

# Institute for the Study of Integrative Healthcare

UTICA UNIVERSITY

## CALL FOR PRESENTERS:

*“Preventive and Restorative Whole-Person Care”*

*Integrative Healthcare Hybrid Conference at Utica University*

*Saturday, September 13, 2025*

**Abstract Submissions Due: March 1, 2025**

Present and/or attend in-person or virtually

The Institute seeks to create a new discourse on whole-person care to help people stay healthy as well as regain health following illness or injury by bringing together integrative healthcare specialists, scholars, students, and members of the community to exchange ideas. Our community comprises integrative healthcare practitioners, psychologists, anthropologists and sociologists, environmental scientists, living/working space designers, educators, and others—at local, state, and national levels.

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We invite abstracts for both **oral** and **poster** presentations that examine the benefits of holistic and integrative healthcare approaches to whole-person care.

*“Integrative health is a state of well-being in body, mind and spirit that reflects aspects of the individual, community, and population. It is affected by: (1) individual biological factors and behaviors, social values, and public policy, (2) the physical, social, and economic environments, and (3) an integrative healthcare system that involves active participation of the individual and the healthcare team in applying a broad spectrum of preventive and therapeutic approaches. Integrative healthcare encourages individuals, social groups, and communities to develop ways of living that promote meaning, resilience and wellbeing across the life course.”<sup>1</sup>*

Potential topics may include – but are not limited to – history, growth, and evolution of integrative healthcare; sociological, psychological, economic and anthropological drivers and barriers to integrative healthcare; application and evaluation of traditional and complementary/alternative medicine fields, such as (but not limited to) acupuncture, acupressure, Ayurveda, herbal medicine, medical nutrition therapy, homeopathy, naturopathy, meditation, yoga/yoga therapy, and Tai Chi/Qigong – broadly and to special populations; impacts of the external environment of individual and community health. Cross-disciplinary and evidence-based presentations are encouraged.

Students are very welcome! Student oral presentations will be integrated into sessions of common topics; student posters will be presented in a special student session. NEW THIS YEAR: A monetary award will be given to the **Best Student Oral Presentation** and **Best Student Poster Presentation!** It must be presented by a student, and more than 75% of the high-level (hypothesis proposal, literature search, data analysis and interpretation) project work must have been done by the student(s).

Deadline to submit abstracts for consideration for oral or poster presentations is

**March 1, 2025.**

#### ABSTRACT REQUIREMENTS:

Summaries for proposed presentations – oral or poster – should include:

- TITLE: up to 100 characters
- PROJECT SUMMARY: up to 200 words detailing Learning Objectives, Supporting Evidence, Conclusions, and Future Directions
- RELEVANCE TO THE CONFERENCE THEME: Please explain in 200 words or less how your project is related to integrative healthcare
- PRIMARY SPEAKER AFFILIATION(S)/BIO: up to 150 words
- ADDITIONAL SPEAKER(S) and CONTRIBUTING AUTHOR(S) for multi-authored abstracts and AFFILIATIONS(S)/BIO(S) up to 50 words for each, maximum of 5 total speakers/authors
- STUDENT AUTHOR DESIGNATION if applicable. For a presentation to be judged for best student awards, more than 75% of the high-level (hypothesis proposal, literature search, data analysis and interpretation) project work must have been done by the student(s).
- PRESENTATION MODE: oral or poster, in-person or virtual. On rare occasions, the conference planning committee may reach out to discuss a desire to change the presentation mode.

Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by an expert panel representing multiple perspectives to ensure consistency with the primary conference objective: to engage discourse on integrative healthcare.

The committee will notify authors whether their abstract has been accepted or declined by **May 1, 2025.**

The finalized list of presenters and conference program will be released by **June 1, 2025.**

Please send questions to [integrativehealthcare@utica.edu](mailto:integrativehealthcare@utica.edu).

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<sup>1</sup>Witt, C. M., Chiamonte, D., Berman, S., Chesney, M. A., Kaplan, G. A., Stange, K. C., Wolf, S. H., & Berman, B. M. (2017). Defining health in a comprehensive context: A new definition of integrative health. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 53(1), 134-137.  
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