4th Annual Cowtown Oncology Symposium

Saturday, April 26, 2014
TCU Brown-Lupton University Union
2901 Stadium Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76129

Poster Abstract Submission Guidelines
Abstract Submission Deadline – January 31, 2014

The Cowtown Oncology Symposium planning committee invites you to submit an abstract for poster presentation. Share your knowledge and experiences on Oncology, Radiation, Palliative Care and Hospice nursing trends. Topics may include: Best practices, new approaches to patient teaching, coordination of patient care, process improvement projects, use of new patient care products or research findings and outcomes.

Abstract Submission Guidelines
1. Abstracts must be submitted via email to Sandi Barr at s.j.barr@tcu.edu
2. Abstracts will be accepted for review until **January 31, 2014.**
3. Program committee will select abstracts for posters based on compliance with abstract criteria, merits of the abstract, overall conference curriculum focus and constraints of the program.
4. All authors will be notified by email of abstract acceptance or decline by **February 21, 2014.**
5. Please follow the APA Style, detailed in the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th edition).
6. The abstract should not exceed a total of 250 words. Please use Times New Roman font along with standard and well-accepted abbreviations.
7. Use the active voice without using personal pronouns such as "I" or "We". The abstract should be concise, accurate, self-contained and coherent to your topic.
8. Do not use any identifying factors, i.e. hospital names.
9. Include all author's names, credentials and titles as you would like them to appear in the program.
10. All abstract submissions must have 1-2 behavioral objectives related to the poster topic in order to allow for continuing education credit to be awarded. (Objectives are not included in word count.)
11. Include the following content areas in your abstract submission
    a. Background and significance
    b. Problem with research question or PICO statement
    c. Methods (population inclusion criteria, setting, what did you do?)
    d. Data/Findings
    e. Implications for practice
12. If accepted, at least one presenter must register for the symposium and be available at the poster during poster session time.

Abstract Review Process
1. Abstracts will be distributed to the program committee in a blind author format.
2. Submit two (2) copies of the abstract: one (1) copy with identifying information and a designed primary author and contact information and one (1) copy without any identifying information.

Submission Process
1. Email your abstract as a word attachment to Sandi Barr at s.j.barr@tcu.edu
2. For any questions about the abstract process, please contact Suzy Lockwood at s.lockwood@tcu.edu
3. There are no abstract forms. Please use plain 8.5" x 11' white paper and follow abstract submission guidelines.