

The **2015 Dr. Daniel S. Blumenthal Annual Health Summit**  
**“COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TO ACHIEVE HEALTH EQUITY -**  
*Community Service, Research and Scholarship, Teaching and Learning*  
Tuesday and Wednesday  
**April 7-8, 2015**

**Call for Abstracts for Poster Presentations**

**About The 2015 Summit**

The 2015 Summit will focus on the importance of community engagement in the pursuit of health equity. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines community engagement as “...the process of working collaboratively with groups of people who are affiliated by geographic proximity, special interests or similar situations with respect to issues affecting their well-being.” Research has always been clear about the value of health in building communities that are free of conditions that adversely impact individual and community well-being. The fact that the concept of health equity should not be bound by geography, social standing or race or ethnic background, underscores the need to continue to implement and evaluate effective programs and policies to ensure health equity in all communities. Community engagement to achieve health equity is an important strategy in identifying programs and resources which strengthen local community capacity to promote healthy living. This year’s summit is intended to inform participants of the importance of engaging the community in programs and services that achieve health equity.

**Abstract Themes**

All evidence-based research, best practices, best policies, and evaluation methodology that highlight how community engagement can contribute to the achievement of health equity are welcomed. Research topics should focus on but not be limited to:

- community engagement approaches for improving health and healthcare
- community strategies for reducing risk factors and eliminating disease
- mobilizing local communities for action
- promoting healthy living for individuals, families and communities across the life course
- educating communities on the concept of health equity through community engagement

**Who Should Submit?**

Abstract submission is open to all students, professionals, academicians, and community members who have original work in the field of community engagement for improving health. Those eligible include but are not limited:

- CHPM faculty
- MSM Graduate and Medical Undergraduate Students
- MSM residents
- Allied health professionals
- Clinicians
- Community-based organizations
- Educators
- Students
- Public health practitioners
- Social Workers and Community Health Workers
- Local/state/federal government representatives and policy-makers

## Required Documents

Please submit the following:

- A short bio for the presenter. Students should include their school affiliation and their degree candidacy.
- An abstract up to 250 words. All abstract submissions should be sent to the following email address: [msmpublichealthday@msm.edu](mailto:msmpublichealthday@msm.edu). Email SUBJECT LINE: [Presenter Last Name\_ABSTRACT] e.g., SMITH\_ABSTRACT. Abstracts submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

## Abstract Preparation and Submission

All abstracts should be limited to 250 words in length (not including titles or sub-headings). Submission information must include all author names, degrees, and organizational affiliations. The required subheadings are limited to: *Objective; Background; Methods; Results; Conclusion*. Authors whose research is accepted for presentation will receive notification along with information on set-up day and time, presentation days, and location of presentation boards by March 27, 2015.

**All authors invited to present during the poster session will be required to register for the summit. Please access the free registration [here](#) .**

## IMPORTANT DATES!!

- Deadline to submit: **March 25<sup>th</sup> 2015, 5:00pm EST**
- Final notifications of abstract disposition: **March 27<sup>th</sup> 2015**
- Deadline for presenter to withdraw or cancel: **March 31<sup>st</sup> 2015, 5:00pm EST**
- Poster presentation **April 7-8, 2015**