

**Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting
October 19-21, 2024
Detroit, MI**

Call for scientific abstracts

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.

Key dates

- March 14, 2024 (6:00 am PT/9:00 am ET): Scientific abstract submissions open
- April 11, 2024 (8:59 pm PT/11:59 am ET): Scientific abstract submissions close
- July: Acceptance notification

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We welcome abstract submissions from a range of disciplines that share the latest and best science on abortion and contraception. Investigators are encouraged to submit abstracts of their original, rigorous, and impactful research. Selected abstracts will be published in the November 2024 issue of [Contraception: An international reproductive health journal](#).

Scientific abstract details

- Abstracts are presented either orally or as a poster.
- 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 Exhibit Hall. Presenters will be encouraged to engage in discussion with attendees during the poster reception.

Scientific abstract 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 in person if selected as an oral or poster presentation.
- If selected as an oral presenter, you will be offered a faculty discount, if selected for a poster presentation, we are unable to offer faculty discounts but do require you to register for the meeting.
- 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 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 closely review the demographics of presenters and award nominees as well as the content of sessions and abstracts. [Read our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Vision statement](#) to ensure alignment. We seek to elevate the expertise of people with diverse skills sets, backgrounds, and lived experience, with a focus on those who identify as Black, Indigenous, and people of color and those with a range of training and disciplinary backgrounds, when relevant to our programming.

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 24 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?

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*

All abstracts must be submitted using the [online submission form](#). Create a login or update your existing login.

- **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:** Would you like your abstract considered for **oral presentation only**? If you select yes, this abstract will not be considered for poster presentation.
- **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.
 - **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 person if selected as an oral or poster presentation.

- We encourage you to keep our [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Vision statement](#) in mind when choosing a presenting author.
 - If the presenting author is a member of the Complex Family Planning (CFP) Class of 2024, the abstract will automatically be in the running for the fellows research spotlight, an oral abstract group where all presenters are 2024 CFP fellows
- **Demographics:** Information collected in the following questions helps us to understand who is engaging in our programs, which we use to strengthen and shape our programmatic work in service of advancing our [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion vision](#). When we share this information publicly, we use total numbers rather than information about individuals. [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
 - Not listed
- **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
- **Accessibility accommodation:** We strive to host inclusive, accessible events that enable all individuals to engage fully. To request an accessibility accommodation that would support any member of your panel, 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.**