

Call For Proposals

The 49th Annual Meeting and Scientific Program of the Northern California Psychiatric Society March 28 - 30, 2008

Portola Plaza Hotel  Monterey, CA

The 49th Annual Meeting and Scientific Program of the Northern California Psychiatric Society will be held March 28 - 30, 2008, at the beautiful Portola Plaza Hotel in Monterey, CA.

Conference Objectives:

The title of the conference will be "**Refining Our Skills: Advanced Topics in Clinical Psychiatry.**" The goal is to present more in-depth programs teaching specific clinical skills. Some possible examples are CBT, safe and effective split treatment, treatment resistant depression, statistics/evidence based medicine.

Proposal structure:

Each proposal MUST include:

1. A working title
2. A brief outline
3. Three educational objectives
4. The name(s) of all presenter(s) and moderator(s)
5. Amount of time you will need for your presentation. All presentations must allow time for questions and answers. (A 60-minute presentation should allow 15 minutes for questions and answers, and a 90-minute presentation should allow 20 minutes for the same.)

** All presentations must include content regarding cultural and linguistic competency (to meet state requirements of Assembly Bill 1195).

We urge you to spell out the structure of your proposed conference workshop or presentation in detail. The more detailed the proposal, the more consideration will be given.

All presenters of accepted proposals will receive free registration for this meeting.

If interested in submitting a proposal, please call 415-334-2418, extension 105, or e-mail rgeorgulas@ncps.org. **All proposals must be accompanied by completed speaker/presenter forms this year. These forms can be obtained by contacting NCPS office staff or following the Annual Meeting 2008 link at the NCPS website (www.ncps.org).**

Deadline for Submission:

Friday, September 14, 2007

**AB 1195 requires that CME curriculum address Cultural and Linguistic Competency in patient care with the goal of reducing health disparities among target populations. Please include any relevant information relating to age, gender, race, socio-economics, sexual orientation, religion, language, and/or ethnicity. Cultural competency means a set of integrated attitudes, knowledge, and skills that enables a health care professional or organization to care effectively for patients from diverse cultures, groups, and communities. Linguistic Competency means the ability to provide patients who do not speak English or who have limited ability to speak English, direct communication in the patient's primary language. If you would like further information, you may visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health website. (<http://www.cdc.gov/omh/AMH/factsheets/mental.htm>)