



The
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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Call for Abstracts!

Health systems worldwide are currently facing significant challenges that impact healthcare affordability, access and sustainability. The BHF Scientific Committee invites researchers, organisations, individuals, practitioners and policymakers to contribute abstracts to the BHF's upcoming annual conference.

The closing date for abstract submissions is **12 February 2024**.

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Abstracts can be submitted as a paper for the journal and a presentation.

Important Information and Due Dates

- Deadline for Abstract submissions no later than **12 February 2024**.
- Deadline for the first draft paper submission is no later than **08 March 2024**.
- Deadline for the final draft after peer reviews should be submitted by **08 April 2024**.
- All details regarding your peer reviewer will be sent to you in due course.
- The final paper should be pitched at a level that is accessible to an audience that is not very technical yet at the same time be based on strong scientific evidence.
- For any questions, kindly contact Lesley Mogano at lesleym@bhfglobal.com or 011 537 0271

Theme

'Beyond Barriers: Navigating the Future of Sustainable Healthcare'

Theme Summary

Health systems worldwide are currently facing significant challenges that impact healthcare affordability, access and sustainability. These encompass a range of factors, such as political dynamics, increased competition from non-traditional players, workforce shortages, the effects of climate change, geopolitical influences and the changing demands for new capabilities.



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This complex landscape has sparked increased discourse on strategies and insights into how organisations can build sustainable and resilient health systems.

The theme seeks to highlight the strategies through which health systems can achieve environmental sustainability, social accountability and financial stability.

We invite the submission of abstracts based on the topics outlined below:

1. Addressing the forces converging on healthcare affordability, access and industry economics, and identifying opportunities for rapid, at-scale innovation
2. Exploring initiatives and policies that integrate environmental, social, and economic dimensions into healthcare services, fostering responsiveness, resilience and mindfulness
3. Upcoming trends affecting the demand for healthcare as well as how these impact access to healthcare, e.g., in respect of the increased mental health burden
4. Impact of increased competition from non-traditional players
5. Providing quality, managing costs and considering environmental impacts - Is it a balancing act?
6. Impact of healthcare on the environment
7. Eco-friendly practices in medical facilities
8. The role of comprehensive primary healthcare in promoting sustainability
9. What are the imperative measures required to ensure sustainable healthcare and how do they interact?
10. Innovating for sustainable healthcare solutions
11. Addressing healthcare sustainability – what solutions will ensure sustainable models of care?"
12. Addressing the challenge of health workforce shortages and burnout
13. Investigating the correlation between healthcare policies, government actions and sustainability of medical schemes in South Africa
14. The role of the state in healthcare and the role of the people
15. The role of value-based care
16. Impact of healthcare inflation
17. Impact of universal health coverage on the sustainability of healthcare in Africa
18. The impact of NHI on the pricing of medicines
19. Impact of AI on healthcare professionals, patients, health systems and healthcare delivery
20. AI – what is relevant to a sustainable healthcare system?
21. How can technology be harnessed to make a difference to the member and patient?
22. Building resilience in the healthcare ecosystem
23. Ensuring social equity in healthcare access.



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Submission Guidelines

1. Please note that abstract submissions are only accepted via the BHF submission website. To begin the process, contributors will need to create an account and then upload their abstract electronically.
2. Please make sure to submit a comprehensive application that clearly includes all the necessary information for review.
3. The abstract must be submitted by the primary author. An email confirming the submission will be automatically sent to that author's email address.
4. The primary author serves as the corresponding author and will handle all communication with the BHF.
5. Please indicate preferred type of presentation format, either podium presentation (10 minutes with 5 minutes for Q and A), journal publication or poster presentation.
6. Please ensure that all abstracts are complete and that they are submitted before the deadline. Incomplete submissions will not be eligible for presentation or review.
7. Please ensure that submissions are concise, with a maximum word limit of 300. Submissions should include the following information: background/introduction, purpose, methods, results, limitations and conclusions/implications for practice.
8. Submissions should align with the conference's main focus and theme.

Acceptance Terms and Conditions

1. Presenters are kindly requested to disclose any potential conflict of interest related to the content they will be presenting. This includes any commercial interest, affiliation with a vendor, or receipt of royalties. Additionally, presenters are required to confirm that their abstract presentations will not be utilised for the purpose of promoting a specific product or service. The BHF reserves the right to revoke the acceptance of an abstract if any conflict of interest is found at a later stage.
2. All authors whose abstracts are accepted are required to register for the conference and present their abstract. Registration for the conference is mandatory for any co-authors who wish to present on behalf of the primary author.
3. Presenters are expected to cover all of their own expenses, such as the conference registration fee, travel, accommodation and any other related costs.





Acceptance Notification

The primary presenting author will receive an email notification of the acceptance of their abstract. Only this author needs to respond to the presentation invitation form.

If the author does not provide the 'intent to present' information, their abstract will be disqualified from presentation.

After the primary author has confirmed their acceptance, the BHF will request some additional materials that will be shared with all participants at the conference. This will include:

1. A short biography
2. High resolution (300dpi), high quality head and shoulders photo(s) of the author(s)

Titanium Awards

Papers that make the shortlist will also be considered for the prestigious Titanium Award for Best Paper, based on the following criteria:

1. Is the paper relevant?
2. Does it address the intended topic?
3. Does this paper add new knowledge?
4. Are key concepts introduced and explained clearly?
5. Are methods and assumptions explained clearly?
6. Are there clear conclusions and recommendations?
7. Is the paper well-written and well-structured?
8. Does the paper have enough substance?
9. Consistency in referencing
10. Is the technical approach sound and well-chosen?
11. Can one trust the claims of the paper — are they supported by proper background and evaluation (with the target users, when appropriate)?
12. Is the paper appropriate for its title?
13. Does it describe what the author hoped to achieve accurately, and clearly state the problem being investigated?
14. Does the executive summary provide sufficient detail on the paper?
15. Is the introduction appropriate? (The introduction should summarize relevant research to provide context, and explain what other authors' findings are, if any)
16. the paper present relevant work?
17. Does it provide one or more alternative views/perspectives against which to contrast this paper?
18. Does it describe the limitations and major obstacles found during the process?
19. Open research avenues: Does it explain any future perspectives that the work opens?

Posters

All accepted papers will be promoted at the Annual BHF Conference by means of printed A3 posters, which will be physically displayed throughout the venue.