Abstracts may now be submitted for the Gout, Hyperuricemia and **C**rystal-**A**ssociated Disease**N**etwork (G-CAN) 2019 Young Investigator Symposium at the Fifth Annual G-CAN Meeting November 8 in Atlanta, GA. Please convey this information to your most promising young investigators – MD and PhD fellows, including clinical and bench research trainees, and emerging junior faculty – and encourage them to submit their abstracts for consideration.

More than two hours of G-CAN’s fifth annual meeting will be devoted to the fresh ideas and new research by young investigators selected to present their work on aspects of gout, hyperuricemia, or crystal arthropathy. The top 5-6 abstract authors will be invited for oral presentations. Authors of highly-rated abstracts not selected for the oral session will be invited to present a poster describing their work. Posters will receive dedicated time and exposure both during viewing prior to the lunch hour and during a guided poster tour by G-CAN member Michael Pillinger.

**Abstracts should be submitted no later than Sunday, July 21, 2019.**

To be considered

\* Trainees/Young Investigators must submit a 350 to 400-word abstract describing their work (see **“How to Submit an Abstract”** below).

\* Must agree to create a poster and/or PowerPoint presentation and be available to travel to Atlanta, GA for the G-CAN Annual Meeting and stay for the entire meeting, the morning (8 AM) of Friday, November 8 through 4:30 PM that day.

\* Be an MD, DO, or PhD. To qualify for the Trainees/Young Investigator Symposium, the applicant should not yet have independent national research support as Principal Investigator for a grant equivalent to an NIH R01 grant.

\*There is no abstract submission fee.

**\*The authors of the 5-6 top-ranked abstracts will be invited to give a 10-minute oral presentation, followed by two minutes of discussion, based on their abstract.**

**The top-rated abstract will receive the honor for 2019 Ralph Schumacher Memorial Lecture.**

Those not ranked in the top will have an opportunity to describe their posters during poster breaks and the lunch break at the meeting, which includes a poster tour led by a senior investigator.

**Abstracts must fall into one of these two categories:**

\* An abstract describing the results of, or progress on, a primary research project in Gout, Hyperuricemia, or Crystal Arthropathy. The research should be of potential interest to rheumatologists and/or nephrologists, or others working in the fields of Gout, Hyperuricemia, or Crystal Arthropathy.

\*There is a limit of two abstracts from an individual applicant.

\*The abstract does not have to be substantially different from the 2019 abstract submissions to other meetings, but the impact and originality of the abstract will be judged accordingly.

**\*DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS: Sunday, July 21, 2019.\***

Please submit to our executive director, Rebecca Snyders Hill via email: medicusmediallc@gmail.com

The header of the email should begin with: G-CAN 2019 Young Investigators SUBMISSION: (Your last name).

-- Submit the following:

1. Your abstract (in Word only, 350 - 400 words, see more details below)

2. Your CV (in Word or PDF)

3. Letter of recommendation (maximum of 1 page) from your research or departmental supervisor/mentor (in Word or PDF).

**Ranking the Abstracts**

A panel of the G-CAN board members will rank the abstracts. Abstract submissions will be blinded to ensure panel objectivity. G-CAN's goal is to provide at least some financial travel support for all trainees ranked in the majority of all entries, in particular, those chosen for oral presentations who cannot obtain local funding, e.g. from a grant or regional corporate support. Those chosen to present at the oral session are eligible to apply for travel support to the meeting, and additional support for up to 2 nights of hotel stay at the conference hotel Crowne Plaza Midtown in rooms held by G-CAN (at a maximum of $250/night). Receipts and a statement of justification would need to be submitted for G-CAN to reimburse for travel and hotel support. Please do not make travel arrangements until you receive notice of acceptance into the program.

There is no charge to attend any of the sessions, but G-CAN encourages Trainees/Young Investigators and their institutions to pursue grants or local support, such as ACR Rheumatology Fellowship support, to cover travel and/or lodging expenses wherever possible.

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Those accepted should deliver their posters to the G-CAN registration desk as soon as possible on Friday, Nov 8, 2019 no later than 7 AM, to be put up for display.**

**TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT**

\*Email your abstract as a Word document (limit 350 - 400 words - more is *not* better). \*The abstract should include a title, date submitted, name of trainee as first author, other authors, name of university and department, trainee mailing address, phone number and email address.

See an example below of how the first page of the abstract should look. \* **If any of this information is omitted, the abstract will be returned for revision**. Name the document this way: (Your last name\_your first name\_first few words of title\_2019) like this: Smith\_Jane\_Patient-centered studies\_2019. Send it with an email cover note including complete contact information: Name of trainee, name of university and department, trainee street address (either at work or home), phone number and Email address(es). Both the cover note and the abstract should include complete contact information in the order described. *Two email addresses are preferred* to ensure we are able to contact you.

**PLEASE SUBMIT ONLY UP TO 2 ABSTRACTS PER PERSON** **AS THE FIRST AUTHOR!** You may be the second, third, fourth, etc. author on a different abstract that is submitted by a colleague, but you may submit only up to two abstracts for consideration as the first author. Submissions should be emailed to medicusmediallc@gmail.com ON or BEFORE SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019. Abstracts will be ranked no later than the first week of August 2019, at which time transportation arrangements should be made by those who are accepted. Invited Trainees and mentors will also be provided with an online option for making G-CAN hotel reservations.

If a score of "not recommended" is assigned, the author will still be invited to attend the Annual Meeting and Trainees Symposium but no G-CAN travel support will be offered and there will not be an invitation to present.

Please do not hesitate to ask Rebecca at medicusmediallc@gmail.com if you have questions.

Best Regards,

Rebecca Snyders Hill, Acting Executive Director, G-CAN

Robert Terkeltaub, MD, G-CAN President

Hyon Choi, MD, PhD, G-CAN Vice President and Treasurer

\*Sample Front Page. Please follow this format for your submission:

Jane Smith, MD

Gout and Parkinson's Disease: a longitudinal study June 5, 2019

Jane Smith, MD; Peter R. Rock, MD; Bill Valdez, MPH, University of Yukon

400 East River Road, MS 4-300

White River, Yukon, B2W 105 Canada

Phone: 999 - 466 - XXXX

Email: J.Smith@yukon.edu

Secondary email: ImaJS@gmail.com

Please save your document titled THIS WAY:

Smith\_Jane\_PsA\_and\_gout \_2018 (Last Name\_First Name\_First few

words of your title\_2019) Please use Microsoft WORD.

\*\*\*Do not use a PDF\*\*\*

Indicate in the email subject line this is a Trainees/Fellows/ Young Investigators submission\*\*\*

ABSTRACT DUE DATE is SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019\*\*\*\*

Good luck!