

## AFHTO 2020 Conference: Concurrent Session and Poster Submission Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in submitting an abstract for a concurrent session or poster to present at the AFHTO 2020 Conference taking place virtually on October 8 & 9.

Conference planning committees are looking for concurrent session and poster submissions that:

- Reflect the [conference theme](#)
- Demonstrate clarity of learning objectives and presentation format
- Present ideas/initiatives that:
  - Are innovative
  - Are relevant, useful and can be implemented in interprofessional primary care organizations
  - Demonstrate patient and caregiver involvement
  - Recognize and address the needs of their local population (access or barriers to care, rurality, etc.)
- Are backed up by evidence of impact (e.g. outcome measures, evaluation results, research findings)

**Concurrent Session Format:** This year sessions will be a mix of live and on-demand. Interactive sessions will be live while podcasts and webcasts will be released the day of their relevant theme. We aim to have 3-5 sessions per theme. Options are:

- **LIVE - Workshop** (45 minutes-session is structured for interaction and/or hands-on learning opportunities)
- **LIVE - Panel Discussion** (45 minutes-in addition to providing information, panelists interact with one another to explore/debate a topic)
- **ON-DEMAND - Webcast** (pre-recorded video session- 45 minutes)
- **ON-DEMAND - Podcast** (pre-recorded audio-only session- 45-60 minutes)
- **RAPID-FIRE - Presentation** (30 minutes or less)
- **Other** (if selected, please explain. We encourage creativity if AFHTO can accommodate it in a virtual format in 45 minutes or less)

**Poster Format:** (pdf or interactive- comes with the opportunity to interact with attendees for 30 minutes-optional)

Due date for all concurrent session and poster abstracts is July 29, 2020.

Before submitting an abstract, your team should:

1. **Designate a contact person.** This person will receive the registration discount code and most of the communications from AFHTO relevant to preparing for the conference.
2. **Identify WHY someone would want to attend your presentation.** Attendees will be picking 1 out of 3-5 concurrent sessions and visiting a handful of over 70 poster presentations. You need to tell them why they should pick yours over the rest and make it an easy choice.
3. **Identify 1-3 “pearls” of information to summarize your presentation.** Reviewers and attendees want to know what key pieces of information they will take home that are practical and actionable for their teams.

### Submission & Approval Process

1. Review the [submission form template](#) before filling out the Survey Monkey form.

2. Submit the abstract online for a poster or concurrent session **by July 29, 2020**.
3. Conference working groups will review all submissions within a theme, score them based on the evaluation criteria listed above and then select presentations for the conference.
4. We will send approved presentations notifications **by August 19, 2020**.
5. **All concurrent session presenters** must confirm (a) the timeslot given for their presentation and (b) provide any required updates to the presentation description to be posted online **by August 26, 2020**, including title, length, presenter details, abstract/description and learning objectives.
6. **All poster presenters** must confirm their presentation **by August 26, 2020**.

To submit an abstract, go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AFHTO2020Submissions>

#### Terms and Conditions:

- **All presenters must register and pay the applicable conference fee.** For each approved concurrent session, up to 2 presenters will be granted a discount off the conference registration fee (coming soon). Additional discounts apply for patients presenting at the conference. (*Discount does not apply for poster presentations.*)
- In order to submit you must fill out all the required fields in the form.
- All submissions will be reviewed by the applicable concurrent session planning committee. If accepted, abstracts and presenter name and affiliation will be published in the conference program.
- All notices about the presentation, registration and scheduling for the conference will be sent to the designated contact person. They are responsible for ensuring presenters are informed and prepared, and that conference organizers are informed of any changes in speakers.

#### Key Dates & Deadlines:

- Deadline for presentation abstracts: **July 29, 2020**
- Notification of acceptance for presentation: **August 19, 2020**
- Conference registration opens: **August 2020**
- AFHTO 2019 Conference: **October 8 & 9, 2020**

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