CANADIAN PAIN SOCIETY | 46th ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

April 28 – May 1, 2027 | Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto

Call for Posters Now Open!

Deadline: November 16, 2026

Background

The 2027 Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) of the Canadian Pain Society (CPS) will create a forum in which scientists, healthcare professionals, people with lived experience of pain, trainees and policy makers from clinical, educational, research, policy, industry, and other settings can meet and exchange up-to-date information on pain mechanisms, assessment, and management. The Scientific Program Committee (SPC) seeks to offer a balanced, diverse, and cutting-edge program that reflects different areas of pain science and policy from all members of the pain community. Your participation is of the utmost importance and will be integral for the success of the CPS Annual Scientific Meeting and continued progress in pain research and management.

Submission Guidelines

All abstracts must be submitted through the CPS abstract submission portal. Submissions and subsequent posters/presentations will be accepted in both English and/or French. CPS members and non-members are eligible to submit their work as a poster presentation. Notification regarding the acceptance of abstracts will be conveyed to submitting authors by the middle of January. Abstracts must present original data that has not been presented at other conferences and that has not been published in a peer-reviewed journal at the time of submitting the abstract.

Canadian Journal of Pain

Accepted abstracts will be printed in the online *Canadian Journal of Pain*, published by Taylor and Francis, and will be available for online viewing before and during the 2027 Annual Scientific Meeting. The *Journal* may not consider your abstract for publication if information from the abstract is missing. **Please have all co-authors check and edit your submission carefully, including authorship details, as the submitted version will be the final version for publication**. Please ensure that authors' names and affiliations are accurate.

Trainee Poster and Trainee Travel Awards

CPS Trainee Members who are the first/presenting author of a submitted poster abstract are eligible to submit their abstracts into the poster competition that will take place at the ASM and will also be considered for a Trainee Travel Award. **To be considered for a poster and/or travel award, you must opt-in using the online submission portal**. Note that late breaking poster abstracts will not be considered for the poster competition or Trainee Travel Award, so submit your abstracts now to take advantage of these opportunities, as well as the opportunities listed below.

CPS Membership

To submit a poster or be considered for a trainee travel award, you must have an active Canadian Pain Society membership. If you do not have a current membership, please access this link to become a member prior to submitting.

Hot Topics and Poster Pitches

CPS members are eligible to submit their abstracts for consideration to be selected for inclusion in a special symposium (Hot Topics) and/or creative oral/audiovisual presentations (Poster Pitches). To submit your poster abstract for consideration, you must opt-in using the online submission portal. Finalists will be selected by the SPC and will be notified of their inclusion prior to the ASM. Note that members who are selected for the Hot Topics presentations will give this oral presentation only and will not be presenting a poster.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

The Canadian Pain Society is strongly committed to diversity within its membership. Diversity strengthens both research and clinical practice in pain. We encourage participation by and for racialized persons, Black, Indigenous and people of colour, women, LGBTQ2S+, persons with disabilities, persons with lived experience of pain, and others who bring diverse perspectives to the field of pain.

Research Poster Abstracts | Now Open

Submission deadline: November 16, 2026

Description: Posters can include summaries of the results of any research study (quantitative or qualitative) in the area of pain. While the results of pilot studies and abstracts with preliminary results will be considered, abstracts without any data and/or proposals will generally not be deemed suitable for acceptance.

Clinical Innovation Poster Abstracts | Now Open

Submission deadline: November 16, 2026

Description: We invite submissions describing new initiatives and/or achievements in pain management in Canada or elsewhere. These could include presentations of complex cases, new clinical services, program evaluations, or other innovations in delivering pain care.

Submission Process:

1. Please access the dedicated page on the CPS website to complete your online submission form.
2. Fill in the required fields, including overall session abstract, three learning objectives, short lay summary, speaker affiliations, and a talk title and abstract of **no more than 250 total words** for each speaker. French submissions are allowed a total of 300 words.
3. **Each individual talk abstract should include distinct Introduction/Aim, Methods, Results, and Discussion/Conclusions sections, with these subtitles included.**
4. Submit your application.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact: Bradley Kerr, Chair of the Scientific Program Committee: bjkerr@ualberta.ca or the CPS office: office@canadianpainsociety.ca

Interested in submitting a symposium abstract? The call for symposia is currently open. Please visit our website for the link, deadlines and added information.