

Call for Voluntary Presentations Frequently Asked Questions

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1. **How do I know in which category I should submit?** Please review the information below which will help you select the category that best fits your submission.

Specialty Session

Is this an in-depth examination of a clinical problem or practice, a review of best practice on a selected topic or a detailed discussion of a professional issue? If so submit as a Specialty Session. If you are describing a specific program at your hospital, submit as an Innovative Program. If you are describing your hospital's experience with complex case, consider submitting as a Case Study.

Research Study

Is this original research conducted by you? Is this a completed qualitative or quantitative research study, with data analysis and outcomes? If so, submit as a research study. If you have not completed the data analysis or do not have outcomes, consider submitting next year. If the abstract is a literature review of other's research, consider submitting as a Specialty Session.

Evidence-Based Quality Improvement Projects

Is this a data-driven quality improvement project using an evidence-based intervention? Have you analyzed your data and determined outcomes? If so, submit as an Evidence-Based Quality Improvement Project. If you have not analyzed your data or have not determined outcomes, consider submitting next year. If this is a research project aimed at testing a hypothesis, submit as a Research Study.

Innovative Program

Is this a newly created, implemented program addressing a practice challenge? Did you evaluate your program outcomes using data? If so, submit as an Innovative Program. If the discussion is a proposed program or one where outcome data is not yet available, consider submitting once the program is implemented and outcome data are available.

Case Study

Is this an actual complex patient care case or practice situation you were a part of? If so, submit as a case study. Please note, if the case is under litigation you cannot submit it. If this is a hypothetical case study used to illustrate information about a clinical problem or condition, consider submitting as a Specialty Session.

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.
3. **How many abstracts can I submit?** There is no limit.
4. **Can I re-submit an abstract that I submitted the previous year?** Only if the abstract was not presented the previous year.
5. **How are the abstracts selected for presentation?** Specialty Sessions, Innovative Programs and Case Studies are reviewed by members of the Convention Program Committee. Research Study and Evidence-Based Quality Improvement Project 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. Innovative Programs, Case Studies, Research and Evidence-Based Quality Improvement Project 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. Unless you have indicated that you prefer to present as a poster, oral paper presentation slots are awarded to high 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 time reviewing the presentations.
8. **How can I optimize chances of having my abstract accepted? Follow directions. Pay close attention to the criteria; fill out the on-line forms carefully, correctly and completely.** In completing the bibliography, use references that are up to date (within the last 5 years) from peer reviewed journals and when possible from nursing literature.
9. **When will I hear whether my abstract was accepted?** You will hear no later than November 2015.