

# 3rd Annual Behavior Change, Health, and Health Disparities Conference

June 25, 2015

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The [3rd Annual Behavior Change, Health, and Health Disparities Conference](#) will be held October 1–2, 2015 in Burlington, Vermont.

The conference theme will be “Capitalizing on Behavioral Economics to Address Major Behavior Health Problems.”

Personal behavior patterns (i.e., lifestyle) increase risk for chronic disease and premature death. Unhealthy behaviors (e.g., physical inactivity/unhealthy food choices, tobacco use, prescription opioid abuse) represent the leading cause of chronic disease and premature deaths in the U.S. and are a major driver behind spiraling healthcare costs. These risk behaviors are overrepresented among socioeconomically disadvantaged populations and are major contributors to the problem of health disparities.

During the Conference, scholars from leading U.S. universities and medical centers will share their research and knowledge on how to apply the concepts and methods of behavioral economics to improve scientific understanding and clinical outcomes with these highly challenging and costly public health problems in the areas of obesity, tobacco use and prescription opioid abuse.

VCBH will once again be hosting its highly regarded poster session. Submissions in all areas addressed by the conference are welcome. Please see submission guidelines linked below. *The deadline for poster submissions is August 15.*

**For registration, hotel reservations, agenda, and call for posters, please [click here](#).**