

CANADIAN PAIN SOCIETY | 41st ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING
Joint Call for Poster and Symposium Abstracts Now Open
April 27-30, 2021 | Virtual Meeting

Background

Faced with the reality of the serious global health situation, the Canadian Pain Society (CPS) plans to hold the 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting virtually. Based on consultations both inside and outside the CPS, the Scientific Program Committee (SPC) firmly believes that bringing our community together in a virtual setting will offer the most equitable forum for scientists, healthcare professionals, trainees and people with lived experience to meet and exchange up-to-date information on pain mechanisms, assessment, and management. The 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 of pain research and management.

Submission Guidelines

All abstracts must be submitted through the CPS website. The submitting author of a symposium session must be a CPS member in good standing. Presenters will be limited to a maximum of two symposium presentations. 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 end of December.

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 at the 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting. The Journal may not consider your abstract for publication if information from the abstract template is missing.

Trainee Poster and Trainee Conference 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 online at the Annual Scientific Meeting. They may also be considered for a Trainee Conference Award. To be considered for a poster or conference award, opt-in using the online submission portal.

Hot Topics and Poster Pitches

CPS members are eligible to submit their abstracts for consideration to be selected for inclusion in special symposia or oral presentations (i.e., Hot Topics, Poster Pitches). To submit your poster abstract for consideration, opt-in using the online submission portal. Finalists will be selected by the SPC and will be notified of their inclusion prior to the Scientific Meeting.

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, and others who bring diverse perspectives to the field of pain.

Symposia Abstracts | Now Open

Submission deadline: **November 16th, 2020**

Description: These sessions are intended to address issues in clinical practice, basic or translational science, and/or public policy. Priority for acceptance will be given to multidisciplinary proposals (e.g. including within the session two or more presentations each of which represents a different clinical discipline and/or basic science) in accordance with the CPS mission. We strongly encourage submitters to consider integrating people with lived experience as chairs, speakers or moderators in symposia. Symposia will be normally 75 - 90 minutes in length 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.

Session organizers should include and integrate people from different career stages and perspectives including clinicians, researchers, a PWLE of pain, or trainees (although generally there should be no more than one trainee per symposium) as part of their submission. Sessions that consider unique formats such as panel discussion, case studies, debate and/or interviews are highly encouraged. Any individual may be involved in a maximum of two symposium submissions either as speaker and/or chair. Symposia should typically integrate work from multiple labs/clinics/institutions.

Submission Process:

1. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the online submission form
2. Download the symposia abstract template and attach it to the online submission form
3. Submit your application

Research Poster Abstracts | Now Open

Submission deadline: **November 16th, 2020**

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.

Submission Process:

1. Once submissions are open, [CLICK HERE](#) to access the online submission form
2. Download the research poster abstract template and attach it to the online submission form
3. Submit your application

Clinical Innovation Poster Abstracts | Now open

Submission deadline: **November 16th, 2020**

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. Once submissions are open, [CLICK HERE](#) to access the online submission form
2. Download the clinical innovation poster abstract template and attach it to the online submission form
3. Submit your application

QUESTIONS?

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