

43rd Annual Conference
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Lake Buena Vista, FL
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AAACN is pleased to announce the **Call for Poster Abstracts** for our Annual Conference for 2018. Abstracts that reflect innovative, research-based, or new practice information have the highest possibility for selection as a presentation at the conference.

Conference program goals/objectives

-) Strengthen leadership skills in ambulatory care specialty.
-) Develop strategies for professional practice in ambulatory care.
-) Promote best practices through education.
-) Update professional nursing practice and telehealth skills.
-) Reinforce care coordination and transition management principles.

Submission guidelines

Please visit the online AAACN Abstract Management System to register and submit your abstract for review at the following web address:
<https://www.conftool.com/aaacn2018/>

Abstract is limited to 600 words, excluding the title. Abstracts should contain a description of the project or subject matter, methodology if applicable, analysis, and results as indicated. All references to names and organizations within the body text should be removed that could identify the authors/investigators.

Poster abstracts that are product-based will not be considered.

Submission deadline

Abstracts must be received at the National Office no later than December 15th annually.

Submission questions

Any abstract submission questions should be directed to the following:

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Topic areas

Care coordination: provides information for nurses who coordinate care and manage transitions of patients among levels of care, providers, and settings.

Clinical: cutting-edge information about the clinical aspect of ambulatory care practice that may include clinical practice trends and new treatments.

Leadership: emerging models of leadership, ways to influence outcomes and quality, and experiences integrating new models of care within the fiscally challenged environment to include the changing managed care arena.

Telehealth: uses the nursing process to provide nursing care and access to health care for individual patients or patient populations over the telephone.

Participants

The Annual Conference is the premier conference for ambulatory care and telehealth nurses, managers, supervisors, administrators, directors, staff nurses, care coordinators, educators, consultants, advanced practice nurses, and researchers who practice in health care settings such as hospital-based outpatient clinics/centers, military and VA settings, managed care/HMOs/PPOs, solo/group medical practices, colleges/educational institutions, telehealth call centers, university hospitals, community hospitals, patient homes, and free-standing facilities.

Authorship of abstracts

The primary author/investigator submits the abstracts with the full consent of all authors/investigators and has obtained the necessary institution clearance. A nurse should be one of the authors/investigators. AACN members and non-members are invited to submit abstracts. Encore presentations may be submitted for consideration. The primary author will be the contact person for future correspondence.

Biographical data and conflict of interest disclosure forms

Biographical data and conflict of interest disclosure information is requested for any abstract submission. The primary author, primary presenter (if other than primary author), and any additional authors who are anticipated to be in attendance as presenters are requested to complete a copy of these forms and provide them with their abstract submission. **All biographical data and conflict of interest disclosure forms should be included with the abstract submission.**

ANCC Standards

Abstract authors must comply with the standards from *ANCC Standards for Disclosure and Commercial Support*. You may go to www.ana.org to download the entire document. Below is a brief summary on the standards which apply to the abstracts:

-) The abstract must be free of commercial interest.
-) Commercial interest organizations are not eligible to submit abstracts.
-) An individual must disclose any financial relationship with an entity with a commercial interest.
-) The content or format of the CNE activity or its related materials must promote improvements or quality in health care and not a specific proprietary business interest of an entity with a commercial interest.

-) Presentations must give a balanced view of therapeutic options. Use of generic names will contribute to this impartiality. If the CNE educational material or content includes trade names, when available trade names from several companies should be used, not just trade names from a single company.

Abstract submission, review, and acceptance

Abstracts must be submitted via the abstract management system by the requested deadline. A blind review of the abstract is directed by the AAACN Conference Planning Committee. The abstract will be evaluated for the completion of requested information and adherence to all instructions. *If an abstract does not adhere to the stated criteria, it will not be reviewed.* Notice of the outcome of review will be sent in mid-February.

Poster presentation of abstract at conference

AAACN will supply an assigned presentation space and a 4-foot high by 8-foot wide cork display board. Format for the poster presentation should include a creative, visual presentation of the abstract content.

Poster presenters should be registered to attend the full conference. Primary poster presenters are eligible to receive a \$100 discount off the full main conference registration fee. Only one discount per poster presentation. No travel or other expenses are provided. Presenters are responsible for all expense incurred for their presentation including, but not limited to, the poster itself.

Poster presenters should be present at their poster display for at least a portion of assigned poster presentation times to allow colleagues to ask questions. Exact times are subject to the final program and will be communicated to all presenters. The presenter can be someone other than the primary author, but should be a registered nurse qualified to discuss the topic content.