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The 2011 Michigan Premier Public Health Conference (MPPHC) was held October 13-14th in Grand Rapids Michigan. Papers were selected for presentation at the MPPHC through a peer review process. The Michigan Public Health Association is one of the “Partners in Planning” for Michigan’s annual public health conference, along with the Michigan Association for Local Public Health, Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Public Health Institute, Michigan State University, Michigan Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Department of Community Health and Department of Environmental Quality, Great Lakes Chapter Society for Public Health Education, University of Michigan School of Public Health and Michigan State Medical Society.

Paper session presenters were invited to submit their conference abstract for publication in the *Michigan Journal of Public Health*. Authors from five presentations subsequently submitted their abstracts for publication. The *MJPH* tradition of providing broader dissemination of conference presentations began in 2010 with the publication of posters from the 2009 Conference. Paper session abstracts from the 2011 Conference published in this edition of the *Journal* embrace a span of public health education, community assessment, epidemiology and policy, reflective of the Conference’s goal to “celebrate the contributions of public health in Michigan’s communities”

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