

Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting

October 10-12, 2020
Baltimore, MD

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.

Call for scientific abstracts

Key dates

- Wednesday, February 19, 2020 (9:00 AM ET): Abstract submissions open
- **UPDATE: Extended until Wednesday, March 25, 2020 (11:59 PM ET): Abstract submissions close**
- June 2020: 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 2020 issue of [Contraception: An international reproductive health journal](#).

Scientific abstract details

- Abstracts are presented in either oral or poster form.
- Oral abstracts are allotted ten minutes for presentation and five minutes for discussion.
- Posters are displayed throughout the conference and presenters share their posters 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 submission 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

SFP 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 particularly interested in abstract presentations from people of color, people from across the US, and people with diverse disciplinary backgrounds.

Formatting requirements*

- 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.
- Outline: 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).
- Formatting: Trade names should not be used. Tables, graphs, and charts are not permitted.

Awards

- Awards are given for both oral and poster 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.**