

CALL FOR PAPERS: SSTAR 2022 *IN PERSON* IN CHICAGO



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Intercontinental Chicago Magnificent Mile

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Papers are now being accepted for consideration for the 47th Annual Meeting of the Society for Sex Therapy and Research (SSTAR). SSTAR meetings are devoted to understanding and treating a wide variety of sexual health concerns within cultural context. Abstracts may include empirical research, clinical observation, or theoretical formulations. Presentations may be given orally or in poster format. Judging selection for various awards begins with the abstracts. New poster award categories include recognition for research that focuses on the sexual health of marginalized groups, and we highly encourage submission of this work.

Submission Deadline: September 17, 2021

Details on submission requirements can be found below

Materials Required for Submission

Please submit as Word documents via email to: Jennifer Vencill, PhD, at vencill.jennifer@mayo.edu

I. Abstract

- A. Please prepare your abstract in the same format as the sample below. Abstracts missing any of the following components may not be reviewed.
- B. **Abstracts should be no longer than 2 pages (including cover page)**, prepared as a Word document in 12-point Times New Roman font with 0.75 inch margins.
- C. Abstract should be named: "Yourlastname_Abstract_SSTAR2022.doc" (e.g., Jones_Abstract_SSTAR2022.doc)
- D. Abstract submissions must include:
 1. Cover page, containing: (a) title of the proposed presentation, (b) names and degrees of all authors, and (c) the presenting author's name and degrees, affiliation, address, telephone number, and e-mail address
 2. **All identifying information should appear on the cover page, which will be separated from the presentation abstract for masked peer review.**
 3. An abstract that includes: (a) title of the proposed presentation, (b) introduction/literature review, (c) method, (d) results, (e) discussion, and (f) utility/limitations/risks
 4. Two or three behavioral learning objectives that state what audience members should be able to do differently as a result of your presentation. The behavioral learning objectives should use action verbs like explain, discuss, compare, define, identify, recognize, use, predict, detect, appraise, diagnose, or interpret and avoid vague verbs like appreciate, know, learn, understand, or believe.
 5. References in American Psychological Association (APA) publication style. References should prioritize empirical journal articles from the last 3-5 years for the most up-to-date information.

II. Curriculum Vitae

All presentation co-authors should submit their CVs as Word documents. Please title each CV: "Yourlastname_CV_SSTAR2022.doc" (e.g., Jones_CV_SSTAR2022.doc)

EXAMPLE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Sexual Function in the Nacirema

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Sexual Function in the Nacirema

Introduction: Since Miner's initial work on the Nacirema (1956), little further investigation has occurred of this North American group that lives in the territory between the Canadian Cree and the Yaqui and Tarahumare of Mexico. We recently had the opportunity to interview a representative sample of the Nacireman people regarding the prevalence of sexual function difficulties.

Method: Using census data, we randomly sampled 250 Naciremans. We used a translated version of the Universal Survey of Sexual Dysfunction and obtained written informed consent before conducting face-to-face interviews. 87% of the target sample completed the interviews.

Results: Forty percent of the Nacirema reported no problems in their sexual functioning, 30% reported one problem, 20% reported two problems, and 10% reported three or more problems. With regard to problems in the three major areas (desire, arousal, and orgasm), 25% reported a desire problem, 35% reported an arousal problem, and 40% reported an orgasm problem.

Discussion: Comparisons of the prevalence of sexual function concerns in this culture to the prevalence in other cultures are made. The rates of sexual problems in the Nacirema are quite different from those reported in the United States by the National Health and Social Life survey. The levels of complexity and collectivism/individualism in the two cultures do not fully explain these differences.

Utility/Limitations/Risks: The results of this study will help therapists and researchers working with this population, but are limited by the small sample size.

Behavioral Learning Objectives:

After attending this presentation, the participants will be able to:

- 1 Explain the importance of a representative sample for epidemiological research
- 2 Discuss the prevalence of sexual problems in the Nacirema
- 3 Compare the prevalence of sexual problems in the Nacirema to the prevalence in other cultures

References:

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