



CANADIAN PAIN SOCIETY | 47th ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING
APRIL 28 – MAY 1, 2027 | Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto ON

Call for Symposia Now Open!
Deadline: October 19, 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, 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 scientific program that reflects different areas of science 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.
- The submitting chair of a symposium session must be a CPS member with an active membership.
- To maximize diversity in symposia offerings, speakers will be limited to only one symposium submission but can act as a chair for a second submission (but chair one session only).
- Submissions that do not follow the above rules will be disadvantaged during the peer-review process.
- It is the responsibility of the submitting author to ensure all proposed speakers are only part of one submission.
- CPS members and non-members are eligible to also submit their work as a poster presentation regardless of participation in a symposium– the call for poster submissions will be opening in October.
- Notification regarding the acceptance of symposia abstracts will be conveyed to submitting authors by the end of December.

These sessions are intended to address issues in fundamental and translational science, clinical practice, and/or public policy. Priority for acceptance will be given to multidisciplinary proposals (e.g. including two or more presentations that represent different clinical and/or fundamental science disciplines, and different institutions and/or geographic diversity) in accordance with the CPS mission. **Extra consideration will be given to submissions who have integrated people with lived experience in the research as full participants in symposia proposals**, including serving as chairs, speakers and/or moderators, when applicable. Symposia will be 75 minutes in length (specific details to follow after symposia acceptance) and should be interactive and encourage attendee participation when possible. Symposia will have no more than three speakers and a chair. The symposium Chair may be one of the three speakers or a fourth individual may act as chair.

Note: It is important to ensure that funding for all expenses will be provided by the Chair/submitting team for all speakers in the symposium including any PWLE speakers. The withdrawal of a speaker because of insufficient funding will have repercussions on subsequent ASM submissions by these authors. It is not acceptable to withdraw a speaker due to failure to secure a travel award from the CPS.



Session organizers should include and integrate people from different career stages and perspectives as part of their submission, potentially including clinicians, researchers, PWLE of pain, and/or senior (PhD, PDF) trainees, although there should be no more than one trainee per symposium. Sessions that consider unique formats such as panel discussions, case studies, debates and/or interviews are highly encouraged. Symposia should integrate work from multiple labs, clinics, and/or institutions. All presenters must attend in person and virtual presentations cannot be integrated.

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-presenters edit your submission carefully, as the submitted version will be the final version for publication.** Please ensure names and affiliations are accurate.

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.

Symposia Abstracts | Open !

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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.

Details about the call for poster submissions coming soon!

QUESTIONS?

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