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Call for Podium and Poster Presentations

**Exploring Spirituality and Health: Our Search for Meaning
May 25, 2007**

Spirituality is the way we find meaning, hope, inner peace and love in our life. In addition to our physical, emotional and mental well being, health also includes a spiritual dimension. Spirituality is a source of strength that allows us to overcome helplessness, restore meaning and maintain connection in life. Health care providers are increasingly aware of the healing that comes from addressing spiritual needs. By supporting spiritual practices, quality of care and quality of life often improves.

Building on the success of the first conference in May 2006, the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital will be hosting the second annual conference on spirituality and health. Through plenary speakers, poster presentations and exhibits, this conference will explore the connections between spirituality and health. The conference will also provide information about spirituality in daily living from the perspective of multiple faith traditions.

This conference will be of interest to health care professionals from all health disciplines. The multi-faith approach to our discussions will be attractive to physicians, psychologists, nurses, social workers, counselors, chaplains, clergy, and other members of religious communities and allied health disciplines.

The *Exploring Spirituality and Health* conference committee invites you to submit an abstract for a podium or poster presentation.

Suggested topic areas might include:

- Spiritual Assessment, Spiritual Care
- Searching for meaning in health care relationships
- The role of spiritual practices in health care
- Understanding Illness and application of compassion
- Sacredness of Life
- Hope
- Integrity
- Purpose
- Forgiveness
- Meditation

Podium Presentation

- Paper presentations are sessions in which experiences and knowledge related to spirituality and health are shared. A paper is allotted 45 minutes for presentation and 15 minutes for questions. The total length of the session is one hour.

Poster Presentation

- A poster presentation is a visual display which can cover research, clinical practice or program development relating to spirituality and health.
- The presenter will be expected to be available for questions and discussion at designated breaks.
- Presenters will be provided with a 3ft high x 4ft wide poster board.



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Abstract Format:

Purpose/Objective: a statement of the primary objectives and scope

Method: a description of the techniques and approaches by which results were obtained

Results/Findings: presentation of results obtained, data collected, effects observed, etc.

Conclusion: a summary statement of the conclusions and implications for practice.

- *Font:* Arial Font, Size 11
- *Spacing:* Single spaced throughout. Double spaced between paragraphs.
- *Title:*
 - Title should be brief and adequately describe the content.
 - Capitalized
 - Bold Font
- *Body:*
 - Maximum of 300 words. The abstract must adequately describe the presentation so reviewers and participants understand the content and quality of the work.

Abstract Submission

- **Please use the official abstract form only (attached).** The form can be requested by emailing GRHedServices@cha.ab.ca.
- Deadline for submission is February 1, 2007.
- Abstracts should be submitted by email to GRHedServices@cha.ab.ca
- You should receive confirmation that your abstract was received within 2 working days. If you do not receive confirmation, please contact the conference coordinator at (780) 735-8255.

Abstract Acceptance

- Notification of acceptance – February 15, 2007.
- Accepted abstracts will be displayed as submitted on the conference website and in syllabus.

Honoraria and Expenses

- Travel expenses are the responsibility of the individual.
- There will be no honoraria for presenters.
- Presenters will be expected to pay the speaker registration fee.

For more information please contact:

GRHedServices@cha.ab.ca

or call (780) 735-7912 or toll free

1-877-877-8714.