2024 RITN Workshop Call for Abstracts

The Radiation Injury Treatment NetworkSM (RITN) will host our 9th biennial workshop July 9-10, 2024, at the Hilton Alexandria Old Town.

RITN is a national network of medical centers with expertise in managing bone marrow failure. We work with partners from other medical specialties to assist with managing acute radiation syndrome and its health-related consequences.

RITN is now accepting abstracts for this workshop. Abstract submissions should support and highlight the theme "Creating a Unified Understanding of Radiological/Nuclear Preparedness."

When submitting your abstract, you will be asked to select your preference for presenting (if selected). NOTE: Actual time may vary due to number of abstracts selected.

- Oral presentation (~10-15 minutes, with 1-2 minutes for questions)
- Discussion presentation (5-minute talk with 5 slides and 5-minute discussion)
- Poster presentation (Posters will be displayed throughout the event; presenters will be asked to spend time with their poster to engage with colleagues.)

Abstracts chosen for oral and discussion presentations:

- Will be notified by March 22, 2024
- Presenter's registration fee will be waived
- Presenter's eligible travel expenses will qualify for reimbursement

Poster selected for presentation:

- Will be notified by March 22, 2024
- Presenters' registration fee will be waived
- If funds available, eligible travel expense may qualify for reimbursement

See the following page for areas of interest lists.

Submissions due by March 1, 2024, through this link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/24WorkshopAbstractSub

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AREAS OF INTEREST

Operations submissions may include but are **NOT** limited to:

- Inter-professional collaboration in public health + healthcare + emergency management in radiation preparedness and response
- Telemedicine (remote) patient consultation/monitoring to increase care volume potential and staff training/education in an increasing virtual environment
- Operational lessons learned from preparedness, training, and/or exercises
- Radiation disaster response and management
- Medical/public health preparedness for radiologic events
- Surge preparedness with radiological emphasis
- High-volume patient transport
- Medical/psycho-social support for displaced patients including family assistance center planning and preparedness
- Deployment of medical countermeasures (e.g., Paxlovid, COVID vaccine, etc.)
- Systematic approaches for creating situational awareness

Research submissions may include the list below. Please keep in mind that in addition to current research, submissions may also focus on identifying gaps in the research that, if addressed, would impact specific operational components of radiation/nuclear preparedness, or focusing on the potential practical applications and/or operational impacts of research findings.

- Involvement of the immune system, vasculature, or microbiome in radiation injuries
- Radiation combined injury (e.g., burns, wound trauma, infections, etc.)
- New/experimental rapid biodosimetry and/or biomarkers of radiation injury for triage or guiding of patient medical management
- Novel or repurposed medical countermeasures
- Artificial Intelligence, machine learning, and/or modeling
- Other areas of study with direct relevance to diagnosis, mitigation, or treatment of injuries during a radiological or nuclear incident.