

17 July 2018

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FREE STATE PROVINCIAL HEALTH RESEARCH DAY**

Abstracts for research presentations at the forthcoming **Annual Provincial Health Research Day**, hosted by the Free State Department of Health in collaboration with the University of the Free State on **8-9 November 2018**, are hereby kindly invited. The Health Research Day represents a highlight on the annual health research calendar. As before, the Research Day will allow for enlightening and critical engagement about research findings and recommendations between researchers and the broader health community, including provincial, district and facility managers, health care professionals, academia, students, and others interested in health and health care in the province.

The **main theme** of this year's Health Research Day is "**Unifying the public and private sectors through research: dream or reality?**" Abstracts are thus especially invited for research that addresses health policies and means towards unification of the healthcare system in the province.

The **primary tracks** include (but are not limited) to the following:

- Addressing the social determinants affecting health and disease
- Strengthening health systems
- Improving health information systems
- Preventing and reducing the disease burden and promoting health
- Improving human resources in the health sector
- Improving quality of health care and service delivery
- National Health Insurance

Individuals, teams and organisations interested in presenting their research are welcome to submit published or unpublished abstracts to the Free State Department of Health serving as host for the Abstract Committee.

Please send abstracts to: [Researchday@fshealth.gov.za](mailto:Researchday@fshealth.gov.za). For any further information Mr Sebeela at 051 408 1527 or Me Litheko at 051 408 1586 can be contacted.

**Abstract format** (300 words, excluding title, author/s and affiliation/s; MS Word):

- Title
- Author/s
- Author/s' affiliation/s
- Introduction/background
- Aim/objective
- Design and methods
- Findings/results
- Conclusions/recommendations

Please indicate your preference for oral or poster presentation. As far as possible, posters presentations will also presented orally in small group discussions during the Research Day.

Oral presentations should be prepared as PowerPoint slides according to the same format as indicated above. The format of posters and time allocations for presentations will be communicated in acceptance notifications.

The selection of abstracts will be objective and competitive – each abstract will be considered by three reviewers – and will target important research by established as well as young/emerging researchers. Novice and student researchers are especially welcome to submit abstracts. Among others, best “Young/emerging researcher” and best “Operational Research” awards will be made.

**Key dates:**

- Abstract submission deadline: **20 September 2018**
- Notification of decision: **10 October 2018**
- Submission of oral presentations for pre-uploading: **6 November 2018**
- Free State Provincial Health Research Day: **8-9 November 2018**

The **venue** for this year’s Provincial Health Research day will again be in Bloemfontein (specific location to be communicated).