

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

Overview

The Society of Family Planning seeks session proposals on timely topics that advance the science and medicine of abortion and contraception in the US. Successful proposals will offer actionable takeaways, center evidence-informed content, be tailored to a well-defined audience, utilize effective learning formats, and feature presenters with relevant expertise.

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 proposals that reflect on the relationship between presenters' identities and lived experiences and presentation content.

Key dates

- February 20, 2025 (6:00 am PT/9:00 am ET): Session submission opens
- March 19, 2025 (11:59 am PT/2:59 am ET): Session submission closes
- May: Pre-conference session acceptance notification
- July: Main conference session acceptance notification

Eligibility

Sessions must focus on the US or explicitly demonstrate direct relevance to the US context. Sessions cannot have been presented previously at any other conference.

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. Proposals 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.

Session types

We invite proposals for pre-conference and main conference sessions.

1. Pre-conference sessions (held October 24):
 - 180 minutes, open to attendees who pre-register, with approximately 75-125 people in attendance. Pre-conference sessions should be interactive and focus on skill-building, practical application, or in-depth exploration of a specific topic.
2. Main conference sessions (held October 25-27):
 - Concurrent sessions: 60 minutes, open to all attendees, run simultaneously with other sessions, with approximately 200-250 people in attendance. A question-and-answer period of ten minutes is recommended.
 - Plenary sessions: 75 minutes, open to all attendees, scheduled without competing sessions, with approximately 1,300 people in attendance. A question and answer period of 15 minutes is recommended.
 - Highly scored sessions with wide appeal to a multidisciplinary audience will be selected as plenaries, unless presenters indicate in the submission form that they do not want to be considered for a plenary.

Review process

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

Pre-conference sessions

1. Relevance (10%)

The Society seeks sessions focused on timely topics related to the science and medicine of abortion and contraception in the US.
2. Impact (20%)

The Society seeks sessions that provide attendees with concrete and actionable takeaways designed to advance the science and medicine of abortion and contraception in the US.
3. Evidence-informed content (20%)

The Society seeks sessions that center the best available evidence.
4. Audience (5%)

The Society seeks sessions with a well-defined audience that aligns with the Annual Meeting audience or a specific subset thereof.
5. Format (25%)

The Society seeks sessions formatted to effectively meet their learning objectives.

6. **Presenter positionality (10%)**
The Society seeks sessions that demonstrate thoughtful reflection on how presenters' race and ethnicity, and other relevant identities and lived experiences, influence the session.
7. **Presenter expertise (10%)**
The Society seeks sessions presented by individuals with the necessary skills, backgrounds, perspectives, and/or lived experience to effectively address the topic.

Main conference sessions

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Submission guidelines

All session proposals must be submitted by logging into the [online submission form](#). Create a login or update your existing login.

Formatting requirements:

Please avoid using abbreviations or acronyms that do not clearly explain the session's content.

Submission fields:

- **Title (no more than 85 characters):** The title should clearly and concisely communicate the session's content. This will appear in promotional materials if the session is accepted.
- **Session description (no more than 150 words):** Describe the topic to be addressed.
- **Published description (no more than 50 words):** Provide a clear and concise summary of what will be presented. This will appear in promotional materials if the session is accepted.
- **Learning objectives:** List 3-5 learning objectives that address the intended changes in attendees' knowledge, skills, and/or attitudes. A clear learning objective states what the learner will be able to do upon completion of the activity, in terms of behavioral change. The learning objective should be stated in a specific, measurable way. Avoid words that are not measurable, such as know, learn, and understand. Learning objectives are essential to ensure accreditation of the Annual Meeting. Please refer to this [guide](#) for information about writing clear learning objectives.
- **Evidence-informed content (no more than 50 words):** Name some of the key sources of evidence that will be used to inform your session.
- **Audience (no more than 25 words):** Describe the target audience for your session.
- **Format (no more than 50 words):** Describe the format(s) that will be used to deliver your content (eg, panel discussion, debate, interviews, storytelling, or role-playing). Pre-conference sessions should utilize formats that are interactive and effective for skill-building, practical application, or in-depth exploration of a topic.
- **Presenter positionality (no more than 100 words):** Describe how the presenters' racial and ethnic identities, alongside other relevant identities and lived experiences, influence the proposed session. Explain how these identities and experiences shape the content and delivery of your session.
- **Presenter expertise (no more than 100 words):** Describe the presenters' relevant expertise, specifying their skills, backgrounds, perspectives, and/or lived experiences as they relate to the topic.
- **Session type:** Indicate if you are submitting a proposal for a pre-conference, a concurrent, or a plenary session.
- **Research focus:** Indicate if your proposal is focused on clinical science, social science, and/or another type of research.

- **Topical focus:** Indicate if your proposal is focused on abortion, contraception, and/or another topic.
- **Contact and demographic information:** Please be prepared to submit contact and [demographic information](#) for each presenter.
- **Accommodations and access needs:** Indicate any accommodations or access needs that would support presenters' participation in this session.
- **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 presenters who do not have institutional support to attend the conference and would not be able to attend without financial assistance. Please indicate whether any presenters need financial support.
- **Presented elsewhere:** Confirm this session has not been presented at any other conference. If this session is currently under review for another conference, please list the conference name(s).

Presenter roles and information

Sessions should have 4-5 presenters for ideal session timing. Each session should designate one moderator/lead contact and secondary contact. While it is recommended that the moderator and lead contact are the same person, you can identify two different people on the form.

- **Moderator/lead contact:** Responsible for confirming presenter participation, serving as the primary point of contact between presenters and Society staff, submitting the final presentation, and keeping the session focused on topic and time. Moderators should bring balance to the panel and be comfortable with facilitation. May also act as a presenter.
- **Secondary contact:** Presenter who can be contacted if the moderator is unable to respond.
- **Presenter:** Responsible for the content and presentation, and may be subject to change at the discretion of the meeting organizers.
- **Presenters and moderators must register for the meeting and are offered a discounted conference registration fee.** They are responsible for their own travel, hotel arrangements, and expenses.
- To ensure a diversity of presenters, no one may act as a presenter or moderator in more than two sessions (with the exception of oral abstracts).
- **Please note that employees of [ineligible companies](#) are not permitted to present in an ACCME accredited session.** If selected as faculty, all presenters will be asked to complete a Conflict of Interest form. Failure to submit this form and resolve any conflicts of interest by the deadline will result in presenter removal.
- Changes to faculty or content after a submission is selected will need to be reviewed and approved by the Society.

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