

**Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting
October 28-30
Seattle, WA**

Join us as we bring together clinicians, scholars, 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.

Call for scientific abstracts

Key dates

- March 23, 2023 (6:00 am PT/9:00 am ET): Scientific abstract submissions open
- April 19, 2023 (8:59 pm PT/11:59 am ET): Scientific abstract submissions close
- July: Acceptance notification

We welcome abstract submissions from a range of disciplines that share the latest and best science on abortion and contraception, focused on the US or with clear implications for the US. Investigators are encouraged to submit abstracts of their original, rigorous, and impactful research. Selected abstracts will be published in the November 2023 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 ten minutes for presentation and five minutes for discussion.
- Posters are displayed during the conference in the Poster Hall. Presenters will be encouraged to engage in discussion with attendees during the poster 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:

- **Presenter:** Each abstract submitted should identify one presenter from the author list. The presenter will act as the main point of contact and must register for the meeting to present the abstract in Seattle if selected as an oral or poster presentation.
- 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 has a fundamental commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in our governance and programming. One of the ways we reflect on this in our programming is to examine the diversity of presenters and nominees in proposed sessions, abstracts, and awards. [Read our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Vision Statement here](#) to ensure alignment.

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), who represent a range of geographic locations, that contain multidisciplinary perspectives and that contribute to the creation of inclusive spaces, address the needs of underrepresented populations, advance the equitable delivery of evidence-based, anti-racist, and gender-affirming family planning care, and champion diverse voices from across our community.

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.

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.** Example: Title of your abstract submission. 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 consider this abstract for **oral presentation only**. If this abstract is not accepted for oral presentation, it will not be presented at the 2023 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. Please designate one author to be the presenting author.
 - This submission should be approved by all authors.
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- We encourage you to keep our [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#) in mind when choosing a presenting author.
- If the presenting author is a member of the Complex Family Planning Class of 2023, this abstract will automatically be in the running for the fellows research spotlight, which is one oral group with four presenters from the class of 2023 CFP fellows.
- Demographics: Information collected in the following questions helps us bring forward the lens of our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Vision Statement into our learning activities. Please be prepared to submit specific demographic information about the presenter. [Click here](#) to view the questions asked of the presenter.
- 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/Device company)?
 - Yes
 - No
- IRB: Has this research received 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
- We strive to host inclusive, accessible events that enable all individuals to engage fully. To request an accommodation that would support the presenting author, please describe here.
- 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.

- Please describe any further considerations for this submission.

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