The American Society for Pain Management Nursing (ASPMN) invites you to submit abstracts for the 34th annual conference in San Antonio, TX October 16-19, 2024. The theme of this year's conference is *Pain Management Integrating Culture & Science for Best Practice Outcomes.*

We are looking for submissions from all disciplines including nurses, physicians, pharmacists, mental health professionals, clinical therapists, researchers, students, and all other professional disciplines practicing in healthcare and/or an academic setting. Submissions may aim to present and highlight new quality improvement projects, research, and scientific developments in the treatment of patients with pain. Address important pain management issues, increase the knowledge and skills of pain management nursing professionals, and promote the development of healthcare professionals. Proposals on any topic in pain management are welcome for consideration.

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION TIMELINE**

- Opens: March 11, 2024
- Closes: April 10, 2024, 11:59 pm EST; The poster deadline will be late spring.
- Notification of abstract acceptance or regret will be emailed to the primary presenter by May 6, 2024.

**PRESENTATION SUBMISSIONS**

Presentation submissions for clinical and research presentations will be accepted for the following session types:

- October 16, 2024
  - Pre-Conference Workshop (full-day and half-day)
- October 17-19, 2024
  - General Session (50 minutes)
  - Concurrent Session (50 minutes)
  - Power Sessions (25 minutes)
  - Clinical, Research, or Industry Poster - The poster submission deadline will be late spring.

* Maximum of 3 podium submissions per person
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCESS

- Log into the ASPMN sessionboard by clicking here
- Create a Sessionboards® account.
- After submitting your abstract, ensure you receive a system-generated confirmation email. If you do not, log back into the site and verify the proposal was submitted to the system.

ABSTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Abstract title and author(s) name(s), abstract description, and session overview do NOT count toward character/word limit.

1. **Abstract Title:** The title is the first thing the abstract reviewers and conference attendees will see. It is worth spending some time trying a few variations to see what conveys the main point of your abstract and entices the audience to read further. Keep the title clear and concise, be sure the title reflects your presentation. (max 255 characters)

2. **Abstract Session Description:** This is a very brief description in 25 words or less about your abstract.
   - Provide a brief, well-organized summary which will be viewed by the conference participants and will be included in the conference brochure. This description should be one or two sentences describing the background and then answer these questions: What would compel the attendee to add my session to their schedule? What would an attendee learn from my session? Write in the present tense only. Session description is not a restatement of the abstract text.

3. **Session Type:**
   - The website allows interested parties to submit individual proposals that, once reviewed by the Conference Planning Committee or Research Committee, will be categorized depending on how the content of the proposal best fits the program. The conference program will include the following types of sessions:
   - **Pre-Conference Workshops** are provided as either full-day (8 hours) or half-day (4 hours) presentations. Detailed presentation instructions will be provided at the time of acceptance.
   - **General Sessions** are 50 minutes in length and presented to the entire audience at the 34th Annual National Conference. General Sessions are typically provided regarding cutting-edge topics that appeal to a wide variety of pain management professionals.
   - **Concurrent Sessions** are formal presentations that are 50 minutes in length and provided on specific topics. Several concurrent sessions take place at one time so the topics presented can be more specific than those presented in a general session or pre-conference workshop.
   - **Power Sessions** are 25-minute presentations that will be provided in a session with one or two other shorter presentations that have similar topics. These may focus on a specific case, results of a research project, or smaller nuggets of important information that should be shared with the pain management professionals.
   - **Poster presentations** are less formal, but not less rigorous or substantive, than oral presentations. Rather than delivering an address before an assembled audience, poster authors present their work interactively to groups of interested people with the aid of a visual display that summarizes research findings, quality improvement or evidence-based practice (EBP) projects or other clinical topics.
Posters are displayed in a central location at designated times so that attendees can peruse the posters and converse with the authors. Poster presenters will be given presentation guidelines to help best display their research or other quality improvement or evidence-based practice (EBP) findings and information.

4. **Design Plan**: Select Research or Clinical or Evidence Based Practice (EBP)

5. **Abstract Text**: This is a paragraph which should include the following for the design plan you are submitting (max 2500 characters)
   a. **Research**
      i. Problem Statement/Background
      ii. Purpose/AIM
      iii. Methods and Design
      iv. Results
      v. Conclusion/Implications for Nursing Profession
      vi. Implications for future research
   b. **Clinical, Quality Improvement or Evidence Based Practice (EBP)**
      i. Purpose, problem statement, PICO
      ii. Summary/Synthesis of evidence
      iii. Method of Evaluation/Validation of Evidence
      iv. Results/Relevance to Pain Management
      v. Future implications for Nursing Profession

**SUBMISSION CATEGORY, PATIENT POPULATION & PRESENTATION TYPE**

ASPMN has added a category in which to submit your presentation as well as patient population and level of presentation to give more detail regarding your submission. The categories are as follows:

- Acute Pain
- Persistent Pain
- Cancer Pain
- Integrative Medicine
- Legislative
- Accreditation
- Industry
- Entrepreneurship
- Patient Education
- Other

Patient population choices:
- Pediatric
- Adult
- Geriatric
- Applies to all patients experiencing pain
- Staff based
- Entrepreneurship
LEVEL OF PRESENTATION

Presentations should be classified to assist in determining the content level of materials to be presented. The levels shown below are based on the Benner’s Stages of Clinical Competence [https://nursology.net/nurse-theories/from-novice-to-expert/](https://nursology.net/nurse-theories/from-novice-to-expert/). Choose only one of the following levels that best describes your presentation content.

- Novice
- Advanced Beginner
- Competent
- Proficient
- Expert

CONTACT HOURS

The number of contact hours for your presentation submission for podium sessions will be required to be submitted with the initial submission.

- Contact Hours (50 min = 1.0 CNE-KSBN)

PRESENTER(s) INFORMATION

1. Presenter(s) information, credentials, and demographics will be required for each presenter.
2. Do NOT submit information for any presenter if they are not presenting at the conference unless you are requesting a recorded session only option.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Conference Planning Committee and Research Committee will evaluate proposals for quality, originality and completeness of the work represented. The ASPMN® Conference Planning Committee seeks to include cutting-edge research, evidence-based practice quality improvement projects, and presentations that further the development of the profession of pain management.

- Each proposal will be evaluated by either the Conference Planning Committee or the Research Committee, depending on the category in which the proposal is submitted.
- ASPMN conducts a blind review of abstracts, which means author identities and institutions are concealed from the reviewers.
- A committee will review, evaluate, and score each abstract for relevant content, quality of writing and expression of key ideas.
- Final decisions about the program will be made by early May. Submitters will be notified about the status of their proposals via email shortly thereafter.
GENERAL INFORMATION

• **Primary Presenter**
  - This is the presenter whose contact information is entered first and to whom email communications/notifications about the abstract will be sent. If the abstract is accepted for presentation, this presenter must register for and attend the ASPMN Annual Conference. For the purposes of abstract submission, there can only be ONE primary presenter.

• Notification of abstract acceptance or regret will be emailed to the **Primary Presenter** in by May 6, 2024.
  - If your abstract proposal has been accepted, the **Primary Presenter must confirm your presentation** via the online Presenter Agreement (link in notification email) by the specified date. If you do not respond by this date, the acceptance of your abstract proposal may be withdrawn.

• Each presenter must be present during their session in San Antonio Oct 16-19, 2024 and register for the conference. One day registration is available for presenters and a discount may be offered for 1 presenter for up to 1 podium session that is accepted for presentation.
  - To provide more CE for the conference, with limited rooms for concurrent sessions, a limited number of sessions will be offered as **recorded only session** as determined by the Program Planning Committee. Those presenters are encouraged to attend the conference but not required to attend in person.
  - If you are only able to present a recorded session please note this in your abstract and this will be considered when selecting approved conference submissions.

• Each presenter will agree to meet all deadlines and requests from the ASPMN.

• If there are multiple presenters, there will be a primary presenter. This lead presenter will be responsible for the documents being submitted in a timely manner.

• If ASPMN is unable to communicate with the submitters of the abstract and does not receive all requested information by the published deadlines, the abstract may be withdrawn from consideration and any conference discount will be rescinded.

• For accepted podium presentation ASPMN will request the following with instructions included in the acceptance email: **Deadline of June 1, 2024**.
  - Objectives for the presentation
    - For each abstract submitted (including poster presentations) – We recommend that you use **Bloom’s Taxonomy action verbs** for your outcomes.
  - Educational Outline of the presentation and time elements.
    - Answering the questions “What will you present?” and “How will you engage the participants/learners in the presentation?”
  - Minimum of 3 evidence- based, current references in APA format (within the past 10 years) in APA format. (Resource: **Purdue Owl**)
  - Final Contact Hours (50 min = 1.0 CNE-KSBN)
The percentage of time pharmacology content will be discussed during the presentation for Pharm CE approval (i.e., 12 minutes = 25%, 25 minutes = 50%).
- Include: discussion of the principles of pharmacology in your session, and/or overview of the disease process for which an appropriate medication therapy is needed, all content related to prescribing or recommending safe and appropriate use of medication therapy.

- Presenter CV and/or Bio for each presenter
- Professional headshot of each speaker to be used for marketing purposes.
- You will be asked to agree to record the presentation via Zoom® prior to the conference and submit to info@aspmn.org. Technical assistance will be provided.

- A copy of the power point presentations will be REQUIRED to be uploaded to the abstract system by July 1, 2024 for review by the Education and Research Committee and to apply for CE for the conference.
  - Drug names need to be listed in the following manner – Generic name is first and NOT capitalized (unless at the beginning of the sentence or bullet point), and the trade name follows in parentheses and is capitalized. Please note: Any submission that involves a specific drug, drug trials or is submitted directly from a pharmaceutical company will ONLY be considered for industry poster.
  - Ensure that the title you have given your submission is indicative of the actual content.
  - If you are describing a type of practice used at your institution, please be very descriptive. i.e., Rather than “we use an epidural” it is preferred that you provide more detail, such as, “we use an epidural containing drug XX and YY, at these rates, with a PCEA component”.
  - ASPMN is obligated to ensure that education presented at the conference follows the copyright laws of the United States. All facilitator slides decks will be required to be submitted in advance for review for compliance with US copyright law prior to approval of the slide presentation. All images, charts, graphs, graphics must be cited if not owned by the facilitator. Images of characters such as Disney, Pixar, Dreamworks, or images of celebrities are copyright protected unless written permission for use is granted. Finding an image on the internet does not mean it is copyright free. For more information on copyright laws, copyright free image websites, and an example of image citation in APA 7th edition format click here:
  - Upload a black and white copy of the presentation saved in a PDF format for the attendees of the conference to print prior to the conference for their notes by to the conference app.
- Each presenter will include the disclosure slide in their presentation as provided by ASPMN.

** Note: As all communication, including official notifications, will be sent via email, please ensure that ASPMN and Sessionboard® emails are not sent to your junk mailbox. If you do not receive an email by May 10, 2024 contact ASPMN directly info@aspmn.org regarding your abstract status. You will be required to CONFIRM acceptance by May 17, 2024.
INQUIRIES

Questions concerning the conference, or the proposal submission process should be directed to info@aspmn.org.