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About the Early Career and Professionals in Training Call for Abstracts

2026 Annual Assembly of Hospice and Palliative Care

Submission Window: September 25 – October 12, 2025

In-Person Presentation: March 4–7, 2026 | San Diego, CA

On behalf of the 2026 Annual Assembly Co-Chairs, **Morgan Bain, MD** and **Michelle Webb, DNP**, and the AAHPM and HPNA Planning Committee, thank you for your interest in submitting to the **Early Career and Professionals in Training Call**. Your work shapes the future of hospice and palliative care, and we are honored to provide a national platform to share your insights, case reflections, and scholarly contributions.

About This Call

This call is designed to showcase **case studies** and **works in progress** from qualified professionals as defined below::

- **Early Career Professionals** (within 5 years of completing formal training)
- **Professionals in Training** (currently enrolled in a formal education or training program)
- Open to all disciplines in hospice and palliative care (e.g., medicine, nursing, social work, pharmacy, chaplaincy, psychology, and others).

Accepted abstracts will be considered for:

- 15-minute podium (oral) presentations
- Poster presentations
- All accepted abstracts will be presented in **San Diego**, with selected work published in the *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management (JPSM)*.

Abstract Submission Fee: There is a \$45 non-refundable abstract processing fee for submission of each abstract for peer review to be paid upon completion. This includes a \$1 credit card transaction fee to be charged to the credit card used.

Presentation Expectations

- Presenting authors must register and attend the Assembly **in person**.
- Posters must be displayed **physically** in the Poster Hall and include a **digital version** with a **2-minute accessible pre-recorded overview** for on-demand access.
- At least one author per accepted poster must participate in the **live faculty-attended poster session**.
- Authors are encouraged to engage with both **in-person and virtual attendees**.



The Planning Committee will determine the final presentation format based on reviewer scores, program needs, and conflict of interest mitigation.

Opportunities Available in the Early Career and Professional in Training Abstract Call

The **2026 Annual Assembly** welcomes abstract submissions from early-career professionals and those in training who are advancing hospice and palliative care. This track provides a platform for **fellows, residents, recent graduates, and trainees** to share their work, connect with peers and mentors, and contribute to professional dialogue across disciplines.

Focus Areas and Submission Types

Track	Focus Area	Who Should Submit
Early-Career and Professionals in Training	Showcases the work of early-career professionals and those in training. Sessions highlight clinical, educational, and systems-level contributions that support learning, dialogue, and professional development.	Fellows, residents, graduate students, and early-career clinicians (within 5 years of training completion) across all disciplines.
Sub-Categories	Focus Area	Who Should Submit
Cases	Present meaningful clinical experiences, communication challenges, ethical dilemmas, or systems issues—regardless of outcome complexity. Well-presented cases promote reflection, insight, and discussion.	<p>Early career professionals and professionals in training are invited to submit compelling case presentations that illustrate meaningful clinical experiences. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellows and residents in hospice and palliative care • Professionals in training across disciplines (e.g., medicine, nursing, social work, chaplaincy, pharmacy) • Early-career clinicians (within 5 years of completing training) • Individuals who are currently enrolled in a formal education program engaged

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Scholarly Works in Progress	<p>This category is designed for early-career professionals and professionals in training who are leading or contributing to projects in progress that go beyond the conceptual stage.</p> <p>Submissions should include projects with clearly defined aims, design, and methods, and must show tangible progress (e.g., data collection, analysis, implementation, or evaluation underway). Final results are not required at the time of submission.</p> <p>This is an excellent opportunity to share evolving work that has the potential to inform or improve practice in hospice and palliative care.</p>	<p>This submission category is intended for early-career professionals and professionals in training who are leading or contributing to projects in progress that are beyond the conceptual stage.</p> <p>Eligible submitters include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellows, residents, and trainees across all disciplines • Individuals who are currently enrolled in a formal education program engaged in scholarly, quality improvement, or educational initiatives • Early-career professionals (within 5 years post-training) developing programs or evaluations in clinical, educational, or systems-based work

Abstracts are strongly encouraged to incorporate one or more of the following cross-cutting themes.

These themes play a key role in shaping the structure and flow of the Annual Assembly program by informing placement of accepted educational content. They help ensure alignment with audience needs, conference priorities, and balance across disciplines, settings, and topic areas.

- **Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI)** addressing issues of diversity and representation, particularly related to historically marginalized or minoritized populations, and grounded in principles of equity and inclusion.
- **Interprofessional and Multidisciplinary Collaboration** highlighting collaborative approaches across disciplines that significantly influence hospice and palliative care practice, team-based care, or



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- Call is open from **September 25, 2025 through October 12, 2025**
- Submission Deadline: **October 12, 2025**
- Notification of Acceptance: The week of **November 24, 2025**

If you require assistance or have questions about the content of your submission, please e-mail info@aahpm.org or call 847.375.4712 between 8am-5pm CT, Monday through Friday. **We look forward to elevating your voice and celebrating your contributions in San Diego!**