



## **Call for Abstracts: 7th Annual RPA Conference 2024**

**Theme:** "Six Steps, Six Years to Reach SDG Goal 3 in Rwanda: Lessons Learned, Challenges, and Way Forward"

The Rwanda Paediatric Association (RPA) invites healthcare professionals, researchers, and students to submit abstracts for the 7th Annual RPA Conference, scheduled for October 24-25, 2024, at Park View Courts Apart-Hotel, Kigali. This conference is a premier platform to share knowledge, discuss innovative practices, and collaborate on advancing pediatric healthcare in Rwanda.

### **Abstract Submission Guidelines:**

**1. Topics of Interest:** Submissions should align with the conference theme and may include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- **Neonatology:** Innovations and challenges in newborn care.
- **Pediatric Infectious Diseases:** Management and prevention strategies.
- **Pediatric Hematology:** Advances in treating blood disorders.
- **Pediatric Gastroenterology:** Digestive system disorders and nutritional challenges.
- **Pediatric Oncology:** Latest treatments and research outcomes.
- **Child Nutrition and Health:** Strategies to improve nutritional status.
- **Child Abuse:** Prevention, recognition, and response.
- **Pediatric Mental Health:** Addressing mental health needs.
- **Pediatric Emergency Medicine:** Enhancing acute care responses.
- **Pediatric Surgery and Traumatology:** Advances in surgical care and injury management.
- **Vaccine Coverage and Impact:** Evaluation of immunization strategies.
- **Pediatric ENT:** Advances in diagnosis, management, and surgical techniques.

### **2. Submission Requirements:**

- Abstracts should be no longer than 300 words.
- Include the title, authors, and affiliations.
- Structure the abstract with the following sections: Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusion.
- Clearly state the relevance to pediatric healthcare and the conference theme.
- Submit in English.

### **3. Submission Process:**

- Submit your abstract via the conference submission portal [[link to submission portal](#)].
- Deadline for submission: August 15, 2024.
- Notification of acceptance: September 15, 2024.

#### **4. Presentation Format:**

- Oral presentations: 10-minute presentation followed by a 5-minute Q&A session.
- Poster presentations: Posters should be A0 size (841 x 1189 mm), and presenters should be available during poster sessions to discuss their work.

**5. Review and Selection:** Abstracts will be reviewed by the RPA Scientific Committee based on originality, relevance, and clarity. Accepted abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings and authors will have the opportunity to present their work to a diverse audience of pediatric healthcare professionals.

#### **Benefits of Participation:**

- Share your research and clinical findings with peers.
- Gain feedback from experts in the field.
- Network with leading professionals and stakeholders in pediatric healthcare.
- Contribute to the advancement of child health in Rwanda.

**Call to Action:** Submit your abstract today and join us in making strides towards achieving SDG Goal 3. Together, we can ensure that every child in Rwanda has the opportunity to lead a healthy and fulfilling life.

For more information, visit our conference website [link to website] or contact us at [contact email/phone number].

We look forward to your valuable contributions!