

SHEPIZ Annual Clinical Symposium

Call For Abstracts

The University of Zambia (UNZA) School of Medicine and School of Nursing, through the Strengthening Health Professional Workforce Education Programs for Improved Quality Health Care in Zambia (SHEPIZ) project, in collaboration with the School of Health Sciences, School of Public Health and the University of Zambia-Vanderbilt Partnership (UVP) project, will hold a two-day Annual Clinical Symposium from **July 14, 2022, to July 15, 2022** at Mulungushi International Conference Centre in Lusaka. The symposium is a platform for the presentations and dissemination of research results, interprofessional education/community-based education, and Implementation Science learning processes. The symposium will be a key event to showcase the research activities/outputs in the School of Medicine and the three sister schools at Ridgeway Campus. The SHEPIZ project is an NIH training grant designed to strengthen health professional manpower to improve health care delivery in Zambia. Therefore, the main theme of the symposium is **“Developing Quality Health Care Workforce for Improved Health Care Outcomes in Zambia”**. This platform provides an opportunity for academic staff and postgraduate (MSc, MRes, MMed and PhD) students from all universities in Zambia, researchers registered with the Health Research Authority, and research organisations or institutions in Zambia.

The four Schools, therefore, invite academic staff and postgraduate (MSc, MRes, MMed and PhD) students from all universities in Zambia, researchers registered with the National Health Research Authority (NHRA), and research organisations and institutions in Zambia, the Ministry of Health, and the Zambia National Public Health Institute to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations. All abstracts should be submitted by email before **May 15, 2022**. Abstracts from one of the following research areas are invited:

1. HIV and co-morbidities
2. IPE and related subjects
3. Noncommunicable diseases/Neglected Tropical Diseases
4. Infectious diseases
5. Chronic conditions
6. Health/Medical education
7. Implementation Science
8. Health systems, Health care, and UHC
9. Vaccine/Immunisation and infections, eg, COVID-19, influenza, etc
10. Clinical care, morbidity, and mortality case studies

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Please follow the guidelines below when writing and submitting your abstract. The abstract should be as informative as possible, standard abbreviations may be used. It should not contain any charts, tables, or images. Before you start, please prepare the following information:

- Author's contact details: email and phone number.
- Author's and co-author's details: full first and family name(s) and email
- Departmental affiliation details
- Abstracts must be submitted via email
- The abstract should not exceed **350 words** (font, Times New Roman; font size, 12, justified).
- **Abstract titles** should not be more than **two lines** and should NOT be in all caps but Title Case (e.g. **correct:** Genetic Polymorphisms in COVID-19 Patients)

All abstracts must be structured as follows:

Background: Reason(s) for study; what is the public health problem? Research question (should answer the question: "Why did you do this study?"); Study objective.

Methods and Materials: An explanation of the study design and experimental methods and materials used.

Results: A concise summary of the major findings of the experiment or study. Sufficient data must be provided to permit evaluation by reviewers and the public reading the abstracts. Statements such as "additional information to be presented at the meeting" are unacceptable.

Conclusion: Summary of the overall findings and the significance of the study.

- **Scientific nomenclature. This should be acceptable within a specific field of study**
 - For example, In Microbiology the genus and species names should be written in full on the first mention and then abbreviated on subsequent mention; Systematic names (genus, family, and higher orders) should be capitalized (*Chlamydia*, Enterobacteriaceae, Picornaviridae); Taxonomic names are to be *italicised*, e.g., *Escherichia coli*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, etc; Non-systematic names (e.g. plural), lower case and not italicised names (Group A streptococci, mycobacteria, chlamydiae) should be used.
 - Use generic drug names: lower case (penicillin).
 - Avoid using brand names. If needed, capitalize with a trademark symbol (Rocephin®).
- Please indicate whether your abstract submission is for an oral or poster presentation
- Abstracts that do not comply with these guidelines will NOT be considered

Please submit your abstract through **Ms Christabel Mwiinga at shepiz@unza.zm**. Shortlisted abstract submitters will be notified by **May 30, 2022**. Each abstract will be reviewed and scored by at least two reviewers. The accepted abstracts will be assigned to an appropriate oral or poster session.

For further information and queries, please contact Prof. Evans Mpabalwani, Assistant Dean for Research, School of Medicine, at evans.mpabalwani@unza.zm