



ISCOME

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Call for Abstracts

The **International Society for Communication Science and Medicine (ISCOME)** invites scholars and practitioners from health-related fields and communication science to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations at the ISCOME 2015 conference in Montecatini (Italy), which holds the theme: **“The Golden Bridge: Communication and Patient Safety.”**

The **deadline for abstract submissions** is 15 February 2015 at 5:00 pm (UTC).

Oral and poster submissions are invited on substantial, original, and unpublished research on all aspects of communication and patient safety, including incident prevention, intervention, identification, analysis, reporting, correction, and disclosure. Topics should focus on subjects related to one or more of the following components: communication skills in clinician-patient and inter-staff interactions; in combination: with patient safety, medical errors, adverse events and near misses across diverse contexts. Suggested specific topics are listed below, but we encourage submission of other proposals that demonstrate interdisciplinarity and innovation:

- Communication skills in health professions
- Teamwork and patient safety
- Clinician-patient communication skills
- Communication and patient outcomes
- Communication skills and patient safety
- Empirical research methods
- Theory development
- Translating evidence into practice
- Communication and compensation programmes
- Patient involvement/patient-centered care
- Handover and medication reconciliation
- Conflict in health care teams
- Measurement and indicators
- Training and education
- Safety culture and learning
- Information and Communication Technology
- Human factors
- Knowledge sharing across sectors/domains

Confirmed speakers (to date): Julius Pham, M.D., Ph.D. (The Johns Hopkins University, USA); Brian Spitzberg, Ph.D. (San Diego State University, USA); Albert Wu, M.D. (The Johns Hopkins University, USA); Debra Roter (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA); Walid Afifi, Ph.D. (University of Iowa, USA); Sandra Petronio, Ph.D. (IUPUI, USA); Sir Liam Donaldson (Imperial College, UK); John Øvretveit (Karolinska University, Sweden); Antonio Rizzo, PhD (University of Siena, Italy); Sebastiano Bagnara, Ph.D. (National Research Council, Italy); Dennis Boyle, M.D., University of Colorado, USA); Richard Street Jr., Ph.D. (Texas A&M University, USA); Wayne Beach, Ph.D. (San Diego State University, USA); Jean Bacou, MD (Haute Autorité de Santé, France); Basia Kutryba (National Center for Quality Assessment in Health Care, Poland); Riccardo Tartaglia, MD and Tommaso Bellandi, PhD (Centre for Patient Safety, Italy); Elena Vegni, LCP (University of Milan, Italy); Annegret Hannawa, Ph.D. (University of Lugano, Switzerland)..

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