

## About the 2027 Summer Call for Podium and Poster Abstracts and Preconference Workshop Proposals

Thank you for your interest in contributing an abstract to the 2027 Annual Assembly!

On behalf of the 2027 Annual Assembly of Hospice and Palliative Care Co-Chairs, Christina Ullrich, MD, MPH, and Michelle Webb, DNP, along with the 2027 Annual Assembly Planning Committee, thank you for submitting to the Summer Call for Podium Presentations and Poster Abstracts, and Preconference Workshop Proposals.

Your contributions are vital to shaping the future of our field. By sharing your insights, innovations, and evidence-informed approaches, you help advance educational content that improves clinical competence, enhances care delivery, and fosters meaningful professional development.

The Annual Assembly serves as a national platform to:

- Equip the hospice and palliative care workforce for emerging care models
- Develop interprofessional leaders across disciplines
- Promote inclusion, well-being, and lifelong learning for all healthcare professionals

We are grateful for your commitment to excellence in hospice and palliative care and look forward to celebrating your work at the 2027 Annual Assembly in Pittsburgh.

### Program Scope and Presentation Format

The Summer Call invites abstracts submitted for consideration as:

- Podium presentations, posters, or both formats. Abstract review scores will determine acceptance and placement.
- Applicants must indicate their desired format at the time of submission. Abstracts will be reviewed and considered only within the format selected.

Preconference workshop proposals will be submitted and accepted through the Summer Call.

### Timeline

- Summer Call Opens: June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Submission Deadline: July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 11:59PM PT
- Notification of Acceptance: The first week of September

## Presenter Requirements

If an abstract is accepted, presenters agree to the following requirements:

- Presenting faculty are required to register for the conference and attend in person in Pittsburgh
- Presenters must deliver their session or poster live during the scheduled time
- Podium presenters are required to pre-record their presentation prior to the Annual Assembly. Preconference presenters are exempt from this requirement.
- Poster presenters are required to pre-record a 2-minute video prior to the Annual Assembly.

## Podium and Poster Opportunities

### Tracks

The 2027 program features targeted, evidence-informed education aligned with identified practice gaps and professional competencies. Abstracts are invited across seven tracks:

#### 1. Leadership and Program Development

Leading, developing, and scaling hospice and palliative care programs through systems improvement, workforce development, and sustainable practice models

#### 2. Hospice

Direct hospice care delivery, regulatory and compliance updates, interdisciplinary team dynamics, and innovations within hospice practice settings

#### 3. Pediatrics

Pediatric palliative and hospice care, including developmentally appropriate care, family support, and transitions across care settings

#### 4. Innovations in Care

New models of care, technology enabled solutions, quality improvement initiatives, and equity focused interventions that advance serious illness care

#### 5. Symptom Assessment and Management

Emphasizes evidence based, interdisciplinary approaches to assessing and managing pain, distress, and complex symptoms in serious illness

#### 6. Education

Focuses on curriculum design, training programs, simulation, assessment strategies, and innovative teaching methods in hospice and palliative care education

#### 7. Scientific Research

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This track seeks original research from individuals and teams conducting rigorous scientific inquiry to advance the evidence base in hospice and palliative care, including basic/bench, qualitative, observational, health services, clinical trials, and dissemination and implementation science. Systematic reviews will also be accepted.

*Note: Scientific Research abstracts must include results to be considered for review. Systematic reviews must use a reproducible, pre-defined protocol to search, screen and assess the risk of bias in studies. Scientific Research will have its own unique abstract submission process.*

For more information on each track, including content focus, who should submit, and target audiences, refer to the document 'Finding the Right Track for Your Abstract Submission' in the Call for Abstracts Resource Library.

## **Podium Presentation Format and Selection**

All podium submissions will be considered for oral presentations. However, presentation length (55 or 25 minutes) will be determined by the 2027 Annual Assembly Co-Chairs and Planning Committee based on reviewers' scores, knowledge or skill needs, committee recommendations, successful conflict of interest mitigation (where applicable), and overall programmatic needs of the Assembly.

## **Poster Format and Selection**

When submitting an abstract for consideration as a poster, the goal is to present a clear, concise, and self-contained summary of your work. Reviewers should be able to quickly understand your study, and the abstract should effectively guide the design and content of the final poster.

## **Preconference Workshop Opportunities**

Preconference workshops provide in-depth, skills-based learning opportunities delivered prior to the main Annual Assembly. All Preconference workshops will take place on Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Submissions may be proposed as half-day or full-day workshops. Proposals should emphasize applied learning, high levels of interactivity, and practical, actionable take-home strategies. Proposals should include an overview of the workshop, needs assessment and background, draft agenda and workshop outline, and proposed session faculty. Proposals must demonstrate sufficient depth, scope, and substantive content to effectively engage participants for a minimum of four hours.

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## Upcoming Call for Late-Breaking Research, Early Career, and RAPiD Poster Abstracts

Later in Fall 2026, a separate call for abstracts will open for additional presentation opportunities. The Call for Late-Breaking Research, Early Career, and RAPiD Poster Abstracts will be open from September 8, 2026 through September 28, 2026. Early Career and Professionals in Training have dedicated submission categories but are welcome to submit abstracts to any category across both Calls for Abstracts. Please reference the document *'2027 Calls for Abstracts: Overview and Key Information'* from the resource library for more information.

### Submission Categories

1. 25- or 55-Minute Podium: Late-Breaking Research
2. 15-Minute Podium: Early Career & Professionals in Training
3. Posters: RAPiD Posters (Scientific Research only)