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american psychosocial oncology society



15th ANNUAL CONFERENCE *Tucson, Arizona* FEBRUARY 22 – 24, 2018

Call for Proposals

The American Psychosocial Oncology Society is **now accepting abstracts** for the 15th annual conference February 22-24, 2018, in Tucson, Arizona. The theme of the 2018 conference is ***“Emerging Models of Collaborative Cancer Care: Advancing Psychosocial Science and Practice in Oncology”***

Psychosocial oncology professionals in all disciplines and cancer advocates are encouraged to submit abstracts as part of a symposium or as individual podium or poster presentations. We welcome research, program, and clinical abstracts, including meta-analyses, systematic reviews, case presentations, and program evaluations. Preferred abstracts will address the conference theme and objectives, focusing on team-based interdisciplinary care, the intersection of oncology and psychosocial services to treat the whole patient, unique disciplinary contributions that enhance overall cancer care or patient/caregiver quality of life, and the translation of psychosocial science into practice.



ABSTRACTS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PRESENTATION TYPES:

- **Symposium** - 90-minute presentation (additional guidelines apply)
- **Podium presentation** - 20-minute presentation
- **Poster presentation**



SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

- **Symposia (Overall) Submission** – August 11, 2017*
- **Symposia Speaker (Individual Presenters)** – August 18, 2017*
- **Poster/Podium Sessions** – October 6, 2017
- **Late Breaking Abstracts (poster only)** – November 28, 2017

**Decisions on symposia presentations will be announced the week of September 13, 2017 allowing those not selected for a symposium to resubmit their abstract as a poster/podium session. Poster/Podium Session decisions will be announced in mid-November.*

Abstracts will be reviewed and selected for presentation based on significance to psychosocial oncology, relevance to the conference theme, innovation, appropriate analytic approach, findings, implications for research and practice, and clarity of writing.

Abstracts detailing planned research that has not yet been conducted will not be considered for inclusion in the 2018 conference program.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

In this annual meeting, APOS aims to increase adoption and reach of the standard of psychosocial care in oncology through the following objectives:

1	Describe evidence-based interdisciplinary models of cancer care to improve access to quality psychosocial oncology services, particularly patient navigation, survivorship care, and distress management.
2	Translate scientific findings into quality whole-patient psychosocial cancer care via collaboration among researchers, practitioners, and advocacy groups, with special attention to vulnerable populations, including ethnic, racial, and cultural minorities, aging and pediatric U.S. populations.
3	Identify components of a survivorship model essential to whole patient care.
4	Define ethical approaches to patient care in challenging situations based on area of specialization.

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES/SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

[CLICK HERE](#) to download a printable instruction sheet (PDF). *Please read carefully before submitting.*

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR SYMPOSIA AND PODIUM PRESENTATIONS:

When submitting your abstract, you will be asked to identify your abstract as research (basic & applied, meta-analyses, systematic reviews), program (program evaluations, policy implementation) or clinical (case reports and clinical services). Abstract submissions should include the following:

- **Background/Purpose.** Clearly state the purpose of the abstract, describing the focus and significance to the field of psychosocial oncology.
- **Methods.** For *basic & applied research* abstracts, describe the study's design, participants, setting, data collection, and analytic approach. For *meta-analysis & systematic review research* abstracts, identify the databases searched, criteria for selection and inclusion of studies in the analysis, and methods for assessing risk of bias. For *clinical case study* abstracts, include the referral problem, assessment data and diagnosis, case conceptualization and treatment plan, and details of the course of treatment

including specific interventions and mechanisms of change. For *program* abstracts, review the current program or policy, stating the necessity for change.

- **Results.** For *research (basic & applied, meta-analysis & systematic review)* abstracts, present your results in a logical sequence. For *clinical case study* abstracts, summarize qualitative and/or quantitative changes and note the clinical significance of the outcomes. For *program* abstracts, present results and impact of programmatic changes or policy implementation.
- **Conclusions and Implications.** Emphasize new and important aspects of the research study, case report, or program/policy implementation and the conclusions drawn from them. Describe how findings are relevant to the science and practice of psychosocial oncology, the need for future research or clinical investigation.
- **Acknowledgement of Funding.**
- **Learning Objective.** Provide at least one learning objective for your abstract, using action verbs and listing measurable objectives. For example, “The participant shall be able to analyze the practice implications of...” instead of, “The participant shall be able to understand the practice implications of...”

Word Limit for all Submission Types:

The Background/Purpose, Methods, Results, Conclusions sections combined must be 300 **words or fewer**. Acknowledgement of funding and learning objectives are not counted in the word limit. Implications are excluded from the word count.

Symposium Submission Guidelines:

The symposium chair/convenor must submit symposium title, overall symposia description, and each presenter’s contact information using the online submission system. [Click here](#) to view an example of an overall symposia description. The system will contact the proposed speakers to submit individual abstracts online, linking the speaker abstracts to the symposium title. For more information, see the [instruction sheet](#). Symposium abstracts will be reviewed as a group and will be accepted or rejected as a group. If your symposia is not accepted you may resubmit your abstract as a poster or podium presentation. The symposium chair is responsible for communicating conference information to individual speakers. It is preferred that symposium speakers do not represent the same institution. Symposium abstracts that address the conference theme and objectives will be preferred.



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