



Kidney Disease Economics Conference
February 4 - February 6, 2005
Phoenix, Arizona

Abstract Submission Instructions

Abstract Submission Deadline:

September 30, 2004, 11:59 PM, Mountain Standard Time

CONFERENCE ORGANIZER AND PUBLISHER

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All abstracts submitted to *Nephrology News & Issues (NN&I)* are blindly peer reviewed so authors' names and institutions are not disclosed to reviewers. Abstracts may be assigned to one of the following:

- Free Communication (Oral) Presentation at the 2004 Kidney Disease Economics Conference (KDEC) Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. This is a 10-minute presentation with five minutes for questions from the audience.
- Panel Presentation at the 2004 KDEC Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona.

All abstracts (even those not selected for presentation) will be published in the 2004 Abstract supplement of *Nephrology News & Issues*.

Notification

In late October, the abstract's author will receive a letter regarding the status of the submitted abstract. If the author does NOT receive a letter about an abstract by October 20, please send an email inquiry to abstracts@medicalnews.com or fax to (480) 443-4528. Emails and faxes will receive prompt attention. NN&I cannot respond to any abstract status inquiries before October 20. *All authors who attend the Meeting are expected to make their own travel arrangements, pay the meeting registration fees, and cover their own travel and lodging expenses.*

Abstract Submission and Distribution

The abstract deadline will be Thursday, September 30, 2004. The NN&I editorial staff and Editorial Advisory Board along with the Program Committee are making every effort to have all aspects of this conference meet the needs of the diverse kidney caregiving community. The abstract supplement to NN&I will be distributed onsite in Phoenix. All NN&I subscribers who cannot attend the KDEC will receive their copy by mail after the conclusion of the meeting with their regular March issue.

The KDEC website (kdec.nephronline.com) will host an online program that includes all the scheduled sessions and abstracts. Attendees that prefer to plan from a hardcopy of the Abstract Book can print the pdf version from the KDEC website prior to arriving in Phoenix. Please monitor the NN&I website for details.

Abstract Submission Process

The deadline for abstract submission is Thursday, September 30, 2004, 11:59 pm MST. Abstracts may be submitted online, through the Web or by downloading the PDF form and mailing or faxing it to NN&I as noted on the form. The online abstract submission program can be accessed through the KDEC website at <http://kdec.nephronline.com>. With the online abstract submission program, you may complete your abstract submission on your first visit or return to the site again, by using the user name and password you previously created. All abstracts must be submitted either electronically through the KDEC website or received via fax or mail by Thursday, September 30, 2004, 11:59 pm MST. Abstracts received after September 30 will not be accepted or reviewed. No exceptions will be made.

- **Abstract Fees:** There will be no abstract submission fee.

- **Number of Submissions:** There is no limit to the number of abstracts you may submit. Please note that the Program Committee will consider the total number of abstracts submitted by the same author when selecting the program.
- **Publication of Abstracts:** While not all abstracts are accepted for presentation in an oral or panel session, all abstracts may be published in the *NN&I KDEC Supplement*. Once an abstract is submitted, it cannot be withdrawn from publication.

Please read all **Rules and Regulations** before submitting an abstract. **Questions should be directed to Nephrology News & Issues by phone at (480) 443-4635 or email to abstracts@medicalnews.com.**

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- **Prior Publication:** Abstracts that were previously published as full manuscripts, either in print or as online papers in press, are ineligible for acceptance, and will automatically be withdrawn by the KDEC Program Committee. NN&I will accept abstracts that have been submitted to, but not yet accepted, for presentation at another scientific meeting. Due to copyright infringement policies, NN&I cannot accept or publish any abstract that has been previously published in any other publication where copyright has been transferred.
- **Authorship:** The author is responsible for giving the oral or panel presentation if the abstract is accepted. Presenter should speak English well and be able to answer questions in English. This person will also serve as the contact person for NN&I. The online abstract submission form asks for contact information for the author. Please note that abstract notification is sent by email. Write the author's email address clearly to ensure delivery. If any change is made in the contact information between August and February, please submit the updated information immediately to Kidney Disease Economic Conference Abstracts, c/o Nephrology News & Issues by email at abstracts@medicalnews.com.
- **Formatting Abstract Text:**
 - State purpose of presentation (preferably in one sentence).
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 - State the conclusions reached. (It is not satisfactory to say, "The results will be discussed.")
 - Do not use subheadings, e.g., methods, results, etc.
 - Use standard abbreviations, e.g., RBC. Use kg., gm., mg., ml., L. (liter), mEq., M (meter), mOsm. (milliosmols), and % (percent). Place a special or unusual abbreviation in parentheses after the full word, the first time it appears.
 - Use numerals to indicate numbers, except to begin sentences. Non-proprietary (generic) names of drugs should be used.
- **Review of Abstracts:** The abstracts are peer-reviewed and the review is blind so authors' names and institutions are not disclosed to reviewers. It is NN&I's policy that a review will not be returned to an author.
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- **Embargo Policy:** All information presented at the KDEC meeting is embargoed for media release until one hour Mountain Time after presentation on the date scheduled at the KDEC meeting. If you have any

questions regarding the correct embargoed dates/times for the meeting abstracts, please contact Mark Neumann at (480) 443-4635.

- **Abstract Agreement:** By submitting this abstract, you confirm and agree that you have read, understand, and agree to the Abstract Submission Agreement.

Checklist

For your abstract to be accepted, you must do all of the following:

- Submit your abstract either through KDEC's website at **kdec.nephronline.com**, mail or fax before the deadline of Thursday, September 30, 2004, 11:59 pm MST.
- List all potential conflicts of interest of abstract author on the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement and submit either online or by fax or mail if using the downloaded PDF file included in your Abstract Submission and Instruction Package.
- Select one, and only one, appropriate subject category for your abstract, based upon the selections provided on the Abstract Submission Form.
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- Be prepared! Once you submit an abstract, it cannot be withdrawn. You can, however, resubmit an abstract. If you must make a minor change to your submitted abstract, it will only be accepted as a resubmission by Thursday, September 30, 2004. Only minor changes that do not affect the overall substance and content of your abstract (e.g., a spelling correction) will be accepted. The resubmitted abstract will replace the original abstract. All other submission rules apply.
- Contact Nephrology News & Issues immediately if you do not receive an email or fax confirmation within two business days of submitting your abstract. If you submit an abstract on the deadline date of Thursday, September 30, 2004, and do not receive a confirmation within 24 hours, please contact Nephrology News & Issues by email at **abstracts@medicalnews.com** immediately. Lack of confirmation indicates that we did not receive your abstract.

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Your abstract will be automatically rejected if:

1. the abstract is received after the deadline date of Thursday, September 30, 2004;
2. the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement is not submitted, either online, by mail or fax.
3. the abstract description category and perspective were not designated; or
4. the abstract was previously published as a full manuscript, either in print or as on-line papers in press.

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- Click on *Submit Abstract*, but ONLY when you are sure that your abstract is complete and in final form.
- Make a note of the abstract reference number and reference this in any written correspondence or phone conversations regarding your abstract submission.

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Abstract Topic: (select one)

Identify your perspective:

- Nephrology Demographics: Who are the players?
- Economics: Where is the money going?
- Quality of Care: Guidelines and Outcomes
- Define "Ideal Patient Care"
- Economic Barriers to "Ideal Patient Care"

- Patient
- Physician
- Nursing and allied professionals
- Administration

Abstract Title: _____

Abstract (300 words or less, must fit in space provided below):

I have read and accept all the terms and conditions of submission of my abstract as specified in both the Abstract Submission Agreement and Abstract Submission Instructions.

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I certify that these are the only affiliations for which there is a potential conflict of interest and that should I contract with any organizations not disclosed above, I will notify the KDEC within 30 days to avoid any conflict of interest in my role as a presenter at the Conference.

Signature: _____