

## Canadian Healthcare Optimization Workshop (CHOW)

The Health Care Operational Research Special Interest Group (HCOR SIG) of the Canadian Operational Research Society (CORS) and Dalhousie University are proud to host the 2nd annual Canadian Healthcare Optimization Workshop in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Wednesday, June 6, 2018. The one-day Workshop will follow immediately after the annual CORS conference, which will be held on June 4-6, 2018.

The goals of the workshop are to provide a forum for researchers with a common interest in healthcare optimization and to promote the research of young scholars, with the aim of networking and sharing the latest advances with other researchers in the field.

We invite young academic scholars (doctoral students, post-doctoral researchers and non-tenured faculty) to submit working or research papers for presentation and discussion at the workshop. Published papers and papers under review will not be accepted. The acceptance decision will be based on full paper submissions, which will undergo a review by a panel of experts. The papers can be analytical or empirical, methodological or applied.

Presentations will be scheduled in a single track. For each presentation there are two participants – one young scholar of the same rank and one senior researcher – who will act as discussants and provide feedback. In addition to the presentations of young scholars, there will be a tutorial and a panel discussion.

### Key Deadlines

- Full Paper Submission: March 1, 2018
- Notification of Acceptance: April 15, 2018
- Deadline to Update Accepted Papers: May 1, 2018
- Registration Deadline Presenters: May 1, 2018

### Submission Guidelines and Review Process

- Submit by email to [CHOWworkshop2018@gmail.com](mailto:CHOWworkshop2018@gmail.com)
- Include the paper title in the subject line and attach the paper in a pdf format. Please name this file as <title\_name of presenting author>.pdf (e.g., “Optimal physician scheduling\_Smith.pdf”). The paper should include the paper title, and authors’ names and contact information. The paper should not exceed 32 pages, including abstract and keywords, all references, tables, graphs, and appendices. Double-spacing (defined as at most 33 lines per page) should be used for the paper, including abstract and references.
- The paper will undergo an initial review process by an expert panel.
- The authors of papers accepted to the CHOW workshop may submit an updated paper version by May 1, 2018 for distribution to the discussants.

### Coordination with CORS2018 Conference

This is a great opportunity to give an additional presentation besides the presentation at the CORS2018 Conference.

Note that the same work may NOT be presented at both the CORS Conference and the CHOW Workshop. Authors of papers not accepted for presentation at the workshop, are given the opportunity to present their work at the CORS Conference. To this end, the authors should only make a single submission to the CHOW Workshop.

Please see the website for further details and to register: [www.cors2018.ca](http://www.cors2018.ca). The registration fee for CHOW is minimal to only cover additional expenses (C\$70+HST for CORS participants, and C\$90+HST for non-CORS participants).

**Organizers:**

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