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Abstract Submission Process

Why do I have to view this?

- The information contained in this tutorial, when applied correctly, will increase the chance that your abstract will be accepted.
- Not following the directions makes your abstract subject to automatic rejection. This is very avoidable!
- No ANCC Contact Hours will be provided for viewing posters in 2025.



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What is new for 2025?

- AMA style is now the required format for references
 - See slide 14 for resources to the AMA style
- Up to 3 (i.e., 1 to 3 references) should be cited.
 - No more than 3 references will be allowed.
 - Typically, references are cited for information published by others in the Topic/Significance to Practice, Problem (Gap in Knowledge), or Statement of the Clinical Problem/Challenge section.
 - Sometimes Methods developed by others and used by you need to be cited.



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Author Information

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- ALL authors' names should be listed on the abstract at the time of submission.
- Only appropriate VALID and CURRENT credentials for each author should be used.

EXAMPLE:

T. Weedledee BSN, RN, ~~WOCN~~ **INCORRECT**

T. Weedledee BSN, RN, CWOCN **CORRECT!!**

Author Information: Disclosures

- Every named author must complete the required disclosure question.
- In order for the abstract to be considered ready for review, each author must have their disclosure submitted by the abstract submission deadline, **11:00 AM EST/10:00 AM CST/8:00 AM PST, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024.**
- It is the PRIMARY author's responsibility to inform the other authors of the requirement to complete the disclosure. Ultimately the primary author is responsible to ensure the other authors complete the disclosure process.

Author Information

All contributing authors should be listed at the time of submission.



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Abstract Categories



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Selection of Abstract Categories

- Review the descriptions of the abstract categories and select the appropriate one.
- **Abstracts submitted to an incorrect category** will not be able to be appropriately reviewed and scored and therefore **will be rejected**.

Research Abstracts

- In the research abstract category, author(s) will present original research from a study focusing on wound, ostomy, continence, foot care or professional practice topics. Each poster must be presented with the following headings:
 1. Problem - or gap in knowledge is identified and is significant to wounds, ostomy, continence, foot care, and/or professional practice.
 2. Purpose/Aim(s)/Research Question(s)
 3. Study Design and Methods including brief description of data/statistical analyses
 4. Results* including statistical significance if relevant
 5. Conclusions
- **Research abstracts without results will be rejected as incomplete.*
- *Quality Improvement projects should be submitted in the practice innovation*

Practice Innovation Abstracts

- In the practice innovation abstract category, author(s) will present innovative practice changes that demonstrate a new way to approach a problem that pertains to wound, ostomy, continence, foot care or professional practice. The practice innovation abstract must be presented with the following headings:
 1. Topic -- is significant to wounds, ostomy, continence, foot care, and/or professional practice
 2. Purpose of the Innovation/Objectives
 3. Process/Replication
 4. Outcomes
- *Quality improvement projects should be submitted in this category.*

Case Series Abstracts

- In the case series abstract category, author(s) will present at least **THREE (3)** case studies that present a clinical challenge managed with a unique solution that pertains to wound, ostomy, continence, or foot care. The case study must be presented with the following headings:
 1. Statement of the Clinical Problem/Challenge – and it is relevant to WOC nursing practice
 2. Significance to Practice including Past Management
 3. Solution/Clinical Treatment Approach
 4. Outcomes
 5. Conclusion



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Required Elements

Required References

- Each abstract should include a ***minimum of 1 and maximum of 3 references***.
- References must be cited in AMA format.

If you are unsure as to how to cite in AMA format, please consult an internet source such as:

- https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/ama_style/index.html
- <https://www.mybib.com/tools/ama-citation-generator>
- <https://umc.libguides.com/citations/ama>
- <https://libguides.usc.edu/c.php?g=293795&p=1956824>

Required Abstract Text Elements

- Case Series: Five (5) sections required:

Must include a minimum of three (3) cases

1. Statement of the Clinical Problem/Challenge
2. Significance to Practice including Past Management
3. Solution/Clinical Treatment Approach
4. Outcomes
5. Conclusion

- Practice Innovation: Four (4) sections required

1. Topic/Significance to Practice
2. Purpose of the Innovation/Objectives
3. Process/Replication
4. Outcomes

- Research: Five (5) sections required

1. Problem (or Knowledge Gap addressed by study)
2. Purpose/Aim(s)/Research Question(s)
3. Study Design and Methods, including data/statistical analyses
4. Results including statistical significance
5. Conclusions



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Poster Formats

ePosters

- All posters will be submitted and available online as ePosters.
- All authors will have the choice to display their poster additionally in a traditional hard copy format in the Poster Hall.
- If you choose to present your poster as only an ePoster and attend conference in-person, your poster will be displayed on a screen shared by other authors during the “Meet the Poster Authors” session.
- At time of acceptance, the author must declare intent to present their work in the traditional hard copy paper format.
 - **Presenting a traditional hard copy poster will not be possible if you do not declare this at the time of abstract acceptance.**



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Abstract Content

Abstract Content

- Facility/Company/Personal Names do not belong in the abstract **and would be justification for rejection of the abstract.**
- **No Protected Health Information (PHI) is to appear in the abstract.**
- Suggested descriptions of healthcare facilities:
 - “Small rural hospital in the Midwest”
 - “Level 1 trauma center in the Northeast USA”
 - “Academic hospital located in the Southwestern United States”

Abstract Content

- Use appropriate terms—standardization is best
 - “WOC nurse” instead of “the CWOCN” or “the WOCN”
 - WOCN® Society—reflects our legal name and should not be used to refer to the nurse (see slide 3 for correct use of credentials)
- Abstracts are evaluated based on the criteria listed under “The Review Process” section of the submission site. These criteria differ according to the abstract category. Be sure to select the appropriate abstract category. For example, a case series is not a clinical innovation project. Addressing **ALL** of the criteria increases the score and the likelihood of abstract acceptance.

Abstract Content

- Product information should be discussed in **generic terms**.
 - **NO TRADE or BRAND NAMES ALLOWED**

Examples:

Moldable ostomy barrier

Silver impregnated foam dressing

Multi-layer compression system

Low Frequency Ultrasound

Negative Pressure Wound Therapy

Medications: “Ibuprofen” (appropriate) vs. “Advil”



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Tips



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Tips for Writing an Abstract

Please review carefully

- Remember, the reviewers don't know your work. Explain clearly and succinctly so its importance and merit is understood.
- Reviewers use results or outcomes to evaluate abstracts. If your topic is more informational and descriptive, consider submission as a journal/newsletter article or blog post.
- Abstracts should reflect COMPLETED work, not anticipated work. Missing or incomplete study results or innovation project outcomes will result in the abstract to be rejected. All work should be completed prior to abstract submission.
- The Case Series category requires at least 3 cases but could include more.



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Tips for Writing Abstracts

- Abstracts should cite up to 3 references in AMA style.
- Before submitting the abstract, ask someone to independently review it for grammar, spelling, and clarity of content.
- Be concise—the abstract is an eagle’s eye overview of the work. It is the “commercial” to make the reader understand the problem or question and it is important. It should generate interest to learn more.
- The abstract word limit is **300 words, single spaced**. This does not include title, authors, or references.
- Do NOT wait until the last minute....anything could happen....

Computer crashes, bad weather, illness, and LIFE.....so, begin early!!

General Information

- If you are submitting an abstract, anticipate that it will be accepted, and make arrangements for conference registration early.
- The primary author will be expected to register for the conference upon notification of acceptance of the abstract. There is generally only 30 days after notification to register, so be prepared to do so!!
- If you do not receive an email message about your abstract acceptance/rejection by February 14, 2025, which is likely due to your email firewall, contact abstracts@wocn.org.
- **Registration means that the full conference fee is paid. This serves as confirmation of your attendance to present your poster!**

General Information

- ePosters will be available online for a specific period of time both before and after the conference. Traditional hard copy posters will be displayed throughout the conference.
- Primary authors are expected to be present at their poster during the “Meet the Poster Authors” session.
 - ePosters will be grouped by topic and authors presenting ePosters in-person will be notified which screen in the poster viewing area they will present from.
- If you are a first-time abstract presenter, please indicate that when asked.
- If your abstract focuses on prevention, please indicate that when asked.
- Top scoring abstracts will be considered for oral presentation at the conference. However, even if the information is presented orally, a poster must still be displayed.

General Information

- Specific instructions on posters, including how to cite references, how to acknowledge your agency, how to acknowledge vendor support, how to use logos and so on, will be sent to you if your abstract is accepted for poster presentation.
- Oral presentations will be reviewed by the Abstract Chair or designee, or the Education Committee/Consultant. If a podium presentation invitation is given, instructions for the process will follow.
- Oral presentations will follow ANCC rules regarding bias. Employees/owners of ineligible companies may not present their work as an oral session for CE.



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Need more help?

- The WOCN Society has a mentorship program.
- Send an email to abstracts@wocn.org to sign up for a mentor.



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Good luck with the submission process!!
If you have any questions, please reach out.

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References

1. [American Nursing Credentialing Center's Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education](#)