

Dear Hearing Research Investigators,

The Call for Abstracts is now open for the 2019 Military Health System Research Symposium (MHSRS). There are two hearing-associated breakout sessions (described below) that may be of interest to you. Please consider submitting an abstract to one of these sessions for an oral presentation or poster, or forward this invitation to interested colleagues. The abstract submission deadline is 15 March 2019.

1. **Assessment & Treatment of Battlefield Auditory System Injuries:** Abstracts should address: 1) Epidemiology of military-related hearing loss/dysfunction; 2) Preclinical & clinical research advancing hearing diagnostics & treatments; 3) Medical treatment of tinnitus & hearing loss including cell regeneration, pharmacological interventions, & blast interventions.
2. **Auditory Injury Prevention:** Abstracts should address: 1) Identification of auditory injury risk factors; 2) prediction and prevention of auditory injury; 3) optimize & sustain sensory performance; 4) optimize successful return to duty after auditory injury.

Abstract Submission Instructions:

- Submit abstracts through the MHSRS website (<https://mhsrs.amedd.army.mil/>). You may be required to re-register for an account on the MHSRS website due to new requirements instituted by the USAMRMC Web Team.
- MEDCOM and DHA CAC Users: Signing in with a CAC is the most secure/desirable method since it uses two-factor authentication. For these individuals, your DoD CAC should allow access and you therefore should not have to register for a member account. Please try to go directly to the portal here: <https://mhsrs.amedd.army.mil/conference/> (Choose -- AMED CAC --). IF you have trouble accessing with CAC, please register for a member account.
- All Others (non MEDCOM and DHA military and civilian) must register for a new member account: Go to <https://mhsrs.amedd.army.mil/SitePages/Register.aspx> for a username and password before they will be able to access the abstract submission site.

The location and date of the 2019 MHSRS are still to be determined. This information will be posted on the MHSRS website and communicated via a mass e-mail to those registered on the MHSRS website when it is available.

Best regards,

Hearing Restoration Research Program
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