



Dr. Patrick Chege Memorial Research Award for Best Poster 2024 Guidelines

The Besroure Centre for Global Family Medicine (Besroure Centre) hosts the Dr. Patrick Chege Memorial Research Award Poster Presentations at the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC)'s Family Medicine Forum (FMF).

The Besroure Centre is pleased to have renamed this annual research competition in honour of the late Dr. Patrick Chege, a family physician who led the development of family medicine in Kenya. Dr. Chege was one of the first family medicine trained physicians in Kenya, finishing in 2008. He founded the Kenya Association of Family Physicians and began serving as the Head of the Family Medicine Department at Moi University, in Eldoret, Kenya, in 2012. Dr. Chege was a highly regarded partner of the Besroure community.

Date

The annual Besroure sessions are held in person at FMF: November 6 to 9, 2024, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Purpose

To provide the Besroure Centre with a peer-reviewed sounding board for potential partnerships and to encourage scholarly exchange between Besroure Centre partners.

Goals

- To encourage scholarly dialogue, collaboration, and exchange among participants
- To publish accepted abstracts at the Besroure Centre's Scientific Program at FMF.

Eligibility

- Clinical research, program evaluation/quality improvement, and medical education projects are encouraged, provided a scholarly approach is taken. The Besroure Centre's Scientific Committee takes an inclusive view of research, but scientific rigour is expected.
- Projects by individuals from single institutions are accepted; however, preference is given to projects involving collaboration among Besroure Centre partners, with an emphasis on encouraging collaboration among individuals from high-income countries and low- to middle-income countries.

Registration

FMF registration of at least one of the following is required:

- Primary or co-author
- **New!** A colleague may present on behalf of the primary or co-author(s)

Should an author be unable to travel to present, a Canadian or alternate international representative may present in their absence. The presenter must be included in the authorship list as the 'presenter' when the abstract is submitted and must be registered for FMF.

Submission and deadline

Submit your abstract to besroure@cfpc.ca by **Monday, April 15, 2024**. If you require an extension, please contact the Besroure Centre's Scientific Committee at besroure@cfpc.ca as early as possible.

Abstract instructions

- **Default language:** **New!** Abstracts may be submitted in either English or French.
- **Title:** Maximum word count is **15 words**. Include a concise title for your poster. If your project is not complete at the time you submit your abstract, note "In progress" in parentheses after your title. Your title should be short and concise, capturing the essence of the presentation. The title will be the session's key identifier and will define the primary focus of the session for registrants. Titles are presented in title case; do not use all caps.
- **Authorship:** All authors should be listed in the order they will appear on your poster so they can be published appropriately in the program. Add an asterisk (*) after the relevant name(s) to indicate who will present the poster at the FMF. Multiple presenters are encouraged. All authors, and 'presenter' (if presenting in lieu of an author), should list their primary academic institution affiliations on the abstract and poster, including the country for international participants, at the time of abstract submission. Should a presenter who is not an author be presenting, they must also be listed on the authorship as the 'presenter'.
- **Description:** Maximum length is **350 words** (not including the title and authors list).
- **Format:** Submit document in **Microsoft Word format**. PDF and PowerPoint formats are not acceptable.
- **Headings:** Use headings that are appropriate for your project. For example, if your submission is a research poster, consider Context, Objective, Design, Participants, Intervention, Outcome, Measures, Results, Conclusions. If your submission is a program evaluation, quality improvement project, or medical education project, you may choose alternative headings suitable to your work.

Poster dimensions (to be completed after abstract acceptance)

New! Once your abstract is approved and the presenter has registered for FMF, the Besroure Centre will print your poster; details will follow at a later date.

Should you wish to print your own poster, the finished poster should measure no more than 1.75 metres wide by one metre high.

Awards

Posters will be judged by a panel of the presenters' peers.

- **Best Poster award:** This award will be recognized with a certificate and prize. Certificates will be provided to all authors listed on the winning poster. The first author will be invited to attend as a keynote speaker at the Besroul Centre session at the following year's FMF. If the first author is from a high-income country, the keynote invitation will also be extended to the first author listed from a low- or middle-income country to co-present their project.

The prize will include financial support toward the following year's travel to present the keynote. The extent and allocation of travel funding may vary from year to year as resources permit and with consideration given to presenters' needs and the order of authorship.

Eligibility:

- Research conducted predominantly in low- or middle-income countries.
- Recipients of Besroul Centre's Grants and Awards Program (of any monetary value), who have received an award within the past 24 months (as of the FMF date) are not eligible.
- **Second Place award:** This award will be recognized with certificates for all authors listed on the poster.

Eligibility:

- All posters will be considered for this award.

Presenter information

Only the corresponding author (who is encouraged to be the primary presenter) will receive all correspondence related to the submitted abstract. The corresponding author is responsible for sharing all information received from the Besroul Centre Scientific Committee related to the abstract submission with co-presenters/co-authors.

Questions

If you have any questions about how to write an abstract or poster presentation, the Besroul Centre's Scientific Committee is available via the email addresses provided below for information or advice. Committee members are also available to provide constructive feedback on abstracts.

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