



NACNS 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**PUTTING THE
PIECES TOGETHER**



**CNSs Bridging the
Gaps in Health Care**

Call for Abstracts 2018

Putting the Pieces Together: Clinical Nurse Specialists Bridging the Gaps in Healthcare

February 28 – March 3

Renaissance Austin Hotel

Abstract Submission Opens: June 5, 2017

Deadline for Abstract Submission: August 2, 2017

Deadline for Student Poster Submission: December 5, 2017

The National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS) is basing our 2018 abstract selection on the topics of Interest as outlined in the member defined NACNS Research Agenda and other organizational priorities.

Topics of interest include:

- **Clinical Practice Application** (e.g., patient-centered outcomes, reduction in complications, comparative effectiveness projects, non-disease specific phenomena);
- **Healthcare System** (e.g., delivery, services, costs, safety, nurse-sensitive indicators);
- **Healthcare Policy** (e.g., scope of practice, regulation, prescriptive authority);
- **Health Promotion** (e.g., wellness management, disease management, symptom management, quality of life, functional status, medications and other therapeutics);
- **Education** (e.g., healthcare provider/students, patients, families, populations [vulnerable, unique], communities);
- **Palliative Care Across the Lifespan**
- **Pharmacology/prescribing for the CNS** (preference given to sessions that reflect the CNS role in assessment and pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic (or combined) treatment of specific diseases and symptoms.

Presentation Options

This call is for four different types of presentations: **individual podium; symposium; clinical management lecture** and **poster** presentations. All abstract submissions should reflect the conference theme.

All abstracts must use the following headings:

- I. Title
- II. Significance & Background
- III. Evaluation Methods
- IV. Outcomes
- V. Implications

Individual podium presentation

This paper should address at least one of the topics of interest. The presenter will have 20 minutes to present followed by 5 minutes for Q&A. The conference planning committee assigns the accepted podium presentations to break out sessions with other papers on similar topics. Abstract submissions must include the **title reflecting the content of the presentation, identify the topic of interest, 1 learner objective, and an abstract text (limit 250 words)**. *The author name(s) and affiliations must not be in the abstract text or title.*

Symposium Presentation

Submitted as a collection of 3 papers plus a brief 5-minute overview that introduces the focus of the symposium. Each of the 3 paper presentations have 20 minutes each, then Q&A will follow. The group of submitting authors determine the focus of the symposium (e.g., a standard process applied to different patient populations or different settings; a single project with multiple outcomes – each paper focuses on one outcome; a single disease or condition with different approaches for management presented, etc.).

The symposium overview paper must include the symposium title, identify the topic of interest, and list 3 learner objectives. The overview text is limited to 250 words. The individual papers must each include a title that is consistent with the symposium focus and an abstract text (limit 250 words). *The author name(s) and affiliations must not be in the abstract text or title.*

Clinical management lecture

This paper is an in-depth presentation of a chronic disease or health problem management that includes the pharmacological management for the selected disease/health problem. Presenters will have 60 minutes for the lecture followed by Q&A for 10-15 minutes. **Abstract submissions for clinical management lectures must include the title reflecting the content of the presentation, 3 learner objectives, and an abstract text (limit 250 words).** *The author name(s) and affiliations must not be in the abstract text or title.*

Poster presentations

Posters are stand-alone visual displays focusing on one of the topics of interest. One presenter is required to be present during the main poster viewing session to respond to Q&A with conference attendees. Posters are used for works-in-progress or completed works. The author name(s) and affiliations must not be in the abstract text or title.

All abstracts must be submitted using the online Abstract Management System available at www.nacns.org. Further information regarding policies and instructions for submission can be found at the NACNS website.