

Abstract Submission Instructions

Following these instructions will increase the chance that your abstract will be accepted. Not following the directions makes your abstract subject to rejection.

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Submission Deadline

- **The abstract submission deadline is 11:59 PM EST/10:59 PM CST/8:59 PM PST, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025.**
- Submit early; allow time for technical problems to be resolved

Abstract word limit

- The abstract word limit is 300 words, single spaced.
- The word count does not include title, authors, or references.

Reference style/format

- AMA style is the required format for references.
- 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?q=293795&p=1956824>
- Up to 3 (i.e., 1 to 3 references) should be cited in the abstract.
- No more than 3 references will be allowed.
 - Typically, references are cited for information published by others in the Topic/Significance to Practice of Practice Innovation abstracts, Problem (Gap in Knowledge) in Research Abstracts, or Statement of the Clinical Problem/Challenge section in Caser series abstracts.

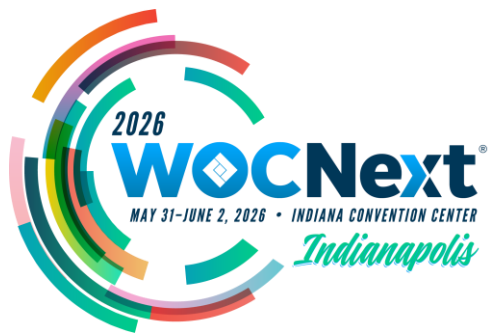
Author Information

- All authors should review and approve the abstract before it is submitted
 - Allow time for authors to review/approve the abstract before the submission deadline
- ALL authors' names should be listed on the abstract at the time of submission
 - The abstract and author names will be published in JWOCN
 - Names cannot be added or removed after the abstract is submitted
 - All names included on the abstract if accepted must be the same as on the poster
- Only appropriate VALID and CURRENT credentials for each author should be used.

EXAMPLE:

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Author Disclosures

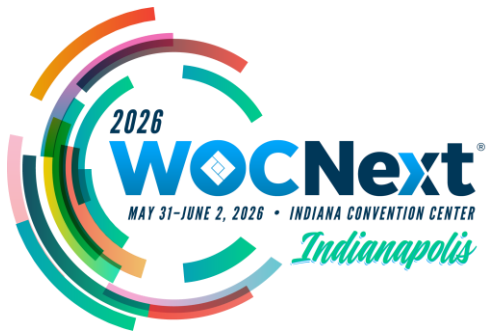
- Every named author must complete the required disclosure questions at the time of abstract submission.
- In order for the abstract to be considered ready for review, each author must have their disclosure submitted by the abstract submission deadline, 11:59 PM EST/10:59 PM CST/8:59 PM PST, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025.
 - Leave sufficient time before the deadline for authors to complete the disclosure
- 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.

Abstract Categories

- You must select an Abstract Category (see Descriptions at the end of this document)
- There are 3 Abstract Categories
 - Practice Innovation
 - Quality Improvement projects should be submitted in this category
 - Research
 - Research abstracts without results or only preliminary results will be rejected as incomplete
 - Case Series
 - At least THREE (3) case studies must be presented
 - The abstract must explicitly state that 3 cases are included
- **Abstracts submitted to an incorrect category will not be able to be appropriately reviewed and scored and therefore will be rejected.**

Abstract Content

- Content must be significant to wounds, ostomy, continence, foot care, and/or WOC professional practice
- 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.
- Abstracts must be submitted in English.
- No Protected Health Information (PHI) is to appear in the abstract.
- No Facility/Company/Personal Names are allowed 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"
- NO TRADE or BRAND NAMES ALLOWED
 - Product information should be discussed in generic terms.
 - Examples:
 - Moldable ostomy barrier
 - Silver impregnated foam dressing



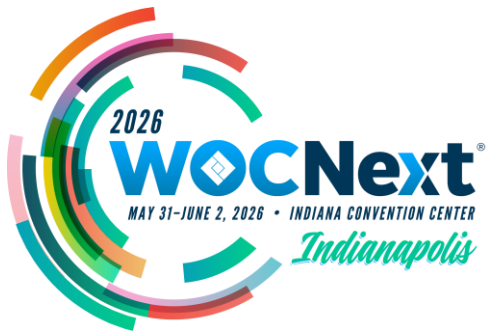
- Multi-layer compression system
- Low Frequency Ultrasound
- Negative Pressure Wound Therapy
- Medications: “Ibuprofen” (appropriate) vs. “Advil”

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 - Statements should not be viewed as or considered representative of any formal stance or position taken on any subject, issue, or product by the WOCN® Society.
- Give credit to all references used in the development of the abstract.
- Disclose and appropriately indicate the use of Artificial Intelligence Technologies (AI), such as ChatGPT or similar AI-based large language models, in the creation of the abstract.
- Use appropriate terms
 - “WOC nurse” instead of “the CWOCN” or “the WOCN”
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Abstract Category Descriptions and Required Elements

- Practice Innovation:
 - Presents innovative practice changes that demonstrate a new way to approach a problem that pertains to wound, ostomy, continence, foot care or professional practice.
 - Quality Improvement projects should be submitted here
 - A single case study (or 2 case studies) will not be accepted in this category
 - Four (4) sections are required
 - Topic/Significance to Practice
 - Purpose of the Innovation/Objectives
 - Process/Replication
 - Outcomes
- Research:
 - Present original research from a study focusing on wound, ostomy, continence, foot care or professional practice topics
 - Studies can be qualitative, observational, experimental, or quasi-experimental, pilot studies (Case studies will not be accepted)
 - Reviews (Scoping, systematic, etc.) will not be accepted
 - Five (5) sections are required
 - Problem (or Knowledge Gap addressed by study)
 - Purpose/Aim(s)/Research Question(s)
 - Study Design and Methods (includes Analysis)
 - Results – final (and not preliminary) results must be included
 - Conclusions



- Case Series:
 - 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
 - Must explicitly state that 3 or more case studies are addressed
 - Five (5) sections are required:
 - Statement of the Clinical Problem/Challenge
 - Significance to Practice including Past Management
 - Solution/Clinical Treatment Approach
 - Outcomes
 - Conclusion

General Information and Notification

- If you are submitting an abstract, anticipate that it will be accepted, and make arrangements for conference registration early.
- The primary/presenting author will be expected to register for the conference upon notification of acceptance of the abstract.
 - Registration means that the full conference fee is paid. This serves as confirmation of your attendance to present your poster!
- If you do not receive an email message about your abstract acceptance/rejection by mid-January 2026, which is likely due to your email firewall, contact abstracts@wocn.org.
- Specific instructions about creating a poster will be sent to you if your abstract is accepted for poster presentation.
- 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.

Need more help?

- The WOCN Society has a mentorship program. If interested, request a mentor very soon after the call for abstracts is made. We recommend allowing at least 4 weeks to work with a mentor.
- Send an email to abstracts@wocn.org to request assistance of a mentor.