

~ CALL FOR ABSTRACTS ~

Inaugural Scientific Symposium ~ January 29, 2008
Complementary and Alternative Medicine: Evidence for Integration
The Anlyan Center, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven



Integrative Medicine @ Yale is a recently established program designed to provide a sustainable, central forum at Yale for interdisciplinary, inter-institutional, and international collaboration, research, and education in complementary and integrative medicine. Through open-minded exploration and rigorous scientific inquiry, we aim to improve awareness and access to the best in evidence-based, comprehensive medical care available worldwide, with the goal of optimizing health and healing for patients and health care providers.

To that end, we are proud to announce the first one-day symposium on Integrative Medicine at Yale. This is truly a landmark event, the first of its kind at Yale, and we aim first and foremost to showcase the wealth of important complementary and alternative (CAM) medicine research and therapies already in progress by Yale researchers and clinicians. Additionally, this symposium will serve to educate and increase awareness among the Yale community about integrative medicine, and support interdisciplinary discussion and collaboration on future projects and endeavors.

Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit will be offered for physicians who attend.

Call For Abstracts and Presentation Proposals: We invite Yale researchers, students, and medical and social science professionals from all disciplines who are involved in practice or research to submit abstracts for oral and/or poster presentations.

Posters will be displayed in the lobby of The Anlyan Center throughout the day, and each poster presenter will have the opportunity to give a 1-2 minute summary of their research to the symposium participants during specified times in the morning and afternoon. Oral presenters will have 10-15 minutes to present as part of one of 3-4 topic cluster panel sessions.

Three main topic clusters for the presentations include (1) Mind-Body Medicine, (2) Traditional Chinese Medicine and (3) The Practice/Future of Integrative Medicine. Each topic cluster will include 10-minute presentations of basic or clinical research being done in this area, as well as one or more 15-minute interactive workshops for participants to learn more about the clinical side of modalities within these topic clusters. Potential categories for posters and presentation proposals include, but are not limited to:

1. Mind-Body Medicine (including meditation, biofeedback, yoga, etc)
2. Physiology and Pathophysiology of Stress
3. Traditional Chinese Medicine and other Worldwide Alternative Medical Systems
4. Botanicals/Herbal Remedies
5. Nutritional aspects of healing, nutritional supplements, and functional foods
6. Massage, bodywork, and other touch-based therapies

7. Holistic Approaches to Medical/Nursing Care
8. Holistic Approaches to the education of Medical/Nursing Students
9. The Practice/Future of Integrative Medicine

Submissions for abstracts should include Title, Author(s) with degrees, academic affiliation, address, phone number and e-mail, and an abstract not to exceed one single-spaced page in length.

We invite you to submit preliminary data as well as data which may have been previously presented or published.

Submissions for workshop/presentation proposals should include Title, Presenter(s) with degrees, academic affiliation, address, phone number and e-mail, and a proposal not to exceed one single-spaced page in length. Please specify whether this is a research presentation or a clinical/interactive workshop, as well as any materials or equipment that will be used for the workshop.

Proposals are due by October 1, 2007. Authors will be notified of selection status by November 1, 2007.

Please submit proposals electronically to: Lawrence.Vitulano@yale.edu

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