



**Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians
2020 Advanced Learning in Palliative Medicine Conference**

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
ALPM 2020**

The 2020 Advanced Learning in Palliative Medicine Conference will take place at the Sheraton Hamilton in Hamilton, ON, from May 28-30, 2020. The theme for ALPM 2020 is “Implementing the Framework on Palliative Care in Canada”.

IMPORTANT! WE MADE SEVERAL CHANGES TO THE ABSTRACT PROCESS IN 2019. THE PROCESS WORKED WELL SO IT WILL CONTINUE AS FOLLOWS:

1. All abstracts will be entered in a competitive poster selection process. Typically, 20-25 posters are accepted.
2. Primary/Presenting Authors of the top-scoring abstracts will be invited to do a short oral presentation of their poster, *in addition to* displaying the poster during the conference. The oral presentations will be given in a CSPCP Member Showcase from 08:00-09:15 on Saturday, May 30th. The Member Showcase will have a dedicated session time, so all conference delegates can attend and hear inspiring snapshots of work being done in Canada today. Details about the format will be sent to the Primary/Presenting authors of these submissions.
3. Medical students, medical residents, and physicians are eligible to submit.
4. We will no longer select a Top Oral Presentation and a Top Poster during ALPM. It is simply too hard to choose. Abstract selection is, in itself, a competitive process.

Special Note for Palliative Medicine Residents and Enhanced Skills Residents in Palliative Care:

You may submit abstracts through this general call OR through the Palliative Medicine Resident Research Award (not both). The call for Award submissions is issued in January each year and the submission deadline is in early April, to allow Residents to complete their scholarly projects. **Residents from other medical disciplines are eligible for the general call only.**

[The deadline for submissions is 11:59 PM EST on February 2nd, 2020.](#)

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. Abstracts must be anonymized and be free of bias or ethical concerns. **Failure to anonymize your abstract will result in automatic disqualification. (i.e. do not mention the names of cities, hospitals, institutions, programs, etc.)**
2. All Primary/Presenting authors must register for the conference and attend any required presentation sessions. There is no remuneration for presenting. The cost of registration, travel, and accommodation is the responsibility of the presenter.
3. Authors are invited to submit abstracts showcasing work with clear potential to impact the discipline within one of the following broad areas. The work can be in the development, implementation, piloting or dissemination phase.
 - Teaching & Education
 - Quality Improvement
 - Knowledge Translation
 - Direct Clinical Care
 - Clinical Service Delivery
 - Leadership
 - Research
 - Physician Wellness
4. Abstracts should adhere to the following guidelines:
 - No more than 10 authors
 - The Primary/Presenting author must be a Physician, Medical Resident, or Medical Student
 - A maximum total of three (3) submissions will be accepted by any one primary/presenting author
 - 300-word maximum (Excluding Title and Authors)
 - Abstracts must include:
 - Introduction: Two succinct learning objectives
 - Methods: A detailed description of the project or activity
 - Results/Impact
 - Discussion/Application
 - Refrain from using abbreviations – if needed, they should be defined upon first appearance
 - No tables or figures
 - Any actual or potential conflict of interest should be disclosed in the appropriate field (this information counts to the 300-word maximum)
5. All submissions should be made online using the submission link below.

SUBMISSION LINK:

<https://www.abstractscorecard.com/cfp/submit/login.asp?EventKey=IEEXIYVK>

SELECTION CRITERIA AND RELATED INFORMATION

6. All abstracts will be assessed by an Abstract Review Committee considering the following criteria:
 - Innovative palliative medicine-related works, in the broad areas above (20%)
 - Relevance and significance to the topic of palliative medicine (20%)
 - Quality of research methods (for research abstracts) OR quality of the project activity (for non-research abstracts) (20%)
 - Practical tools for application in diverse settings (clinical, educational, quality etc.) (20%)
 - Abstract is well written/clearly communicated (20%)

7. Posters will be selected on the basis of merit using the criteria stated in #6 above. Posters must be mounted no later than 7:30 AM EST on Friday May 27th and remain in place until at 1 PM EST on Saturday May 30th, so delegates can view them during breaks. **Primary/Presenting Authors must be present to stand beside their posters to discuss their work during a dedicated poster-viewing session on the afternoon of Friday, May 27th from 1415 – 1515.**

8. Submission results will be sent by email to Primary/Presenting Authors by February 28, 2020.