



It is Time to strut your Stuff...

Have you been working on a project that is really getting a lot of traction? How about some research or surveys that show a trend? Now is the time to let the world (and other providers) in on your little secret!

There is still time to submit an abstract for the 2018 NARHC, but that window is starting to close quickly. Our Call for Abstracts ends March 1st.

A month is plenty of time to put your thoughts together into a 250 word submission for an oral presentation or a poster. So....go ahead and let it rip! This is your time to share with the rest of us what you are learning and trends you are seeing.

Knowledge is power... and the power of this conference is sharing things you have learned as you seek to improve the medical care of refugees resettling in North America. If you are too shy to present, then just put together a poster. We really want to learn from you! Visit our website to submit your abstract before time runs out!

To see our conference page, register, or submit an abstract:
<http://nasrhp.org/>

Important Dates

Last Day to Submit an Abstract or Workshop

March 1st, 2018

Notification of Abstract and Workshop Acceptance

April 1st, 2018

Last Day to Book a Room at Conference Rate

May 9th, 2018

Got some Free Time?



How about 2 hour dinner cruise down the Willamette River?

The cruise leaves daily from Waterfront Park in downtown Portland at 7 PM.

For information and to book:

<http://www.portlandspirit.com/>

Conference Weather

Portland claims some of the best weather in the United States in June. That is why they picked June as the month for their Rose Festival. And, that is why we picked Portland as our destination city for our 2018 NARHC!

June temperatures average between 70-77 degrees Fahrenheit (21-25 Celsius) with very little rainfall.



75° F

Don't Forget the Plenaries!

Each day at the conclusion of our keynote speakers we will offer three concurrent plenary sessions to choose from depending on your interest. These are experts in their respective fields who will spend an hour updating you on different topics.

THURSDAY

The State of the Law for Refugees & Asylum Seekers, and Opportunities for Legal-Medical Collaboration

Karen Musalo JD
Professor and Director, Center for Gender and Refugee Studies, U.C. Hastings College of Law

Refugee Migration and Health: What's New and Where Do We Go from Here?

Martin Cetron MD
Director, Division of Global Migration and Quarantine, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Cases in Refugee and Immigrant Women's Health: A Multidisciplinary Approach

Gretchen Heinrichs MD, DTM&H
Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Colorado School of Medicine

FRIDAY

Update from CDC's Immigrant, Refugee, and Migrant Health Branch

Nina Marano DVM, MPH
Branch Chief, Division of Immigrant, Refugee, and Migrant Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

"Signing out" Medically Complex Refugees: Necessary Steps to Improve Transitions of Care

Carey Jackson MD
Adjunct Professor, Global Health, University of Washington, Medical Director, EthoMed

Mental Health of Refugees: Exploring Opportunities for Improvement

Aniyizhai Annamalai MD, Associate Professor, Departments of Psychiatry and Internal Medicine, Yale School of Medicine

SATURDAY

Update of the CDC's Refugee Centers of Excellence

Emily Jentes PhD, MPH
William Stauffer MD, MSPH, DTM&H
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Addressing Mental Health Disparities in Refugee Children through Family and Community-based Prevention: A CBPR Collaboration

Theresa Betancourt ScD, MA
Salem Professor in Global Practice, Boston College of Social Work

The Practice of Pediatrics through the Lens of Immigrant Maternal-child Health

Janine Young MD, FAAP, Medical Director, Denver Health Refugee Clinic
Medical Advisor, Colorado Refugee Services Program
Associate Professor, Department of General Pediatrics, University of Colorado School of Medicine

In the Next Edition

In our March newsletter we will give you an overview of our final three keynotes. Don't miss it. We have saved the best for last!

The Dark Side of Immigration Medical Screening

Brian Gushulak MD
Migration Health Consultants, Inc.
Qualicum Beach, BC

Refugee Resettlement: America's Most Noble Tradition under Attack

Chris George
Executive Director, Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services
New Haven, CT

The Birth Lottery

Yasmine Mustafa
CEO and Founder
ROAR for Good
Philadelphia, PA

Something to do on your Downtime...



We have a real treat for you! [*Stronger Shines the Light Inside*](#) is a highly acclaimed and widely published multi-media initiative created by Angie Smith that illuminates stories of refugee resettlement in America through portraiture, interviews and short films. The Project has been featured in the *New York Times Magazine*, *The New Republic*, *National Geographic* and *WIRED*. We are very excited to be able to offer this display during our conference!

Under President Obama's administration, the White House recognized *Stronger Shines the Light Inside* as one of the five most impactful initiatives to integrate refugees and immigrants in the United States. Smith has been documenting refugee resettlement in Boise, Idaho and Salt Lake City, Utah. In 2016, she created a large scale, public exhibition of photographs and interviews that were installed on the streets of downtown Boise. Photographs from *Stronger Shines the Light Inside* have been exhibited at the White House and the Aperture Foundation in New York City.

You won't want to miss this very interesting and vibrant exhibit. It will be displayed in our lobby throughout the entire conference.



Scholarship Update

We are now up to 30 previously resettled refugees that have applied for scholarships to attend the conference. These are people that are either working in the medical field or students training in medicine. We have been able to award scholarships for 2 applicants to attend the conference. This is great, but we have a long ways to go! When you register for the conference there is an opportunity to donate money towards this scholarship fund. Your donation to this fund is 100% tax deductible. If you can't make the conference this year you can still donate money for a previously refugee to attend in your place. You don't have to give the entire amount for a registration. Any amount helps and it all adds up!

Go to this link to donate:

<https://nasrhp.z2systems.com/donation.jsp?campaign=1&>

Note from the Chair....

OK. I admit it. I have a food addiction! It feels great to just get it out there and I am not ashamed to let the world know my little secret.

I have been criticized and ridiculed in the past for my food choices. I had this bright idea at the 2014 NARHC to have an Indian buffet for lunch and the Radisson stunk of curry for several days after the event. It was great fun... and I still remember people complaining about the smell! My only response I could muster up was "Hey.... How many medical conferences do you get to go to where you stink of curry for the rest of the day!"

I promise not to be overly adventurous this year, but I just want to let you know that we are currently working on our food choices for the NARHC and I told the Oregon Convention Center to "let your imagination run wild!" This produced a snicker from the catering staff and I think they "got it" that this is not your typical medical conference.

You can rest assured that no matter how the educational content of the NARHC turns out the food will be out of this world! When I visited Portland last year I was really impressed that the Chef at the convention center uses local resources from farms surrounding the Portland area to create her own unique menu. I can't tell you for sure what we are going to come up with but I can guarantee you that between my food addiction her expertise, we will give you a culinary experience that you will never forget!

Best,
Jim Sutton, Chair, 2018 NARHC