

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Deadline for submission: Sunday, September 30, 2012

The *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice (JPHMP)*, in collaboration with the Academic Health Department Learning Community of the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice (COL), the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) invites practitioners and researchers to submit abstracts for articles to appear in the November-December 2013 issue of the *JPHMP* under the theme of Academic Health Departments. We are pleased that Paul Campbell Erwin, MD, DrPH, Professor and Department Head, Department of Public Health, University of Tennessee and C. William Keck, MD, MPH, Professor Emeritus, Department of Family and Community Medicine, Northeast Ohio Medical University have agreed to serve as guest editors for this issue.

**Purpose:** Linkages between public health practice agencies and academic institutions have existed for many decades. Typically, these linkages join a health professions school and a state or local health department, although other public health practice organizations may be involved. Their intent is to enhance public health training, research and service by facilitating collaboration across academic and practice communities.

Although the Academic Health Department concept has been in existence for at least three decades, the literature about the nature, development, management and impact of these partnerships is sparse. In the aggregate, little is known about the extent of these relationships; the particular factors that support or detract from success; the nature of formal affiliation agreements including the sharing of resources, risks and rewards; or the outcomes that might be expected. We hope to expand the knowledge base about all elements of Academic Health Departments.

**Call for Abstracts:** We seek abstracts providing case examples of relationships between public health academic and practice organizations that would include such topics as:

- Reasons for considering the development of formal linkages.
- Problems encountered and overcome in the development process.
- Key elements related to success (or failure) of partnerships.
- Important points included in formal affiliation agreements including responsibilities of each partner, governance, sharing of resources, joint funding of positions, authorship of journal articles, and so on.
- Specific outcomes in teaching, research or community health impact credited to the partnership.

We encourage, but do not require, joint authorship between at least one academician and one practitioner.

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Submission of abstracts (approximately 500 words) is invited for consideration for the development of an article (12 double-spaced pages) to be published in the November-December, 2013 edition of the *JPHMP*.

Abstracts should be submitted to Lloyd F. Novick, MD, MPH, Editor, *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice* [novickl@ecu.edu](mailto:novickl@ecu.edu)

**Selection and Notification:** Abstract authors selected to submit a full article will be notified by October 30, 2012. Full manuscripts (2000-3000 words) will be due by February 1, 2013.