Instructions for Patient Perspective Papers

Information Technology and Communication in Health (ITCH) 2015 will explore patient-centred health care. Papers from patients themselves would be especially welcome. Concern is not the formal style, but descriptions of how patients can communicate with clinicians and planners, via their own stories and insights. Topics may include:

- The patient’s role in care
- Use of patient data by patients themselves

What should be in my paper?
Most importantly, we are interested in your ideas. There are some additional pieces of information that we’d like to have as well. A sample first page of a paper is included on the next page so you can see what it would look like.

- A title for your paper (Ex. What a Patient Wants – Show Me the Data!)
- Your name (FirstName LastName)
  o If you are writing this paper with friends, please include all the authors separating their names by commas (Ex. Daffy Duck, Minnie Maus, Michael Mouse)
- Your city, Your country (Ex. Victoria, Canada)
  o If you have multiple authors with multiple home locations, please include them in the same order as the authors separated by a comma (Ex. Hollywood, USA, Orlando, USA, Paris, France)
- Your contact information (Ex. A mailing address or email contact or both), only one author needs to provide contact information
- A abstract or a short, one paragraph summary of the main ideas in your paper
- Your ideas for the paper
  o You may want to use headings to emphasize your main ideas

The Editorial Committee will put your paper in the proper formatting style for publication if your paper is accepted. We do request that you use the simplified paper formatting instructions below to make our work easier and to make sure your paper is an appropriate length.

Simplified Paper Formatting:

- MS Word document
- Letter paper size
- 1 inch or 2.54 cm margins on all sides
- Times New Roman font
- Font size should be 12 point for all of your text (titles and headings included)
- Single spaced lines
- English language
- 5 page limit

Deadline: September 15, 2014
Website for submission: https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=itch2015
Please follow the instructions on the web site for submitting your paper. Please be sure to categorize your paper as a Patient Perspective paper.
What a Patient Wants – Show Me the Data!

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Abstract: In this paper, we share about how seeing our own data has made a big difference in how we manage our own health day after day. We also will talk about how giving us too much data all at once or not providing an explanation of what it means is almost as frustrating as not having any data at all. We also discuss our different preferences for paper and electronic style data.

Daffy’s Story
I was lucky. When I asked about how to organize my kid’s immunization stuff, my doctor gave me the instructions for how to get into our family’s medical records online….

Have questions?
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