Call for Abstracts 2018

Putting the Pieces Together: Clinical Nurse Specialists Bridging the Gaps in Healthcare

February 28 – March 3 at the Renaissance Austin Hotel

Abstract Submission Opens: June 5, 2017
Deadline for Abstract Submission: August 2, 2017
Deadline for Student Poster Submission: December 5, 2017

The National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS) is basing our 2018 abstract selection on the topics of Interest as outlined in the member defined NACNS Research Agenda.

Topics of interest include:

- **Clinical Practice Application** (e.g., patient-centered outcomes, reduction in complications, comparative effectiveness projects, non-disease specific phenomena);

- **Healthcare System** (e.g., delivery, services, costs, safety, nurse-sensitive indicators);

- **Healthcare Policy** (e.g., scope of practice, regulation, prescriptive authority);

- **Health Promotion** (e.g., wellness management, disease management, symptom management, quality of life, functional status, medications and other therapeutics);

- **Education** (e.g., healthcare provider/students, patients, families, populations [vulnerable, unique], communities);

- **Palliative Care Across the Lifespan**

Presentation Options

This call is for four different types of presentations: **individual podium**; **symposium**; **clinical management lecture** and **poster** presentations. All abstract submissions should reflect the conference theme.

All abstracts must use the following headings:
I.   Title
II.   Significance & Background
III.   Evaluation Methods
IV.   Outcomes
V.   Implications

Individual podium presentation

This paper should address at least one of the topics of interest. The presenter will have 20 minutes to present followed by 5 minutes for Q&A. The conference planning committee assigns the accepted podium presentations to break out sessions with other papers on similar topics. Abstract submissions must include the **title reflecting the content of the presentation, identify the topic of interest, 1 learner objective, and an abstract text (limit 250 words)**. *The author name(s) and affiliations must not be in the abstract text or title.*

Symposium Presentation

Submitted as *a collection of 3 papers* plus a brief 5-minute overview that introduces the focus of the symposium. Each of the 3 paper presentations have 20 minutes each, then Q&A will follow. The group of submitting authors determine the focus of the symposium (e.g., a standard process applied to different patient populations or different settings; a single project with multiple outcomes – each paper focuses on one outcome; a single disease of condition with different approaches for management presented, etc.).

The symposium overview paper must include the symposium title, identify the topic of interest, and list 3 learner objectives. The overview text is limited to 250 words. The individual papers must each include a title that is consistent with the symposium focus and an abstract text (limit 250 words). *The author name(s) and affiliations must not be in the abstract text or title.*

Clinical management lecture

This paper is an in-depth presentation of a chronic disease or health problem management that includes the pharmacological management for the selected disease/health problem. Presenters will have 60 minutes for the lecture followed by Q&A for 10-15 minutes. **Abstract submissions for clinical management lectures must include the title reflecting the content of the presentation, 3 learner objectives, and an abstract text (limit 250 words).** *The author name(s) and affiliations must not be in the abstract text or title.*

Poster presentations

Posters are stand-alone visual displays focusing on one of the topics of interest. One presenter is required to be present during the main poster viewing session to respond to Q&A with conference attendees. Posters are used for works-in-progress or completed works. The author name(s) and affiliations must not be in the abstract text or title.

Guidelines for On-Line Submission:

- All abstracts must be submitted using an online Abstract Management System available at www.nacns.org.

- Request for the abstract to be considered for concurrent session or poster presentation or both. Each abstract will be selected for only one (1) presentation.

- Individuals may submit more than one abstract.

- If more than one abstract from a single presenter is accepted, NACNS reserves the right to accept only one as a concurrent session and assign the other(s) to be presented as poster(s).

- The abstract title must accurately reflect the content of the presentation.

- All authors' affiliations should be included in the submission.

- Student abstracts require faculty advisor's name, contact information, school identification and electronic verification that submitter is eligible to present as a student.

- Abstracts not in compliance with the required guidelines will be returned to the author and will not be considered.

General Information:

Authors may submit abstracts of completed work or work in progress. Podium or poster presentations should not have been presented previously at other national or international conferences; however, prior presentation to a local/regional group is acceptable.

The primary author is responsible for obtaining consent from all authors and any employer or patient/client clearances before submitting the abstract. Concurrent presentations (individual papers & symposia) will be made in 75 minute sessions. Poster presentations will be on poster boards and will be displayed for the entire day, but authors are required to be present only during the designated poster viewing session.

Authors of accepted abstracts must be available to present for the designated concurrent or poster session during the conference and are responsible for paying their own conference expenses. For abstracts with multiple authors, the authors must designate the presenter.

Student abstracts are invited for poster presentations and require faculty advisor's name, faculty contact information and identification of the school.

Presenters are required to register for the conference. Single day registrations are available. Presenters must pay all registration, travel, lodging and expenses associated with the presentation.

International presenters are expected to assure that the presentation is suitable for an English-speaking audience or, alternatively, arrange for a translator if the abstract is selected.