

**Criteria for Scientific and Quality Improvement Project
Papers and Posters**

Scientific

- Advances hospice and palliative care knowledge or practice; represents a novel topic or an innovative approach.
 - Does the abstract address a relevant and significant problem?
 - Does the abstract present either a new or novel approach to a cutting-edge topic?
 - Are the findings likely to impact the practice or delivery of hospice and palliative care?
 - Does the abstract contain results?
- Research design and methodology are rigorous and appropriate for the study question.
 - Is the study question and/or hypothesis clearly and succinctly stated?
 - Is the study design appropriate for the study questions?
 - Is the sample appropriate for the study questions and methodology?
 - If the abstract is a systematic review, does it utilize rigorous methodology?
- Conclusions address the study question and are supported by appropriate analyses and the results obtained.
 - Is the analysis sound, appropriate and sufficiently described?
 - Are the results clearly presented, and if applicable, are measures of significance or association or effect sizes stated?
 - Are the conclusions substantiated by the results?
- Overall presentation
 - Is the abstract well-organized and clearly written?
 - Does the abstract reflect a thoughtful submission?
- Aligns with the selected objectives for the 2018 Annual Assembly.

Quality Improvement Project

- Advances QI-related hospice and palliative care knowledge or practice.
 - Does the abstract address a relevant and significant hospice and palliative care problem?
 - Does the abstract present a novel or innovative QI project or setting?
 - Does the abstract contain results?
- QI project design and methodology are rigorous and appropriate for the aim statement.
 - Does the abstract include a clearly stated project aim?
 - Is the context in which the QI project took place adequately described?
 - Are the measures and the data analysis plan adequately described and appropriate for the stated QI project aim?
 - Is the QI project described in sufficient detail?

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- Conclusions address the aim statement and are supported by appropriate analyses and the results obtained.
 - Are the QI project results clearly presented and if applicable, are measures of significance or association stated?
 - Conclusions address the impact of the QI project on the stated aim(s).
 - Are the conclusions substantiated by the results?
 - Are any implications for practice of the QI project discussed?
- Overall presentation
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 - Does the abstract reflect a thoughtful submission?
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