

2026 CANO/ACIO Conference

Abstract Submission Information and Guidelines

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1. Information

Character Limit

Abstract submissions are limited to **2,000 characters** (approximately **230 words**) for the abstract text. **Title and Body**

- Do **not** place the title in quotation marks or use all capital letters.
- Use **Title Case** for the abstract title.
- Do not use formatting tags (e.g., bold, italics, underlining) in the title.
- You may copy and paste the abstract body into the appropriate submission fields.

References

- References should **not** be included in the abstract body.
- Please ensure all references are removed prior to submission.

Presentation Type, Category, and Topic

- You will be asked to select a **presentation type** (Oral, Poster, or Workshop).
- You will also be asked to select a presentation category, which applies to all presentation types:
 - Clinical Practice
 - Education
 - Leadership
 - Quality Initiatives
 - Research
- Please select the applicable **category(ies)** and **topic(s)** using the drop-down menus provided in the submission system.

Authors

- Please list all co-authors associated with the abstract.
- The individual submitting the abstract will be considered the **presenter**.

Organization / Affiliations

- Enter the institutional or organizational affiliations for all authors as requested in the submission form.

Abstract Proof

- Carefully review your abstract proof before submitting. Ensure that all special characters, symbols, and formatting display correctly.
- If errors are identified, return to the relevant section to make corrections prior to submission.

Submitting Your Abstract

- All fields marked with a red asterisk (*) are required and must be completed before submission.
- User IDs and passwords are case sensitive.
- Once all required information has been entered, the **Submit** button will appear at the bottom of the page.

Important Dates

- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** Monday, March 15, 2026 at 11:59 PM EST
- Notification of Acceptance: June 2026

Publication

- Accepted abstracts will be published in the Abstract Book as part of the peer-reviewed Canadian Oncology Nursing Journal (CONJ), which is international in scope.
- Authors may include published abstracts in their curriculum vitae.

Important Notes on Review and Acceptance

- The number of available slots for oral presentations, poster presentations, and workshops is limited. As a result, not all submitted abstracts can be accepted, and some abstracts may be accepted in a presentation format different from the one requested.
- Abstracts are **peer-reviewed using multiple criteria** to ensure a well-rounded and engaging conference program. Review considerations include:
 - Content quality
 - Originality
 - Relevance to oncology nursing practice
 - Representation across regions and perspectives, in alignment with CANO/ACIO's commitment to diversity and inclusion
- **First-time presenters are strongly encouraged to submit an abstract**
- If you submit an abstract and are later unable to attend the 2026 CANO/ACIO Annual Conference, please notify info@cano-acio.ca as soon as possible so the program can be adjusted accordingly.

Technical Support

- If you experience any technical difficulties during the submission process, please contact info@cano-acio.ca.

Important Note: Abstracts will be published in the **Final Program and Abstract Book** exactly as submitted. Please ensure accuracy and completeness prior to the submission deadline. Do not create a new submission to correct or complete an existing abstract.

2. Guidelines: Oral or Poster – Clinical Practice, Education, Leadership, Quality Initiatives

Please provide a clear and concise synopsis of the proposed presentation, including the following



elements:

- **Problem:** Clearly state the main problem, issue, or practice gap being addressed.
 - **Background:** Provide relevant background information that contextualizes the problem or issue.
 - **Discussion:** Describe the rationale for the presentation and outline key concepts or content.
 - **Key Message:** Identify the primary takeaway or message you wish participants to gain from the presentation.
 - **Innovation:** Describe elements of originality, innovation, or creativity, either in the approach to the topic or in the delivery of the presentation.
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3. Guidelines: Oral or Poster – Research

Please provide a synopsis of the proposed research presentation that includes the following components:

- **Introduction:** Identify the gap in oncology nursing practice or evidence that the research addresses.
 - **Purpose / Objectives:** Clearly state the purpose and/or objectives of the study.
 - **Methods:** Briefly describe the research methods and procedures used.
 - **Results:** Summarize key findings of the study.
 - **Conclusion:** Describe the scope and significance of the study and explain how it contributes to oncology nursing practice or evidence.
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4. Guidelines: Workshop

Workshops are **90 minutes in length**. Workshop spaces are limited.

Please provide a synopsis of the proposed workshop, including the following information:

- **Purpose / Main Message:** Clearly define the overall objective and primary message of the workshop.
- **Learning Outcomes:** List the specific outcomes participants are expected to achieve by the end of the workshop.
- **Background:** Provide a concise overview of the topic, including relevant background information.
- **Participant Engagement:** Describe the strategies that will be used to actively engage participants (e.g., case studies, group work, interactive discussion).
- **Innovation:** Highlight elements of originality, innovation, or creativity in either the workshop design or the approach to the topic.