



SWHPN 2021 Call for Abstracts: Guidelines for Submitting an Abstract

In lieu of a 2021 in-person Annual Assembly, the Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network invites you to submit an abstract for one of eight monthly Virtual Summits to be held on the third Friday of each month, April through November 2021. While we are disappointed to not meet in-person, we are excited to welcome new social work clinicians, researchers, educators, policymakers, administrators, and others to share their knowledge through our interactive, popular online conferences.

We invite submissions from both new and experienced palliative care professionals on psychosocial issues, research, policy, and education in palliative, hospice end-of-life care and bereavement. We encourage submissions that highlight diverse populations, cultures, workplaces, and experiences in palliative and hospice care. Especially in light of COVID-19, we are interested in hearing about innovative practices and emerging research that are helping our field adapt to new ways of practicing social work.

We encourage abstracts to target, but not be limited to, one or more of the following aims:

- Critically examine and integrate diverse cultural and structural perspectives in palliative and end-of-life care, that provide opportunities to promote inclusive practice
- Identify effective and innovative strategies, interventions, programs or models of practice for promoting psychosocial care
- Explore opportunities to promote interprofessional collaboration, effective communication and teamwork within palliative care and hospice teams, and between social work and other palliative care disciplines
- Analyze the impact of different models of social work functioning and support within palliative and hospice care
- Identify metrics for evaluating the impact of psychosocial care
- Identify new practices in psychosocial and spiritual care
- Present new research or case narratives related to the impact of chronic and progressive illness, medical treatment, and palliative care on individuals, families, and communities
- Identify risk factors for psychosocial and/or spiritual distress among patients and families in palliative or hospice care
- Explore emerging policies, legislation, and legal and ethical issues that impact social work and other psychosocial disciplines in hospice and palliative care
- Identify topics that integrate research findings and practice interventions across palliative care settings and within populations

We are accepting proposals for the following formats:

- **60-minute Oral Presentations:** A 60-minute presentation on a specific topic, inclusive of time for audience discussion. This is a more concise presentation than the symposia, intended to highlight a single subject or paper.
- **60-minute Panel or Symposia Presentations:** A 60-minute presentation inclusive of time for discussion and/or Q &A, which is organized by a primary author, with 2-3 supporting authors or presenters, around a central overall theme. In the abstract submission, it must be clearly identified which topic will be addressed by each speaker. Contact information, credentials, and resumes/CVs for each speaker must also be included in the submission.
- **Poster Presentation:** Visual presentation of research to peers in an virtual exhibit area. The posters are juried by the SWHPN Awards Committee for recognition at the 2021 SWHPN Awards to be held online.

How to submit an abstract:

SWHPN uses an online submission system. All abstracts should be submitted through the online abstract registration form, available at <https://swhpn.memberclicks.net/callforabstracts2021>

Incomplete, unclear or late submissions will not be accepted.

You may submit up to three (3) abstracts as primary author for consideration. All abstracts must be received between October 30, 2020 and 11:59pm EST on December 13, 2020.

COMPLETING THE REGISTRATION FORM:

Registration Information

Enter your name, address, email, phone number, and organizational information. (Note: You do *not* need to be a SWHPN member to submit an abstract.)

Presentation Type

Select your presentation type for each submission.

- **60-minute Oral Presentation**
- **60-minute Panel or Symposium (2-3 presenters)**
- **Poster Presentation**

Presentation Title

The title of your abstract (25 words or less).

Brief Description

Include a short, 2-3 sentence overview of the primary content of your presentation. This overview should be a short description of your presentation for use in the program, in order to aid participants in deciding which presentation they wish to attend. (50 words or less)

Abstract

Provide an overview of the information you will cover. This description of your abstract will be used by the review committee to assess your abstract proposal. Proposals are double blind-reviewed by members of the SWHPN 2021 Virtual Conference Committee. (1000 words or less)

For oral or poster presentations on research, practice and policy, please provide these headings:

1. Introduction, Aims, or Overview
2. Methods, Interventions, or Strategies
3. Results, Findings, or Outcomes
4. Discussion, Implications, or Recommendations

For oral or poster presentations on case narratives, please provide these headings:

1. Introduction / Aims
2. Case Narrative
3. Discussion / Implications

For symposium and pre-conference presentations, please provide these headings:

1. Introduction / Overview: general theme and content of the symposium, including methods/interventions/strategies and discussion/implications
2. Speaker 1: Description of specific content to be covered by first presenter
3. Speaker 2: Description of specific content to be covered by second presenter
4. Additional Speakers: Description of specific content to be covered by third, fourth presenters, as necessary

Note: Symposium and pre-conference abstracts should follow a similar format that provides the overall presentation objective, as well as the content of individual presenters, concisely yet in sufficient detail for abstract reviewers to understand the contribution of each participant to the topic.

Learning Objectives

Provide three learning objectives. Learning objectives should be measurable outcomes that specify what participants will gain from the presentation.

Presentation Level:

Select the audience for which your presentation is most appropriate:

- **Foundational:** Concepts presented are considered basic or core skills and knowledge to those working in palliative care.
- **Advanced:** Presentations that require a high level of previous knowledge or professional work experience in the topic area to be discussed.
- **All Audiences:** Presentation content is appropriate to all levels of practice and experience.

NEW THIS YEAR! Conference Tracks:

This year, each session will be devoted to a specific “track” of knowledge within hospice and palliative social work. You must choose at least one (1) track, and ONLY one track. Should your abstract be accepted, the placement of your presentation within a particular track is at the final discretion of the Conference Committee.

- Grief and Bereavement
- Caregiving
- Research

- COVID / Innovation in responding
- IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility)
- Ethics
- Policy/Advocacy
- Clinical Practice
- Interdisciplinary
- Pediatrics
- Hospice
- Other

Presenters

Provide information about **all** presenters: names, titles, credentials, a short 2-3 sentence bio, and a resume/CV in PDF *or* Word format.

Primary presenters must be identified for each abstract. The primary submitter is responsible for complete submission of the symposium overview and all related individual abstracts and contact information. The primary author will be the contact person for all communication with the program committee regarding abstract submissions and presentations. Contact information should include a valid email address and phone number where the presenter can be reached during the selection process.

Symposium presentations may include a moderator or discussant, but this is not required.

Additional Notes

Abstracts are reviewed in late December, and presenters will be notified by late January as to the status of their presentation at a Virtual Summit. **All presenters/authors who accept the invitation to present may attend the Summit at which they present free of charge.**

Scheduling decisions of the SWHPN 2021 Virtual Conference Committee are final.

All submissions must be in the English language.

All authors must identify and resolve any conflicts of interest prior to the presentation of all papers and posters. Any speaker who has a commercial interest and is presenting material related to it is considered to have a conflict of interest.

Deadline to submit is 11:59pm EST on December 13, 2020.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

For resources on how to prepare an abstract, we recommend the following links:

- [Writing Abstracts and Developing Posters for National Meetings](#). Gordon J. Wood and R. Sean Morrison. Journal of Palliative Medicine. March 2011, 14(3): 353-359. doi:10.1089/jpm.2010.0171.

QUESTIONS: Please email Jessica Strong, Executive Director, with any questions at membership@swHPN.org.