

FAQ for Voluntary Presenters

1. How do I know in which category I should submit? Research, Innovative Program, Case Study or Specialty Session?

Research?

- Is this original research or an evidence-based practice project, conducted by you? *If not, if for example the abstract is a literature review of others' research, consider submitting as a Specialty Session.*
- If yes, is this a completed study, with data analysis and outcomes? *If not, consider submitting next year.*

Innovative Program?

- Is this a newly created and implemented program addressing a practice challenge? *If not, if for example the abstract is a discussion of a proposed program, consider submitting after its implementation, and outcome data becomes available. If it isn't an actual program developed and implemented in your facility but a description of a nationwide initiative, it may better fit in the Specialty Session category. For example an abstract describing the development, implementation and outcomes of your hospital's program to provide a safe haven for abandoned babies could be an Innovative Program, but a more general health policy oriented discussion of the initiative, and its nationwide effect on baby abandonment would not be an Innovative Program but a Specialty Session.*

Case Study?

- Is this an actual complex patient care case or practice situation you were part of? *If not, if this is a theoretical case study used to illustrate an informational session on a condition, consider submitting as a Specialty Session.*
- If yes, but the case is under litigation, *you cannot submit it.*

Specialty Session?

- Is this an evidence-based, more broadly focused informational session, with a literature review or in-depth examination of a clinical problem, best practice or professional issue? *If not, if for example the abstract is looking at your hospital's experience with a complex case, consider submitting as a Case Study. Or if you are describing a specific program at your hospital, such as its early discharge program rather than a lit review of the nationwide experience with early discharge, consider submitting as an Innovative Program.*

2. Can I submit the same abstract in more than one category? No, you cannot submit the same abstract in more than one category. In some cases however, reviewers may decide that your submission better fits another category, and it will be re-categorized. This most commonly occurs when a Specialty Session abstract is narrowly focused on one hospital's program; in that case reviewers may re-categorize it as an Innovative Program.

3. How many abstracts can I submit? There is no limit.

4. Can I re-submit an abstract that I submitted the year prior? Only if the abstract was not accepted or was accepted for a poster only.

5. **How are the abstracts selected for presentation?** *Specialty sessions, Innovative Programs and Case Studies are reviewed by members of the Convention Program Planning Committee. Research abstracts are reviewed by members of the Research Advisory Panel. All abstracts are scored using standardized criteria outlined in the detailed descriptions of each category. Specialty Session abstracts are not reviewed blindly. Because Specialty Sessions are 60 to 90 minutes long, experience as a presenter is a plus. Sometimes, we receive multiple Specialty Session abstracts on the same topic (postpartum hemorrhage was big one year). To avoid overloading the program with that topic, the Program Committee must often choose between several excellent options. Innovative Programs, Case Studies and Research abstracts are reviewed blindly.*
6. **If I indicate that I would not mind presenting a poster, do I lessen the chance I will get to present orally?** *No. There are a limited number of slots available for oral/paper presentations of Innovative Programs, Case Study and Research abstracts. Unless you have indicated that you prefer to present as a poster, those oral/paper slots are awarded to the highest scoring abstracts regardless of whether you have indicated a willingness to present as a poster.*
7. **Are there any advantages to presenting as a poster rather than a paper?** *The poster room is extremely well attended with hundreds of attendees spending at least 45 minutes reviewing the presentations. Arguably more attendees are exposed to your work in the poster room than in an oral presentation which competes with 9 other sessions and may only draw a handful.*
8. **How can I optimize chances of having my abstract accepted?** *Pay close attention the criteria; fill out the outline forms carefully, correctly and completely. For example, in completing the bibliography, make sure that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the references cited are current as of the last 5 years.*
9. **When will I hear whether my abstract was accepted?** *Deadline for submission is August 23, 2010. You will hear no later than October 31, 2010.*
10. **What is the “convention proceedings supplement”?** *A compilation of accepted Innovative Program, Case Study and Research abstracts published as a supplement to an edition of JOGNN timed to come out at convention.*