



Call for Abstracts

[Guidelines for Submitting an Abstract](#)

Please read this guide in its entirety for requirements and helpful tips before submitting your abstract.

The Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network invites you to submit an abstract for the 2024 virtual conference held on April 12th and 13th, 2024.

We welcome submissions from both new and experienced hospice and palliative care professionals on a wide range of topics: clinical practice, research findings, policy issues, education, and more. We especially welcome submissions from people whose voices and experiences may have not been heard at prior conferences. We encourage submissions that highlight and center diverse populations, cultures, workplaces, and experiences in palliative and hospice care.

The 2024 theme is "**Empowering Through Transitions.**" We are seeking presentations that explore how to navigate the clinical, organizational, and socio-political landscape in healthcare. Abstracts that are not on the conference theme are also welcome.

Abstracts should clearly demonstrate at least one or more of the following aims:

- Critically examine and integrate diverse cultural and structural perspectives in palliative and end-of-life care that promote inclusive practice
- Identify effective and innovative strategies, interventions, programs, or models of practice that promote and sustain psychosocial care
- 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
- Advance psychosocial and spiritual knowledge and skills for social workers and interdisciplinary palliative care professionals
- 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
- Integrate research findings and practice interventions across palliative care settings and within populations

We are accepting abstracts for the following formats:

- **30-minute Presentation**
- **60-minute Presentation**
- **Poster**

How to submit an abstract

SWHPN uses an online submission system. All abstracts must be submitted through the online abstract registration form, available at: <https://www.swhpn.org/abstract2024>.

Incomplete, unclear or late submissions will not be accepted.

You may submit a maximum of two (2) abstracts as first author.

You do *not* need to be a SWHPN member to submit an abstract.

The deadline for submitting an abstract is December 13, 2023.

COMPLETING THE REGISTRATION FORM:

Registration Information

Enter your name, address, email, phone number, and organizational information. We also require CVs/resumes and short biographies of each presenter, to highlight on our marketing materials.

Topic Area

Please choose at least one, but no more than three, topic areas of your abstract.

Presentation Type

Indicate whether your abstract is for 30 minutes or 60 minutes.

Title

Enter the title of your abstract (maximum of 25 words).

Learning Objectives

Please provide at least three learning objectives for your webinar. What will attendees know or understand as a result of attending your session?

Brief Description

Include a brief description of the primary content of your presentation. that will be included in the program and used to help participants decide which presentation to attend. This should be a maximum of 50 words.

Abstract

Provide a description the content you will cover in your presentation. This description will be used to assess your abstract proposal. Proposals are double blind-reviewed by members of the SWHPN Conference Committee.

- 30-minute presentations and posters are a maximum of 300 words.
- 60-minute presentations are a maximum of 500 words.

Abstract Details

Presentations and posters reporting research findings should use these headings:

1. Purpose of Study
2. Methods: including Study Design and Sampling Plan, and possibly Measures if this is not obvious from the Results section. Describe the intervention if there was one.
3. Results. Present the main findings. Be as specific as possible, including providing key data for quantitative research studies.
4. Conclusion (including practice and/or policy implications)

Presentations and posters on practice and/or policy, please provide these headings:

1. Purpose of Presentation
2. Description of the project
3. Conclusion (including practice and/or policy implications)

Presentations and posters for a case study, please provide these headings:

1. Purpose of the Presentation
2. Case Narrative
3. Conclusion (including practice and/or policy implications)

All abstracts and presentations must be in the English language.

Presenters

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

The first author will be the contact person for all communication with the Conference Committee. Contact information should include the preferred email address and phone number where the presenter can be reached.

Notification and Schedule

Notification of acceptance or not will be sent to the first author by late January. If accepted, you will also be notified of the presentation type.

An abstract submitted as a 60-minute presentation may be accepted as a 30-minute presentation or a poster in order to accommodate the brief duration of the conference and to maximize the number of presentations scheduled.

Scheduling decisions or decisions about presentation type are at the discretion of the SWHPN Conference Committee and are final.

Registration

All presenters/authors who accept the invitation to present must register for the General Assembly. Final acceptance as a presenter is conditional upon registration.

Resources for Abstract Preparation

Resources for preparing an abstract include:

[How to Submit a Conference Proposal](#) video by former SWHPN Board Member Suzanne Marmo, PhD

[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 any questions to Conference Committee Co-Chairs:

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