

Call for abstracts
Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting
October 25-27, 2025*
Pittsburgh, PA

Overview

The Society of Family Planning seeks abstracts that advance the science and medicine of abortion and contraception in the US. Successful abstracts will address timely topics and important gaps in knowledge, demonstrate methodological rigor, and be tailored to the Annual Meeting audience.

Recognizing that institutionalized racism, both past and present, has hindered the full participation of people of color in science and medicine, the Society's Annual Meeting aims to showcase the full range of individuals advancing the science and medicine of abortion and contraception, in alignment with our [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Vision](#). We actively seek abstracts from presenters that thoughtfully reflect on the relationship between their identities and lived experiences and presentation content.

Selected abstracts will be published in the November 2025 issue of [Contraception: An international reproductive health journal](#).

Key dates

- March 13, 2025 (6:00 am PT/9:00 am ET): Scientific abstract submissions open
- April 9, 2025 (11:59 pm PT/2:59 am ET): Scientific abstract submissions close
- July: Acceptance notification

Eligibility

- Abstracts must focus on the US or explicitly demonstrate direct relevance to the US context.
- Abstracts must be based on original research or evaluation data. Studies with completed data are strongly encouraged. Abstracts presenting substantial preliminary findings may be considered, but incomplete data may limit the reviewers' ability to assess the study's rigor and potential impact.
- Abstracts cannot have been published (including e-publications) or presented previously at another scientific meeting. Work presented at internal hospital, university, or organization meetings is exempt but should be disclosed in the submission.
- All activities involving human subjects or vertebrate animals must be approved by an appropriate institutional review board or equivalent.

Audience

The Annual Meeting is designed for an audience with significant expertise in the science and medicine of abortion and contraception in the US. The majority of attendees are clinicians and/or researchers who are already familiar with general background information on these topics. Abstracts should be tailored to this specialized audience or a clearly defined subset. Attendee demographics from 2024 show that 36% were clinicians (including those in training), 25% were researchers (including those in training), 21% were both clinicians and researchers (including those in training), and 17% represented other fields such as law and policy, education, and advocacy.

Scientific abstract details

Abstracts are presented either orally or as posters, with the highest-scored abstracts selected for oral presentation.

Oral abstracts

- Oral abstracts are presented in groups and are allotted ten minutes for presentation and five minutes for discussion.
- Oral abstract presenters are offered a faculty discount.
- Oral abstract presenters are eligible for the Outstanding Researcher or Outstanding Researcher in Training (a fellow, resident, medical student, or graduate student) awards.

Posters

- Posters are displayed in the Exhibit Hall during the conference. Presenters are encouraged to discuss their posters with attendees during the poster reception.
- Presenters of poster abstracts are eligible to receive first, second, or third place awards.

Review process

All eligible abstracts will undergo peer review according to the following criteria.

1. Relevance (20%)
The Society seeks submissions focused on the science and medicine of abortion and/or contraception in the US.
2. Significance (30%)
The Society seeks submissions addressing timely topics and/or important gaps in knowledge related to the science and medicine of abortion and contraception in the US.
3. Methods (30%)
The Society seeks submissions that are methodologically sound and rigorous.
4. Audience (5%)

The Society seeks submissions that align with the Annual Meeting audience or a specific subset thereof.

5. Positionality (15%)

The Society seeks submissions from presenters demonstrating thoughtful reflection on how their race and ethnicity, and other relevant identities and lived experiences, influence the research.

Submission guidelines

All session proposals must be submitted by logging into the [online submission form](#)^{**}. Create a login or update your existing login. Submissions should be approved by all authors.

- **Title (no more than 85 characters):** The title should clearly and concisely communicate the abstract's content. **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.
- **Abstract (no more than 250 words, excluding section headings):** The submission must include the following sections:
 - Objectives
 - Methods
 - Results
 - ConclusionsTables, graphs, and charts are not permitted.
- **Learning objectives:** List 2-4 learning objectives that address the intended changes in attendees' knowledge, skills, and/or attitudes. A clear learning objective states what the learner can do upon completing the activity in terms of behavioral change. The learning objective should be stated in a specific, measurable way. Please refer to this [guide](#) for information about writing clear learning objectives.
- **Audience (no more than 25 words):** Describe the target audience for your abstract.
- **Presenter positionality (no more than 75 words):** Describe how the presenter's racial and ethnic identities, alongside other relevant identities and lived experiences, influence the research.
- **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.
 - The presenter will act as the main point of contact. If the abstract is selected, the presenter must register for the meeting to present it in person.
 - The presenter will verify the title, author names, and first author affiliation; changes to the abstract content are not permitted.
- **Oral presentation only:** Indicate if you would like your abstract considered for oral presentation only.

- **Contact and demographic information:** Please be prepared to submit contact and [demographic information](#) about the presenter.
- **Accommodations and access needs:** Indicate any accommodations or access needs that would support the presenter's participation.
- **Research focus:** Indicate if the abstract is focused on clinical science, social science, and/or another type of research.
- **Topical focus:** Indicate if the abstract is focused on abortion, contraception, and/or another topic.
- **Commercial interest:** Indicate if the authors have any commercial interests or associations that might pose a conflict of interest. Research funded with commercial grant support will be considered for presentation, but **employees of [ineligible companies](#) are not permitted to present in an ACCME accredited session.**
- **Funding:** Indicate if the study has been supported by grants or other contributions from industry (eg, Pharmaceutical/Device company).
- **IRB:** Indicate if the study has received IRB approval or Ethical Committee approval.
- **Confirmation of new work:** Confirm that this abstract has not been published or presented at any other scientific meeting. If this session is currently under review for another scientific meeting or has been presented at an internal hospital, university, or organization meeting, please list the name(s).
- **Social media:** Select whether your session can be discussed on social media during the conference. Please refer to the [social media policy](#).
- **Presenter support:** Limited funding is available to support oral presenters who do not have institutional support to attend the conference and would not be able to attend without financial assistance. Please indicate whether the presenting author would need financial support.

**Preceded by two days of business meetings, pre-conference workshops, and a welcome reception.*

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