CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

2019 ACNM 64th Annual Meeting & Exhibition
Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, Oxon Hill, MD
May 18-22, 2019

PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE CALL FOR ABSTRACTS CAREFULLY. WHEN YOU ARE READY TO SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT CLICK HERE.

- The Division of Research (DOR) and Division of Global Engagement (DGE) will blind peer review all research abstracts.
- All other (non-research) abstracts will be blind peer reviewed by the ACNM Program Committee members and Division liaisons.
- Abstract submission in any category does not guarantee acceptance.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Content

We welcome submissions that describe innovative approaches to clinical, business, education, global service, leadership, and policy aspects of midwifery education and practice (see Track descriptions). Abstracts in the following areas especially are sought: primary care, evidence-based practice, global health, education, business, racism and health disparities, and policy that expands on current knowledge or introduces novel approaches to care.

The ACNM Program Committee requests that language in all abstracts and topical outlines referring to midwives or midwifery care be inclusive of certified midwives (CMs.) Therefore, all abstracts about midwifery should include, in the title and content, the words midwife and midwifery rather than nurse-midwife or nurse-midwifery. Unless the abstract is specifically about CNMs, the use of CNM should always be accompanied by CM (i.e., CNM/CM). Click here for information about CMs.

The Journal of Midwifery and Women’s Health recently published two editorials about best practices in the selection of language used in midwifery-related publications. The Program Committee requests that abstract submitters review these sources and consider these recommendations:

Midwifery is Not Obstetrics: The Importance of Precise Maternity Care Language

Intentional Inconsistency as Gender-Neutral Language Evolves
To align with the ACNM Strategic Plan, abstracts for education sessions and workshops should include, to the extent possible for each topic, content about racism and health disparities, social determinants of health, and diversity and inclusion. Here are some suggestions for how presenters can include this content in their abstracts:

- Define and describe racism and health disparities and contextualize health inequities in the topic.
- Discuss the implications of demographic trends for health inequities.
- Explain how cultural biases may shape clinical encounters.
- Address the need to assess individuals and families from a psycho/social/cultural/political/spiritual perspective.

The following content is required to award continuing education credits for Workshops and Education Sessions.

- **Behavioral objectives:** Clearly describe what the participant will learn from attending this session. Each objective must be stated in terms of learner outcome, for example, “At the end of the session the participant will demonstrate the following knowledge and/or skills...”
- **Content outline:** A content outline should be submitted and must address and be directly related to each objective. For each content area, be sure to indicate the time allocated to cover each topic.
- **References:** References published within the past 5 years from peer-reviewed, refereed journals, or texts are required with the abstract submission.

To be eligible for CE credit, the content of all abstracts submitted for education sessions and workshops must extend beyond ACNM Core Competencies or demonstrate novel research, clinical, education, and practice approaches. Appropriate documentation of references is essential.

**Other Important Points**

Please note the following important points:

- ACNM reserves the right to cancel a presentation based on nonadherence to procedures at any point. This includes, but is not limited to: failure to return a signed presenter agreement, not submitting handouts, failure to submit modifications to abstracts if requested by the Program Committee, and failure to notify ACNM of changes in the presenters.
- The individual submitting the abstract is considered the primary contact. All correspondence about the abstract will be emailed to the submitting author. The primary submitting author is responsible for communicating any details and updates about the abstract and presentation to the other presenters.
▪ The ACNM Annual Meeting is a noncommercial forum. Under no circumstances may a session be used as a place for direct promotion of a presenter’s product, service, or monetary self-interest. Sales pitches disguised as presentations will not be considered.
▪ Presenters do not have to be ACNM members to submit an abstract.
▪ ACNM will provide the following audiovisual equipment for education sessions:
  o Laptop
  o LCD projector and screen
  o One wired lavaliere microphone
  o Podium
  o All other AV needs must be communicated to the meeting planners prior to the conference.
▪ All education session presentations unless otherwise specified will run 60 minutes. Presenters should limit the scope of the topic they will cover to what can reasonably be addressed within the timeframe.

**Honorarium**

ACNM provides accommodations only for the primary presenter of oral sessions and workshops as stated below. No honoraria or hotel accommodation is provided to other presenters.

**Oral Presentations**

▪ The primary presenter is responsible for their own travel and all expenses related to the presentation.
▪ The primary presenter is eligible for one complimentary room night including tax at a contracted hotel. If the presenter declines this accommodation, hotel expenses are the sole responsibility of the presenter.
▪ If an upgrade is requested by the primary presenter, it is the presenter’s responsibility to pay the difference for the upgrade. Any request for an upgrade must be pre-approved and authorized by ACNM in advance.

**Workshops**

▪ The primary presenter is responsible for their own travel and all expenses related to presentation.
▪ For half-day (4-hour) workshops, the primary presenter is eligible for one complimentary room night, including tax, at a contracted hotel and $150 honorarium payment.
▪ For full-day (8-hour) workshops, the primary presenter is eligible for two complimentary room nights, including tax, at a contracted hotel and $300 honorarium payment. If an upgrade is requested by the primary presenter, it is the presenter’s responsibility to pay the difference for the upgrade. Any request for an upgrade must be pre-approved and authorized by ACNM in advance.

**EDUCATION AND RESEARCH SESSIONS**
Education sessions will fall into one of eight descriptive tracks or will be designated as research sessions. Please see the descriptions below.

**Clinical**
Clinical sessions focus on the latest evidence and cutting-edge topics that influence clinical practice.

**Education**
Education sessions focus on issues of importance to increasing the number of midwives and the availability of excellent midwifery education.

**Global Midwifery**
Global midwifery sessions focus on ways our colleagues are improving access to midwifery care around the world, the quality of maternal and infant health, and provide advice for how to get involved in global midwifery practice.

**Leadership**
Leadership sessions focus on building and enhancing leadership capacity in numerous roles within the health care arena.

**Midwifery Matters - Business**
These sessions focus on skills and information pertinent to operationalizing midwifery practice in a variety of settings.

**Midwifery Matters - Public Perception**
These sessions focus on increasing awareness and use of midwifery care.

**Racism and Health Disparities**
These sessions offer focused content about the effects of racism, health inequities, and disparities among people of color; the effects on women, families, and our profession; and what is being done to address these issues.

**Miscellaneous**
These sessions will cover an array of ideas and subjects related to midwifery and women’s health.

**Research**
Abstracts submitted as research abstracts will be reviewed by the DOR or DGE. Abstracts for research presentations and posters must be submitted using the designated research abstract format. Research abstracts will be accepted for a poster presentation or for a limited number of research forums slots. Research abstracts for work in progress will be considered for poster presentations only, not research forum (podium) presentations. Research podium presenters will have the option of having their revised abstract published in the *Journal of Midwifery and Women’s Health*. DOR and DGE research poster and podium presentations are juried events.
Awards are given to the best podium and poster presentations of research. No honoraria are provided for research poster or forum presentations.

RESEARCH ABSTRACTS

Research abstracts are submitted for consideration by either the Division of Research (DOR) or the Division of Global Engagement (DGE) research dissemination committees for either a podium presentation or a poster presentation. Abstracts are peer reviewed and the highest scoring abstracts are selected for Research Forum (podium) presentations. If you would like to have your research abstract considered for either a podium or a poster presentation please indicate this during the submission process.

Abstract Review Process: Each abstract receives blinded peer review by DOR and DGE reviewers. Abstracts with the highest scores are selected for a Research Forum (podium) presentation. For research abstracts, session formats (presentation or poster) and presentation times are assigned by the DOR/DGE.

After initial notification of abstract acceptance, presenters must confirm their agreement to present at the upcoming annual ACNM meeting within 2 weeks of the acceptance notice.

Research Forum Presentations: Research forum presentation slots are limited, and only abstracts with completed original research on a topic specific to midwifery and women’s health will be considered. Research in progress with results expected by the Annual Meeting will be considered for poster presentations. Abstracts submitted for a forum presentation, but not accepted, may be offered a poster presentation opportunity if the poster presentation option is also checked. Research forum presentations have up to 3 presenters with presentation time limited to 10-15 minutes for each presenter. Research forum presenters will be offered an opportunity to revise their abstract for publication in the *Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health*. For research abstracts to be eligible for continuing education credit, the primary author must also provide necessary information including objectives, a content outline, and current references.

Poster Presentations: Completed research or research in progress may be submitted for consideration as a poster presentation. **All posters must fit within a 4X8 foot freestanding poster board and hang using push pins.** Presenters are expected to be available to discuss their posters with Annual Meeting participants during a designated time (to be announced) during the meeting.

**Note:** Student midwives are invited to submit abstracts for forum or poster presentations of research. Student abstracts will receive the same blind peer review as all other research abstracts.

Requirements for Research Forums and Posters
During the submission process you will be asked to submit a single-spaced abstract of not more than 350 words using 12 pt. Times New Roman font and structured with the following headings:

- **Purpose/Aim**
- **Research Questions and/or Hypotheses**
- **Significance/Background** (including a conceptual framework if applicable)
- **Methods** (e.g., design, sampling, procedures, instruments, limitations)
- **Findings** (posters of work in progress may use N/A for Findings)
- **Discussion** (conclusions and implications for practice, research, and/or education)

Questions can be directed to the following contact persons:

**For DOR abstracts:** Gwen Latendresse, PhD, CNM, FACNM: gwen.latendresse@nurs.utah.edu

**For DGE abstracts:** Nicole Warren, PhD, MPH, CNM: nwarren3@jhu.edu

The Research Forum and Poster Presentations at the ACNM Annual Meeting are competitive refereed events. Three awards are given for research presented:

1) Best Forum Presentation of Research (general research)

2) Best Forum Presentation of Global Health/Refugee Research

3) Best Poster Presentation of Research

**SESSION FORMATS**

Please select your preferred format from the options below. Note that the final selections of session formats will be determined by the Program Committee with approval from the submitting authors.

**Oral Presentations**
Oral presentations are 60-minute sessions during which a single topic is presented. This includes a 5- to 10-minute question period.

**Panel Discussions**
Abstracts designated as panel discussions may include up to 5 panelists who will jointly present on a related topic during a 60-minute session, that includes a 5-10-minute question period.

**Extended Sessions**
A limited number of extended session presentations are available. An extended session is a 2-hour session in which a theme is identified for the discussion. Several presenters will present topics about a common theme or issue during an extended session. Extended session
presenters submit a single abstract that clearly identifies the topics to be discussed by each participant.

**Shared Sessions**

Shared Sessions combine similar presentations within a 60-minute education session time frame. The time is divided between the 2 presentations with a 10-minute period for questions at the end. These sessions are fast-paced, and presenters should plan to spend their time presenting relevant highlights about their topic. A moderator will be assigned to each Fast Track Session to ensure that each presentation starts and ends on time. For the question period, the audience will be asked to submit questions in writing to increase the likelihood that all members in attendance will have equal opportunity to have their questions answered.

**Round Table Sessions**

Round Table Sessions are oral presentations with a limited number of participants seated around a table. Round Table Sessions allow colleagues with similar interests to receive and exchange targeted information. These sessions can be useful for brainstorming about projects and other initiatives. Each Round Table Session will be 30 minutes long, including a 5- to 10-minute question period. There are moderators present at Round Table Sessions to make sure presenters begin and end their presentations on time. Participants attending Round Table Sessions will rotate between two presentations at the 30-minute mark to qualify for CE credit. Round Table Sessions are held without audiovisual support, although presenters may bring their laptops and printed materials.

**Workshops**

Workshops are paid half-day or whole-day education sessions that are typically held prior to the opening session of the annual meeting.

ACNM has noticed a steady decline in the number of participants who register for workshops offered at the Annual Meetings, especially when the workshops are about topics that do not involve hands-on applications or clinical practice topics. Only workshop topics that are anticipated to attract the number of participants required to cover expenses will be considered for acceptance.

- A laptop computer will not be provided for workshop presentations. Workshop speakers must bring their own laptop and notify ACNM in advance that they plan to do so.
- All workshops will be identified as half-day (4 hours) or full-day (8 hours).

**Research Forums**

Research forums are one-hour education sessions that typically include several presenters. As previously stated, a limited number of abstracts will be accepted by the DOR and DGE for research forum presentations.

**Posters**
Abstracts for posters may be submitted in one of 2 categories: (1) Research Posters (reviewed by the DOR and DGE) and General Posters (reviewed by the Program Committee and Division liaisons).

General posters may describe a clinical project or elements of clinical practice that expand on current knowledge or introduce novel approaches to care. We welcome posters on the following topics: delivery of full-scope midwifery care, health promotion and disease prevention, high-risk obstetrical care, gynecologic issues, family planning, primary care, newborn care, behavioral and psycho-social aspects of care, political and business practice issues, public relations, and the development of public and private programs serving childbearing families and mothers from grassroots to global approaches. ACNM supports and encourages posters that address the art and science of midwifery and the reduction of racism and health disparities in the care of women and their families.

Students are encouraged to submit posters describing scholarly projects and service learning innovations. All posters will be considered for CE credits, therefore references and other required documentation must be submitted with the abstract.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

Submission Dates: The electronic system will close September 17, 2018 at 11:59 PM EDT. CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT.

Abstracts that are incomplete, late, or inconsistent with the designated format will not be considered.

Be sure to select the appropriate designation or track that aligns with the content of your abstract.

Thank you for your interest in submitting your abstract for consideration at the 64th ACNM Annual Meeting and Exhibition, Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, Oxon Hill, MD, May 18-22, 2019. If you have any questions, please email events@acnm.org.