of the International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences (IACS-NA), is offering its own program for cardiology trainees. There will be a separate check box on the submission form labelled Cardiovascular Case Report for this program. We will continue the successful Scholars Programs started in 2006. These programs give the awarded Scholars travel stipends to attend the meeting. They also provide for an awards dinner at which Scholars can interact with leaders in academic medicine and hear about the progression of their academic careers.



Abstract Policies

No revisions or changes will be accepted to submitted abstracts after the deadline.

1. All abstracts are peer-reviewed and ranked on the basis of scientific merit by experts in the category selected. The Program Committees use these rankings to develop the final meeting program. Abstracts submitted for presentation (whether or not selected for presentation) will be published at the discretion of the Regional Program Committees. **The decisions of the Program Committees are final.** Abstracts will not be reviewed if received after the deadline.
2. There will NOT be a Poster Only option this year for the Southern Meeting. The committee will decide on oral and poster presentations.
3. AFMR requires a **nonrefundable** abstract fee of **\$75.00** to cover the costs of processing, review and/or publication. This is **separate** from the *registration fee*. You must register to attend the meeting if you are presenting an abstract. Include separate payment with each abstract submitted. *Payment must be made by credit card (American Express, MasterCard, or Visa).* **No checks or purchase orders will be accepted.**

4. **INFORMED CONSENT AND DISCLOSURE:** AFMR has adopted guidelines for conflicts of interest (see *Clinical Research*, Volume 38, Number 2, April, 1990). Investigators should consider and disclose potential conflicts of interest in connection with papers presented at the regional meetings. Each abstract **must** comply with the following: 1) personal responsibility for assuring that, at the time of the meeting for which it is being considered, the material herein will not have been published or presented at any national meeting; (2) that if accepted, an eligible author is prepared to present it; (3) that any animal studies conform with the "Guiding Principles in the Care and Use of Animals" of the American Physiological Society; (4) that any human experimentation was conducted according to a protocol approved by an Institutional Review Board on ethics of human investigation (if no such Board exists, please state in a separate letter what standards were used to assess the ethical property of the protocol); and (5) that potential conflicts of interest will be disclosed at time of presentation of abstract. All potential conflicts of interest should be detailed in a separate letter and sent via email with your abstract. Such information will not be available to the abstract review committee and will not prejudice review of the abstract. **Exception for WSPR Members only:** The material may have been presented at another regional or national meeting with a focused audience like a subspecialty meeting, such that the material will be new to the broader audience of the Western meeting. A statement documenting that the material has been presented previously should be included in the conflict of interest disclosure described above.



Abstract Procedures

Step-by-Step Instructions for Electronic Submission. All users are considered New and must Create an Account.

1. For the **Western Regional Meeting** proceed to: <http://wrm09.abstractcentral.com>. For the **Southern Regional Meeting** proceed to: <http://srm09abstractcentral.com>
2. The first step is to "Create an Account". Click on the "Create an Account" link in the left side bar menu. During account creation, please bear in mind:
 - A. All fields with a red asterisk are required.
 - B. Your e-mail address is the primary method of correspondence. All system e-mails and other notifications related to the meeting will be sent to this address. Please keep your e-mail address up-to-date!
 - C. The User ID and password that you create will be needed to log into the site after your account is created. Your User ID must be at least 6 characters long and can be a combination of letters and numbers. User ID and Password are case-sensitive.
 - D. The last step in creating your account is to request a "role." For example, if you are requesting the "Abstract Submission" role, you need only check the box and you will receive the role automatically. You will then be able to submit an abstract by logging in, then clicking on the "Submission" tab at the top of the page. *If you are not the presenter, you must have all of their information to complete the submission.*
3. Once you have logged in using your User Name and Password, click on the Submission tab at the top of the page, then on the "Create a New Submission" link located on the left-hand menu bar.
4. It is recommended that you step through the submission pages in a methodical manner, going page by page and filling in the information as you go along, beginning with **Step 1: Title/Body page**.
5. The title must be brief and indicate clearly the nature of the investigation. The title should be entered in UPPERCASE letters. PLEASE DO NOT enter the title in mixed case. **Abbreviations must not be used in the title.**
6. Do not include authors or institutions in the body of your abstract. Type or copy/paste each section of the abstract body into their respective fields. On Step 1: Title/Body page, the body of the abstract must be separated into the fields designated as: **Purpose of Study, Methods Used, Summary of Results, and Conclusions**, respectively.
7. You must complete the Disclosure Statement on **Step 2: Disclosures page**.
8. There is a limit of 2500 characters for the text of your abstract submission. This includes authors, institutions, tables, images, abstract title, abstract body, as well as all spaces.
9. You may add as many tables as you wish. However, each row in the table will deduct approximately 50 characters from the character limit of 2500 characters.
10. Please enter all authors in the order they should appear in the heading of the abstract. Complete contact information must be entered for the Presenting Author and the Contact Author. Only name and email address are required for co-authors. If you (the Contact Author) are not the Presenter on an abstract, you will need to provide full contact information on the Presenter.
11. Enter all department and institutional affiliations. Department is an optional field. Only three (3) institutional affiliations will be allowed per author. You do not need to enter institutions in a particular order to be able to designate author affiliations.
12. Carefully check the proof of your abstract. Make sure all special characters and formatting is displaying properly in your proof. If you find errors, return to the appropriate page by clicking on the page name in the sidebar menu, and make your corrections.
13. If you have not completed all required sections/items you will not be able to submit your abstract. In the case of missing items, you will be prompted to enter the missing information. When all required information is entered, click "Submit" to submit your abstract. **Payment is required to complete submission of the abstract.**

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October 16, 2008

Southern Regional Meeting
InterContinental New Orleans
New Orleans, Louisiana

Meeting Dates:
February 12-14, 2009

Joint Plenary Session, Workshops and Satellite Symposium

Please register for the Southern Regional Meetings and workshops online at www.cme.tulane.edu. The following workshops are open to all meeting registrants; however, pre-registration is requested to guarantee space. A second mailing of the meeting brochure will be mailed to members in late November. The brochure will also be available online and can be downloaded at www.afmr.org or www.ssciweb.org.

Joint Plenary Session

Saturday, February 14, 2009; 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Please join us for an exciting session entitled "Personalized Medicine: The Development of Patient-Specific Therapeutics".

Manuscript Preparation and Peer-Reviewed Publication

Thursday, February 12, 2009; 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

This workshop will address multiple aspects of publication in scientific journals. Presenter will discuss preparation of materials, including the initial decision that the data are sufficient to justify publication. Issues related to manuscript writing will include length, focus, adherence to journal formats, and referencing. The editorial process from submission to publication will be described in-depth with particular attention to ways in which authors can interact with journal editors. Another section will cover ethical issues in publication including review boards, authorship, duplicate publication, intellectual property rights, and conflict of interest. There will be open discussion of sample cases and questions derived from the experiences of the participants. The presenter is Associate Editor, Dr. Thomas Welch, of The Journal of Pediatrics.

Grant Writing Workshop

Thursday, February 12, 2009; 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

This workshop is designed for trainees and Young Investigators interested in writing a successful grant application. The discussion will focus on overview of different institutes and priorities; the role of program officer vs SRO and mechanisms (KIOSK) for grant support with recommendations for young investigators. The workshop will include the actual process of writing a grant application with emphasis on writing the various components. The process will also be discussed from the reviewer's aspect giving the attendee information about members of the review panel and their approach to a successfully funded grant application. The workshop will be lead by Henrietta Bada, MD from University of Kentucky, Lexington and Nicolette Borek, PhD, from National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Patient Centered Medical Homes: Patient and Provider Implications

Thursday, February 12, 2009; 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

This precourse will provide physicians with the knowledge to develop an integral understanding of medical home initiatives from policy to implementation and subsequent evaluation. Current controversies regarding healthcare policy initiatives on funding for implementing medical homes, compensation of physicians and the Medicare Medical Home Demonstration project will also be addressed. Interactive sessions directed by faculty moderators will allow participants to engage in open dialogue with experts in the medical home field to solidify key concepts. This interactive precourse will challenge participants to develop a comprehensive and integrated understanding of Patient Centered Medical Home models and debate options for sustainable funding and compensation through policy discussion and illustrative real world examples.

Introduction to Statistical Genetics Workshop

Thursday, February 12, 2009; 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

This is an entry level interactive workshop on statistical genetics for scientists, targeting established investigators, post-doctoral fellows, and advanced graduate students. Topics will include genome-wide analysis, microRNA, epigenetics, gene expression analysis, and data mining. This course will offer an interactive program designed to enhance researchers' ability to request and interpret sophisticated statistical genetic analysis performed by others.

Clinical Case Symposium

Thursday, February 12, 2009; 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

The Adult or Pediatric Clinical Case Symposium is devoted to the presentation and discussion of clinical case abstracts highlighting diagnostic and/or management issues. Clinical case descriptions, unique characteristics, treatment/interventions, and results/outcomes are all suitable for presentation at the Clinical Case Symposium. There will be two concurrent sessions: Adult and Pediatrics. A subset of abstracts will be selected for presentation and there will be a discussion among the authors, participants and experts in the field. At the time of abstract submission, the appropriate abstract category must be checked in order to be considered for the Adult or Pediatric Clinical Case Symposium.

Southern Awards

Listed below is a description of awards for which you may apply on the electronic submission form. The purpose of these awards is to stimulate participation in the 2009 Southern Regional Meetings. Please choose the appropriate award on the pull-down menu if you are eligible and wish to receive an award. If the box **is not** checked, you **will not** be considered for an award. To be eligible for an award, **you must apply at the time of abstract submission**. You must choose only one award (either SAFMR/SSCI or SSPR), matching the award to the society(ies) to which you and your mentor belong. You **must** check all that apply since some are members of more than one society.

SAFMR/SSCI Awards

To be eligible for the SAFMR/SSCI awards, you or your mentor (in the case of students and trainees) **MUST** be a member in good standing of AFMR or SSCI. You may choose to become a member at the time of the award. In this case, your membership fee will be deducted from the award amount.

- ◆ **SAFMR/SSCI Student Research Award:** These awards recognize students who are currently in training and accomplished in research at the plenary session in New Orleans and award funds are intended to defray the costs for participation in the meeting. The awardee must be the first author/presenter of the abstract accepted for presentation at the 2009 meeting. **SAFMR/SSCI awardees must be present at the SAFMR/SSCI plenary session to receive this award.**
- ◆ **SAFMR/SSCI Trainee Award:** These awards recognize residents and fellows who are currently in training and recognize excellence among these groups at the plenary session in New Orleans and award funds are intended to defray the costs for participation in the meeting. The awardee must be the first author/presenter of the abstract accepted for presentation at the 2009 meeting. **SAFMR/SSCI awardees must be present at the SAFMR/SSCI plenary session to receive this award.**
- ◆ **SAFMR/SSCI Young Faculty Award:** The purpose of these awards is to stimulate participation by faculty at the instructor and assistant professor level. Awards will be given to the young investigators with the top rated abstract in each subspecialty as judged by a committee of the officers of SAFMR and SSCI. The awardee must be the first author/presenter of an abstract accepted for presentation at the 2009 meeting. **SAFMR/SSCI awardees must be present at the SAFMR/SSCI plenary session to receive this award.** Only faculty at the instructor and assistant professor level are eligible for these awards.

The top-rated abstracts among the SAFMR/SSCI awardees will be presented at the Plenary Session of the Southern Section-American Federation for Medical Research and Southern Society for Clinical Investigation.

- ◆ **SSCI Young Investigator Award:** The SSCI Young Investigator Awards are offered to recognize and encourage excellence in investigation by physicians and medical students during research training. Eligibility: medical students, combined MD/PhD students, interns, residents, and post-doctoral physicians who are in research training or were in research training as of June 2008 are eligible. Postdoctoral research training may be considered to extend for a period of up to three years and time spent in strictly clinical fellowships need not count against this. The applicant must be the first author of the abstract submitted in competition for the award and plan to present the paper during the scientific sessions of the Southern Regional Meetings. Please note that it is not necessary for the senior author to be a member of SSCI. Applicants for this award are encouraged to apply for the appropriate SAFMR/SSCI Award as well. For consideration of this award, the abstract has to suggest: 1) investigator-initiated; 2) hypothesis-driven basic, clinical or behavioral research; 3) conducted in a mode of discovery; 4) whose study design, findings and conclusions satisfied the proposed hypothesis; and 4) findings have or will have the potential to advance the practice of medicine. **Nomination letters from the senior investigator or mentor and the division director or department chairman are required and should include a statement of the candidate's role in the study. The letters should be received no later than October 16.** The letter should be sent to Joan Kemp, Executive Director, Southern Society for Clinical Investigation, 1802 Sixth Avenue South, NP 2555, Birmingham, AL 35294-3300 (fax: 205-975-7428 or email: joan.kemp@ccc.uab.edu).
- ◆ **Young Clinician Scientist Award (Cardiovascular Abstract Submission only): Criteria for award:** Abstract submitted to Cardiovascular category; persons holding an MD or MD/PhD and who are within 8 years of having graduated medical school; letter from mentor verifying candidate's leading role in the conduct of the submitted study; a submitted abstract of the study consisting of objectives, methods, results, and conclusions. Send letter to Karl Weber at ktweber@utm.edu.
- ◆ **Young Basic Science Award (Cardiovascular Abstract Submission only): Criteria for eligibility:** Abstract submitted to Cardiovascular category; persons holding an MD or PhD and who are within 8 years of having graduated medical school or within 4 years of completing graduate school; letter from mentor verifying candidate's leading role in the conduct of the submitted study; submitted abstract of the study consisting of objectives, methods, results, and conclusions. Send letter to Karl Weber at ktweber@utm.edu.

SSPR Awards

These awards are for work intimately related to **pediatric** research. **MUST** be an SSPR member or have a sponsor who is an SSPR member. The candidates **must** check the appropriate award box in order to be considered. You cannot apply for the other society awards if applying for SSPR Awards. The Member/Sponsor name must also be filled in on the electronic submission form.

- ◆ **SSPR Young Investigator Award:** Eligible candidates include students, residents, fellows, and young faculty who are currently within 5 years of the completion of fellowship training. The nominee must be first author/presenter of the abstract accepted for presentation. **A letter from the senior investigator or sponsor** that includes a statement that the work was performed by the nominee and fully addresses the role the candidate had in the work must be sent by October 16, 2008 to David Oelberg, M.D.; Secretary-Treasurer – SSPR; CHKD – Neonatal Medicine; 601 Children's Lane; Norfolk, VA 23507 (doelberg@chkd.org). Three finalists for Basic or Clinical Science research will be selected and are required to submit a manuscript and present the study at the SSPR Plenary Session. Finalists will receive a stipend of \$500 to facilitate attendance at the meeting. The candidates **must** check the appropriate award box in order to be considered and **must** designate either Basic or Clinical Science Division.
- ◆ **SSPR Young Faculty Travel Award:** The candidate must be an Instructor or Assistant Professor and within 5 years of the completion of fellowship training. They must be first author/presenter of the abstract accepted for presentation. Approximately 5 awardees will receive a travel stipend of \$500. Faculty that are candidates for the SSPR Young Investigator Awards will automatically be entered in this competition. This award is to facilitate travel for outstanding young faculty.
- ◆ **SSPR/APA Trainee Travel Award:** The candidate must be a student, resident, or fellow. They must be the first author/presenter of the abstract accepted for presentation. Approximately 25 winning candidates will receive a travel stipend of \$500. Trainees that are candidates for the SSPR Young Investigator Awards will automatically be entered in this competition.

Southern Regional Meeting Hotel Reservation Request

NOTE: Please mark below the type of accommodations requested. Reservations must be guaranteed with a deposit by check or one of the credit cards listed below. If you are unable to keep your guaranteed reservation, please cancel prior to 72 hours of the arrival date and obtain a cancellation number to avoid being billed for one night's accommodations. If the accommodation rate requested is unavailable, a room at the nearest available rate will be reserved. All rooms are subject to applicable taxes. Your reservations must be received by **January 11, 2009** to qualify for the 2009 Southern Regional Meetings conference rates. Reservations received after this date are subject to applicable rates and availability.

FULL NAME _____ NAME OF ROOMMATE _____

INSTITUTION _____ DAYTIME PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ COUNTRY _____

ARRIVAL DATE (Check in after 4:00 PM) _____

DEPARTURE DATE (Check out before 12:00 PM) _____

Method of Guarantee

Reservations must be guaranteed with a deposit of the first night's room and tax. Deposit by check/money order must be enclosed. Make check payable to the *InterContinental New Orleans*.

Guarantee accommodations by credit card (check appropriate card below).

Amex Carte Blanche Discover Diners Club MasterCard Visa

CARD NUMBER _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____ NAME OF CARDHOLDER _____

Room Rates

Single/Double Occupancy \$189.00

Triple/Quad Occupancy \$219.00/\$249.00

All room rates are per night and are subject to applicable taxes. Your reservations must be received by **January 11, 2009** in order to qualify for the 2009 Southern Regional Meetings conference rates. Reservations received after this date are subject to applicable rates and availability. (Please refer to the conference as the Southern Meetings, Conference Code: A97 when making reservations).

MAIL, PHONE, FAX OR RESERVE ON-LINE YOUR RESERVATION:

InterContinental New Orleans

444 St. Charles Avenue

New Orleans, LA 70130-3171

Phone: (800) 445-6563; (504) 525-5566; Fax: (504) 585-4350

Website: <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/intercontinental/en/gb/dates-preferences/msyha?checkInDate=10/02/2009&checkOutDate=19/02/2009&numberOfNight=9&groupCode=A97>

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline: February 9, 2009

YOU MUST REGISTER ON-LINE at www.cme.tulane.edu

Southern Regional Meetings

InterContinental New Orleans
444 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana
February 12-14, 2009

Sponsored by:

International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences - North America
Southern Section - American Federation for Medical Research
Southern Society for Clinical Investigation
Southern Society for Pediatric Research
Ambulatory Pediatric Association

Registrations will be processed on-line ONLY. Please visit www.cme.tulane.edu

REGISTRATION FEES

Please indicate which society(ies) you are a member. On-site registration fees will be increased by \$25 for all categories.

Member \$215 Trainee \$75 Non-member \$255

AFMR IACS-NA SSCI SSPR APA

SSGIM members: Registration fees and forms available at <http://www.sgim.org/Southern.cfm>

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

The Workshops are held on Thursday, February 12, 2009. **Preregistration is requested** to attend any of the workshops being held at the Southern Regional Meetings. There are no additional fees but you must check the appropriate box of the **one** you wish to attend when filling out the on-line form.

Manuscript Preparation and Peer-Reviewed Publication ♦ 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Grant Writing Workshop ♦ 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Patient Centered Medical Homes: Patient and Provider Implications ♦ 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Introduction to Statistical Genetics Workshop ♦ 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Check (made payable to **Tulane University Health Sciences - CCE** in US dollars/US bank)

Send checks to: Southern Regional Meetings
Center for Continuing Education
Tulane University Health Sciences Center
1430 Tulane Ave TB-51
New Orleans, LA 70112-2699

Credit Cards Accepted: Visa and Mastercard

YOU MUST REGISTER ON-LINE:

If you need assistance registering, please contact Tulane CCE at cme@tulane.edu or by phone (504) 988-6441.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION OBJECTIVES: The purpose of this educational activity is to present current research and state-of-the-art clinical areas of investigative medicine to academic and practicing physicians and other interested professionals. Because this meeting is centered on trainee career development, an additional goal will be to give research trainees tools essential to success in an academic career. At the conclusion of this educational activity, the participants should be better able or prepared to: 1) Translate new information and findings from basic and clinical research into professional skills and performance improvement as defined by the Core Competencies for Maintenance of Certification. 2) Apply new scientific knowledge gained to identify areas of investigation that will inform research and to improve patient care and safety. 3) Implement new tools for teaching and practicing medicine. 4) Teach and educate caregivers to improve the outcomes for patients. 5) Apply knowledge from career development workshops to writing grants and manuscripts, designing and analyzing trials, and participating in medical homes.

ACCREDITATION: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of Tulane University Health Sciences Center and the Southern Regional Meetings. Tulane University Health Sciences Center is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

DESIGNATION: Tulane University Health Sciences Center designates this educational activity for a maximum of (TBD) *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Tulane University Health Sciences Center presents this activity for educational purposes only and does not endorse any product, content of presentation or exhibit. Participants are expected to utilize their own expertise and judgment while engaged in the practice of medicine. The content of the presentations is provided solely by presenters who have been selected because of their recognized expertise.

DISCLOSURE: It is the policy of the Center for Continuing Education at Tulane University Health Sciences Center to plan and implement all of its educational activities in accordance with the ACCME's Essential Areas and Policies to ensure balance, independence, objectivity and scientific rigor. In accordance with the ACCME's 2004 Standards for Commercial Support, everyone who is in a position to control the content of an educational activity certified for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* is required to disclose all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interests within the past 12 months that creates a real or apparent conflict of interest. Individuals who do not disclose are disqualified from participating in a CME activity. Individuals with potential for influence or control of CME content include planners and planning committee members, authors, teachers, educational activity directors, educational partners, and others who participate, e.g. facilitators and moderators. This disclosure pertains to relationships with pharmaceutical companies, biomedical device manufacturers or other corporations whose products or services are related to the subject matter of the presentation topic. Any real or apparent conflicts of interest related to the content of the presentations must be resolved prior to the educational activity. Disclosure of off-label, experimental or investigational use of drugs or devices must also be made known to the audience.