



**Scientific Research Call for Abstracts**  
**Thursday, September 25 – Monday, October 13**

**Summary:** The 2026 Annual Assembly of Hospice and Palliative Care invites investigators, clinicians, and scholars to submit original scientific research abstracts focusing on advancing hospice and palliative care knowledge, practice, or research design. Submissions must include results and follow a structured format covering background, objectives, methods, and conclusions, with emphasis on methodological rigor and relevance. The assembly will be held in-person from March 5-7, 2026, in San Diego, featuring diverse research types such as clinical trials, observational studies, and implementation science to foster communication between scientific and clinical communities.

**Content Focus:** Scientific Research abstracts must focus on **original science** reflecting systematic investigation aimed at generating knowledge to advance the science of hospice and palliative care. Presenting original research at Annual Assembly aims to foster bidirectional communication between scientific and clinical communities.

**Date & Location:** March 5-7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at the San Diego Convention Center. Original Scientific Research presented throughout 2026 Annual Assembly of Hospice and Palliative Care.

**Examples of Research:**

- Observational studies
- Health services research
- Clinical trials
- Implementation science
- Qualitative studies

**Key Qualities of Strong Abstracts:**

- Clear research question addressing knowledge gaps
  - Methodological rigor
  - Meaningful results and conclusions based on findings addressing knowledge gaps
  - Interdisciplinary relevance
- The study is significant/relevant to advancing knowledge, clinical practice or research design in the field of hospice and/or palliative care



**Scientific Research Sub-Categories:**

- Basic/bench science
- Qualitative science
- Observational science
- Health services science
- Clinical trials science
- Dissemination/implementation science

**Submission Note:** Abstracts submitted through the Scientific Research Call **must include results** to be considered.

**Who Should Submit:** Investigators, research teams, clinicians, trainees, and scholars across all disciplines. Ideal for those contributing to the evidence base, informing policy/practice, and translating research into impact

**Target Audience:** Research scientists, early-career investigators, educators, policy advocates, clinicians, and trainees. Especially relevant for those focused on research design, critical appraisal, data application, and evidence-based practice

**Format:** In-person only; no virtual option available

**Sample Abstract Structure:**

- **Title:** Clear and descriptive
- **Background/Rationale:** Define the issue or gap and its importance
- **Objectives/Purpose:** State the aim or research question
- **Methods/Approach:** Summarize design and methodology
- **Results:** Present relevant data to support conclusions
- **Conclusion/Implications** (optional but encouraged): Reflect on significance to practice, education, policy, or research.