

Call for Abstracts for the 45th Annual SER Meeting June 27(eve) - 30, 2012 * Minneapolis, MN

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Abstracts are requested for consideration for spotlight and/or poster presentations for the 45th Annual SER Meeting in Minneapolis, MN. Accepted abstracts will be distributed at the June meeting and will also be published in a Supplement issue of the *American Journal of Epidemiology*.

The following rules are AJE policies and must be adhered to precisely:

1. Abstracts are required to be submitted online:

Please use the form located at <http://www.epiresearch.org/abstracts/>. Begin the abstract in the box with a title, a complete list of authors (with presenter noted with an asterisk), and the institution at which the work was done. **EXAMPLE: A Study of Exposure to Disease. I Smith, *S. Jones, and P. Gold (University, City, State, Zip Code.)** Please leave a space between the heading and the abstract.

2. A letter of notification of acceptance or rejection will be emailed to the authors no later than May 1, 2012.
3. **General Rules about the abstracts:**
Please read these instructions carefully. Do not include figures, tables, or mathematical equations in the abstract. **The abstract should not exceed 1,935 characters, which includes title and author information.** Avoid acronyms. If you use references, provide the journal, volume, year, and page numbers. Spell out abbreviations (including OR or RR) the first time you use them. If you calculate confidence intervals, specify whether they are 90%, 95%, etc. Choose one topic area from the list below. If applicable, also choose a special highlight topic area. These special topic areas will be the focus of this year's spotlight sessions.
4. Presentation of specific data and methodologic details assist reviewers in judging the quality of the research. New findings are of **greater** interest than confirmation of known relations. Clarity and brevity of writing will allow evaluation of the importance of the research. Each abstract is scored by two reviewers. An overall acceptance proportion is applied to each subject area. The allocation of papers therefore represents the number of abstracts submitted for the subject areas.

All abstracts must be received in final form no later than February 3, 2012.

General Topic Areas (used for review):

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| •Aging | •Behavioral | •Biomarkers | •Birth Defects | •Cancer |
| •Cardiovascular/Stroke | •Diabetes | •Environment | •Ethics | •Female Cancer |
| •Genetics | •Health Services | •Infection | •Injury | •Methods |
| •Nutrition | •Occupational | •Other | •Pediatrics | •Pregnancy |
| •Psychiatric | •Reproductive | •Screening | •Social | •Substance Abuse |
| •Women's Health | | | | |