

MENTAL HEALTH IN FAMILY MEDICINE CALL FOR PAPERS

**WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY ISSUE 2010
“PROMOTING WELL-BEING: MENTAL HEALTH AND PHYSICAL ILLNESS”**

This year's World Mental Health Day, Sunday 10th October 2010, has adopted the important theme of promoting well-being by focusing on mental health and long-term physical illness.

In response to this, the October 2010 issue of *Mental Health in Family Medicine* is dedicated to topics surrounding mental illness and long-term physical conditions. This peer reviewed, indexed journal (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/journals/968>) which focuses on mental health within the context of family medicine, primary care and the wider community provides an opportunity for you to share your research, experience and expertise to help advance well-being amongst people who suffer from co-morbid mental and physical health conditions.

We invite research papers, short reports and review articles relevant to this theme including:

- Well-being
- Recovery, self-care and empowerment
- Advocacy
- Economic impact of mental health and long term conditions
- Challenges facing people with physical health and mental health problems
- Mental health and physical health access to care
- Effective treatment for co-morbid conditions
- The roles of service users, NGOs or families
- Service redesign
- Intersectorial working
- Social inclusion
- Patient stories and narratives
- International collaborations
- Physical and mental health care integration

'Many people who have severe mental health problems have poorer health outcomes than the rest of the population and, people who are living with long-term physical conditions have a poorer mental health outcome.'

A combination of mental and physical health problems often leads to stigma, discrimination and poor access to health care for both the physical and mental health conditions.

The mind and the body are connected. There is a link between mental and physical health.

There can be no health without mental health and equally there can be no good physical health without mental health' (MHFM 2008: 5 (3); 127

**DEADLINE FOR
SUBMISSIONS:
1st JUNE 2010**

By submitting your paper you agree that it will be subject to the selection and peer review process as set forth in http://www.radcliffe-oxford.com/journals/J20_Mental_Health_in_Family_Medicine/M10_Contributing.htm, which also contains the instructions for authors. All papers will be made freely available.

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