

**Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting**  
October 1-2, 2021

Join us as we bring together scholars, clinicians, and partners from a range of disciplinary and specialty backgrounds who are united by a shared interest in advancing science that will lead to more just and equitable abortion and contraception.

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Call for scientific abstracts

Key dates

- Wednesday, February 10 (9:00 AM ET): Scientific abstract submissions open
- Wednesday, March 17 (11:59 PM ET): Scientific abstract submissions close
- June: Acceptance notification

We invite scientific abstract submissions from a range of disciplines that share the latest and best science focused on abortion and contraception in the US. We encourage investigators to submit abstracts of their original, rigorous, and impactful research. Selected abstracts will be published in the October 2021 issue of [Contraception: An international reproductive health journal](#).

Scientific abstract details

- Abstracts are presented in either oral or poster form.
- Oral abstracts are presented in groups and are allotted 7 minutes for presentation and 3 minutes for discussion.
- Posters are displayed in a virtual poster hall. Presenters will be encouraged to upload a video introducing their poster and engage in discussion with attendees on their poster page and during the virtual reception.

Review process and criteria

Abstracts will be reviewed by a committee of approximately 80 clinicians, scholars, and partners who represent a broad array of interests in family planning. The following review criteria will be used to select approximately 20 abstracts for oral presentation and approximately 100 abstracts for poster presentations:

- Originality: Were novel concepts or approaches used? Does the abstract challenge existing paradigms or develop new methodologies or technologies?
- Scientific importance: Does the abstract address an important problem? How was scientific knowledge advanced? What will be the effect of the results on the concepts or methods that drive the field? Are the results and conclusions strong enough to influence how clinicians/researchers “act”; understand the basic mechanisms of health/disease; or provide health services or trainee education, conduct future research, or impact public policy?

- Quality of research design and data analysis: Is the study design appropriate for the research question and clearly described? Does the analysis appear to be thoughtful and well conducted?
- Conclusions: Are conclusions clearly stated? How well are the conclusions justified by the data? Are conclusions appropriate given the strength of the study and the study design?
- Quality of presentation: Is the abstract clearly written and understandable? Does it promise to be an interesting oral presentation or poster presentation?

#### Scientific abstract guidelines

All abstracts must be submitted using the [online submission form](#) and must meet the following requirements:

- Abstracts must be based on original research or evaluation data. Research with incomplete data is unlikely to be selected unless the data are substantial.
- Abstracts must not have been previously published (including e-publications) or presented at a scientific meeting. Work previously presented at internal hospital, university, or organizational meetings will be considered, but authors should disclose this at the time of submission.
- Research funded with commercial grant support will be considered for presentation, **but ACCME regulations prohibit presentations by employees of commercial entities during accredited sessions.**
- All activities involving human subjects or vertebrate animals must be approved by an appropriate institutional review board (IRB) or equivalent.
- If an abstract is selected for submission, the corresponding author will not be permitted to change the abstract content but will verify the title, author names, and first author affiliation.
- Abstracts must focus specifically on the US, or have applications for the US setting.

#### Diversity in scientific abstract presenters

The Society of Family Planning and the Society of Family Planning Research Fund recognize that institutionalized exclusionary and oppressive systems such as racism, sexism, classism, ableism, nationalism, cis-genderism, and other discriminatory practices are barriers to the full participation of all contributors to the field of family planning. The Society is committed to building and supporting an inclusive, multidisciplinary, and diverse community. One of the ways we reflect on this in our programming is to examine the diversity of presenters in proposed sessions and abstracts. Abstract submitters are strongly encouraged to make good-faith efforts towards inclusivity. We are specifically seeking submissions prioritizing individuals who identify as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, people of color) or sexual and gender minorities, or who represent a range of geographic locations and multidisciplinary perspectives.

### Formatting requirements and submission guidelines\*

- Title: The title should be concise and clearly convey the subject of the abstract. **Please use sentence case and capitalize only the first word of the title and any proper nouns or acronyms.** Trade names should not be used. Tables, graphs, and charts are not permitted.
- Abstract: The submission must include the following sections:
  - Objectives
  - Methods
  - Results
  - Conclusions
- Word count: The abstract must not exceed 250 words (excluding the title, authors, affiliations, and section headings).
- Oral presentation only: Please select this option to have your abstract considered for **oral presentation only**. If this abstract is not accepted for oral presentation, it will not be presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting.
- Authors and presenters: Please enter authors in the order in which you wish them to appear in the printed text. Names omitted here will not be printed in the author index or the final program.
  - This submission should be approved by all authors.
  - At least one author must register to attend the Annual Meeting to present the abstract.
  - The presenting author will also act as the main contact person for instructions. We encourage you to keep our diversity statement in mind when choosing a presenting author.
- Demographics: Please be prepared to submit specific demographic information about each speaker. [Click here](#) to view the questions asked for each presenter. This data is confidential and will only be used for internal purposes. Additional questions:
  - Is the presenting author a trainee, graduate student, or medical student?
  - Is the presenting author a Fellowship in Complex Family Planning current or graduated fellow?
- Topic: Select the topic that best describes your abstract.
  - Abortion
  - Clinical practice
  - Contraception
  - Research practice
  - Training/education
  - Other
- Research type: Indicate the type of research. Please check all that apply.
  - Clinical
  - Mixed methods

- Qualitative
  - Quantitative
  - Social science
- Commercial interest: Do the author(s) have any commercial interests or associations that might pose a conflict of interest regarding this submission?
- Funding: Has this study been supported by grants or other contributions from industry (eg pharmaceutical company)?
  - Yes
  - No
- IRB: Has this research received Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval or Ethical Committee approval from the appropriate institution?
  - Yes, research received IRB approval or Ethical Committee approval from appropriate institution
  - Research received exempt status by IRB or Ethical Committee from appropriate institution
  - IRB not applicable for the research
- Confirmation of new work: Oral and poster abstracts accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting will represent new work. Abstracts should not have previously appeared as published work (including e-publications) or as presentations at other scientific meetings. Work presented at internal hospital, university, or organization meetings will be exempt, although the authors should disclose that information at the time of submission. Participants are welcome to inquire about any potential conflicts they may have. Please choose "yes" to confirm and continue.
- Additional comments.

#### Awards

- Awards are given for both oral and poster research presentations.
- Presenters of oral abstracts are eligible for the Outstanding Researcher or Outstanding Researcher in Training (a fellow, resident, medical student, or graduate student) awards.
- Presenters of poster abstracts are eligible to receive first, second, or third place awards.

**\*If selected, the information provided in this form (names, titles, institutions) will be used in online and printed conference materials.**