

# Instructions for PEARLS Abstract Submissions

**2015 ASHP National Pharmacy Preceptors Conference**  
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**DEADLINE: Wednesday, April 1, 2015 - 11:59 p.m. PDT**

## WHAT IS A PEARL?

A pearl presentation is very short -- just 5 minutes. The goal of each pearl is to convey one idea, concept or fact that has been useful in day-to-day practice, and is not widely known, understood, published, or taught. It should not be a review of literature or something that is commonly known. While it is expected that the information be factual, pearl presentations should be based on acumen and years of practice, not a review of papers.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Pearls will be selected based on the following criteria:

- ✓ Innovation
- ✓ Usefulness
- ✓ Practicality
- ✓ Applicability to practice

NOTE: ASHP will not accept abstracts that have been ghostwritten or have been commissioned by a commercial entity for the express purpose of positive publicity for a product or service.

## SUGGESTED TOPICS

We encourage you to consider the following topics for your pearl proposal:

- Unique ways to challenge **superstar** residents
- Recruiting strategies at Midyear
- Facilitating small **group discussion** – especially among different levels of learners
- Training residents to become preceptors
- Effective strategies in **residency selection and interviewing**
- Longitudinal rotations
- Managing conflicts with **multiple levels of learners**, especially PGY1 vs. PGY2
- Feedback strategies (include role-playing strategies)
- **Teambuilding**
- **Remediating** poor performers, managing behavioral issues, etc.
- How to use **PHORCAS** to its full potential
- **Balancing** precepting with other duties / integrating precepting into daily practice
- Resident stress/burnout
- **Social media**
- Precepting in ambulatory & community settings (e.g. rounding in a nonacademic environment)
- **Difficult conversations**
- Integrating students/residents into precepting
- Managing preceptees on their **1<sup>st</sup> rotation**

We also are seeking precepting topics directed at **new preceptors** and those precepting **students**:

- **Managing** learners at **different levels**
- How to incorporate students into daily workflow
- **Designing** rotations for specialty programs
- Motivating / challenging preceptees
- **Creative ways** to meet **individual** learning styles
- Professionalism – what to do with those who lack it, how to teach it
- **Communication styles**
- Managing preceptees on their **1<sup>st</sup> rotation**
- Teaching **self-reflection**
- Preparing **rotation** calendars for varying lengths of time (2wk, 4wk, 8wk) – and **types of activities/projects**
- Engaging a student not interested in your practice site
- **Critical thinking** skills: connecting the dots
- Balancing precepting with other duties / **integrating** precepting into **daily** practice (time management)
- **Student contributions** to patient care

## SUBMITTING YOUR ABSTRACT

Submissions will be accepted online only at [http://www.ashp.org/get\\_involved](http://www.ashp.org/get_involved). If accepted, then only one person will be permitted to present the pearl.

Online, you will be asked to complete the following items:

1. **TITLE OF PRESENTATION** (think creative and catchy!)
2. **DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PROJECT/PEARL** (Limit: 250 words) briefly describe the project or pearl you are proposing. How is it innovative? Can others implement this pearl in their institutions? What problem does it solve?  
Note: Only those pearls related to practice will be considered. See "Selection Criteria" for more details.
3. **LEARNING OBJECTIVE** (only 1 is required) a learning objective describes what you want the learners to be able to do as a result of participating in your educational program. Do not describe what the program will do or say.
4. **SELF-ASSESSMENT QUESTION** (only 1 is required) write one question for learners to self-assess their grasp of the content. Base your question on your learning objective. Questions must be written either in multiple-choice or true/false format.

## NOTIFICATION

**By late April**, you will be notified via email whether your submission was accepted for presentation.

## MEETING REGISTRATION

Presenting a pearl at our meeting is a voluntary effort and ASHP cannot pay expenses for your participation. If your submission is accepted, then **you are responsible for your own meeting registration fee and travel**. All presenters must be registered for the meeting. If accepted, then only one person will be permitted to present the pearl.

Thank you for your interest in the ASHP National Pharmacy Preceptors Conference. Good luck!