

Abstract Submission Process

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The NPIAP invites you to submit an abstract for presentation at our 2026 Annual Conference.

We welcome abstracts that support the NPIAP mission to improve patient outcomes in pressure injury prevention and management through education, public policy and/or research.

Your blinded abstract will be reviewed and scored by a panel of reviewers who are experts in area(s) relevant to its topic.

You may select a preference for poster or podium presentation. Note that only a small number of abstracts will be selected for podium presentation.

There is no fee to submit an abstract but if your abstract is accepted, you must register for the Conference and pay the appropriate fee.

Maximum of 3 abstracts per person, each person will only be eligible for 1 award.

Product brand names cannot be used in abstracts. Please only use generic names in abstracts, posters and in oral presentations (e.g., silicone five-layer foam dressing).

Individuals must fully declare their conflicts of interest including in-kind services (e.g., products received, data analysis services, etc.) within their abstract application.

If your abstract is accepted, instructions will be provided for how to handle financial disclosures and product names that may be more unique and specific.

Dates & Deadlines

- Abstract submission deadline: **September 15, 2025 at 11:59 pm Central Time. Late submissions will not be accepted.**
- Notification of acceptance will occur by **December 1, 2025.**
- If accepted, you will need to register for the conference by **January 15, 2026.**

A. Categories

We invite high quality abstracts that will be considered for the following categories:

1. **Pressure Injury Clinical Research**: Research on pressure injuries involving patients or research that obtains data surrounding the processes of pressure injury prevention and treatment. Types of pressure injury clinical research can include experimental, observational, or qualitative designs.
2. **Bench/Laboratory Research**: Laboratory-based, pre-clinical experiments that help us to better understand pressure injury development, prevention or treatment.
3. **Case Study/Case Series**: Descriptive study based on singular or grouped uncontrolled observations of patients (case series-minimum of 3) or singular report of one unusual case on an individual patient (case reports).
4. **Outcomes**: Epidemiology of pressure injuries to better understand prevalence in at-risk populations.
5. **Patient-centered Research**: Research focused on understanding patient and caregiver experiences with pressure injuries. Studies must involve patients and/or caregivers.
6. **Practice Innovation**: Creative, novel and unique methods, clinical and/or other processes that assist in the prevention and/or treatment of pressure injuries as well as operational improvements leading to better cost-minimization outcomes (vis-à-vis constrained optimization), clinical outcomes, and/or workflow improvements. All practice innovations should provide replicable ideas for implementation.

B. Abstract evaluation

Poster abstracts will be evaluated through a blinded review process on the following criterion using a point system. We will accept industry-sponsored research but please distinguish whether it is industry-initiated vs. investigator-initiated. We will also accept research from our industry partners.

1. Overall, the abstract is well organized.
2. Background/Significance provides a presentation of the issue.
3. The Problem or Objective is clearly stated.
4. Methodology is appropriate for the type of work presented.
5. Data are analyzed using appropriate techniques.

6. Final data is presented clearly and concisely.
7. Conclusions are clearly written, and the data supports the conclusions.
8. The poster contains new knowledge or enhances previous findings.
9. The poster acknowledges un-answered or un-addressed questions resulting from the study.
10. The poster follows a logically coherent presentation path.
11. Overall impact value of the work to the field of pressure injuries.

Note: Points are lost for lack of clarity, misspellings and poor grammar:

C. Steps if accepted

Accepted abstracts will be published in the Conference Proceedings and on the NPIAP Website (pending author permission).

Oral presentations

Your abstract may be selected for podium presentation based on its final evaluation score, determined through a blinded, peer-reviewed process conducted by experts in the field. If your poster is selected for an oral presentation, NPIAP will provide presentation guidelines.

Poster awards

Your abstract may be considered for an award based on the final score it has been given by the evaluators. Awards will be presented in the following categories:

1. **Student** - Still classified as a student on the abstract submission deadline. You will need to provide your student advisor's name and phone number.
2. **Young investigator** - Within 5 years of degree. You need to provide your graduation date, program, and degree received.
3. **Best Overall** - Best overall contribution to the field of pressure injury prevention and treatment.
4. **The Charlie Lachenbruch Award** - This is a non-monetary award for industry members whose poster demonstrates contribution to the science of pressure injury prevention and treatment.

If your abstract is chosen for an award, you will have a chance to present at the conference.

Poster presentation specifics

- Posters are typically displayed on 4' high x 8' wide bulletin boards. Presenters must bring their own tacks or mounting supplies.
- Handouts may be distributed. Audio-visual equipment will not be available for poster presentations.
- You are **NOT ALLOWED** to place the NPIAP logo on the poster. Placing the NPIAP logo is misleading to the attendees who may think the NPIAP is endorsing your work as well and an infringement on the NPIAP logo copyright.

D. Additional Guidelines

- **Each abstract will be reviewed based on specific criteria for the category in which it is placed.** It is very important for the author to select the appropriate category (see below for more details) when submitting one's abstract.
- **Abstracts must be 350 words or less.**
- **Abstracts are brief summaries** of the research conducted.
- **Abstracts should contain a Background/Significance. Hypothesis/Objective, Methods, Results, And Conclusion.** Abstracts stating that "results will be presented..." will not be considered.
- **References are optional.** Please limit references to the 5 most pertinent citations.
- **Abstracts from our industry partners may be submitted.** They will not be considered for podium presentation.
- There is a **limit of 3 posters submitted per person or team.** Each poster from one person or team must address a different project. Other members from the same facility or industry partner may submit providing the topics are different from other individuals or teams at the same facility or industry.

E. Ready to Submit?

Make sure you have first read all of the above terms & conditions.

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