



SWHPN 2022 Call for Abstracts

Guidelines for Submitting an Abstract

The Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network invites you to submit an abstract for our 2022 educational events: the General Assembly, taking place in-person April 24-26 in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and the Virtual Summits taking place online September-November 2022. We are planning to offer separate in-person *and* virtual events in 2022, in order to accommodate all attendees as best we can.

For the in-person General Assembly, we hope to convene in Santa Fe, New Mexico for three days of interactive, engaged learning and networking opportunities. For the Virtual Summits, we will offer three half-days organized around a central theme, similar to our Summits in 2020 and 2021. In both cases, you'll have the opportunity to learn from and interact with social work leaders from around the world, engage with colleagues that understand your passion and work, and receive CEs.

We welcome submissions from both new and experienced hospice and palliative care professionals on a range of topics: clinical practice, psychosocial issues, research, policy, education, and more. We are very interested in hearing from people whose voices and experiences may not have been highlighted at our conference before and encourage submissions that highlight and center diverse populations, cultures, workplaces, and experiences in palliative and hospice care.

2022 will be the 10th year of SWHPN-related programming, and this year, we're focusing on the past and future of hospice and palliative social work. What will be, and should be, the role of social workers in advancing equitable, inclusive practices? How can social workers improve integrated care, access, coordination, and psychosocial outcomes for patients and families? What will be the defining themes in hospice and palliative care in the next ten years, and how can we as a field best prepare to tackle those challenges?

Abstracts should clearly demonstrate at least one or more of the following aims:

- Critically examine and integrate diverse cultural and structural perspectives in palliative and end-of-life care, that provide opportunities to promote inclusive practice
- Identify effective and innovative strategies, interventions, programs or models of practice for promoting and sustaining psychosocial care
- Explore opportunities to promote interprofessional collaboration, effective communication and teamwork within palliative care and hospice teams, and between social work and other palliative care disciplines
- Analyze the impact of different models of social work functioning and support within palliative and hospice care
- Identify metrics for evaluating the impact of psychosocial care

- Advance psychosocial and spiritual knowledge and skills for social workers and interdisciplinary palliative care professionals
- Present new research or case narratives related to the impact of chronic and progressive illness, medical treatment, and palliative care on individuals, families, and communities
- Identify risk factors for psychosocial and/or spiritual distress among patients and families in palliative or hospice care
- Explore emerging policies, legislation, and legal and ethical issues that impact social work and other psychosocial disciplines in hospice and palliative care
- Identify topics that integrate research findings and practice interventions across palliative care settings and within populations

We are accepting proposals for the following formats:

In-Person General Assembly:

- **30-minute Oral Presentations:** A 30-minute presentation on a specific topic, inclusive of time for audience discussion. This is a more concise presentation than the symposia, intended to highlight a single subject or paper, given by a single presenter.
- **Symposia Presentations:** A 75-minute presentation inclusive of time for discussion and/or Q &A, which is organized by a primary author, with 2-4 supporting authors or presenters, around a central overall theme. In the abstract submission, it must be clearly identified which topic will be addressed by each speaker. Contact information, credentials, and resumes/CVs for each speaker must also be included in the submission.
- **Interactive Workshop:** A two-hour, highly interactive and in-depth presentation on a specific topic (previous year's topics have included Aging Matters, Foundations for New Palliative Social Workers, and Pediatric Palliative Care). This type of presentation is intended to be a "deep-dive" session led by leaders in the field, offering a hands-on approach to learning in a quick-paced, intimate environment. Workshops can include 2-4 presenters. These may take place on Sunday, April 24 as a pre-conference session OR during the conference.
- **Poster Presentation:** A visually engaging presentation of research or a clinical intervention, to be shared to peers in an informal exhibit display area.
- **60-minute Virtual Presentation:** Please select this option if you cannot attend the in-person General Assembly and would only like to be considered for a virtual session.

Virtual Format Consideration Opt-In:

Those who submit an abstract have the option of having their submission considered for presentation at one of SWHPN's online virtual conferences in 2022. **Opting in / checking the box to be considered for our virtual format will not exclude your submission from being reviewed for the in-person General Assembly.**

How to submit an abstract:

SWHPN uses an online submission system. All abstracts must be submitted through the online abstract registration form, available <https://swhpn.memberclicks.net/callforswhpn2022>.

Incomplete, unclear or late submissions will not be accepted.

You may submit up to two (2) abstracts as primary author for consideration. All abstracts must be received between October 8, 2021 and 11:59pm EST on **Friday, November 5, 2021**.

COMPLETING THE REGISTRATION FORM:

Registration Information

Enter your name, address, email, phone number, and organizational information. (Note: You do *not* need to be a SWHPN member to submit an abstract.)

Presentation Type

Select your presentation type for each submission.

- **30-minute Oral Presentation**
- **75-minute Symposium (2-4 presenters)**
- **2-Hour In-Depth Interactive Workshop / Pre-Conference Session**
- **Poster Presentation**
- **60-minute Virtual Summit presentation**

Presentation Title

The title of your abstract (25 words or less).

Brief Description

Include a short, 2-3 sentence overview of the primary content of your presentation. This overview should be a short description of your presentation for use in the program, in order to aid participants in deciding which presentation they wish to attend. (50 words or less)

Abstract

Provide an overview of the information you will cover. This description of your abstract will be used by the review committee to assess your abstract proposal. Proposals are double blind-reviewed by members of the SWHPN 2020 Conference Committee. (500 words or less for oral or poster presentations; 1000 words or less for symposium presentations)

For oral or poster presentations on research, practice and policy, please provide these headings:

1. Introduction, Aims, or Overview
2. Methods, Interventions, or Strategies
3. Results, Findings, or Outcomes
4. Discussion, Implications, or Recommendations

For oral or poster presentations on case narratives, please provide these headings:

1. Introduction / Aims

2. Case Narrative
3. Discussion / Implications

For symposium and interactive workshop presentations, please provide these headings:

1. Introduction / Overview: general theme and content of the symposium, including methods/interventions/strategies and discussion/implications
2. Speaker 1: Description of specific content to be covered by first presenter
3. Speaker 2: Description of specific content to be covered by second presenter
4. Additional Speakers: Description of specific content to be covered by third, fourth presenters, as necessary

Note: Symposium and pre-conference abstracts should follow a similar format that provides the overall presentation objective, as well as the content of individual presenters, concisely yet in sufficient detail for abstract reviewers to understand the contribution of each participant to the topic.

Learning Objectives

Provide three learning objectives. Learning objectives should be measurable outcomes that specify what participants will gain from the presentation.

Presentation Level:

Select the audience for which your presentation is most appropriate:

- **Students/New to the Field:** Concepts presented are considered basic or core skills and knowledge to those working in palliative care.
- **Advanced Audience:** Presentations that require a high level of previous knowledge or professional work experience in the topic area to be discussed.
- **General Audience:** Presentation content is appropriate to all levels of practice and experience.

NEW THIS YEAR! Conference Tracks:

This year, each session will be devoted to a specific “track” of knowledge within hospice and palliative social work. You must choose at least one (1) track, and ONLY one track. Should your abstract be accepted, the placement of your presentation within a particular track is at the final discretion of the Conference Committee.

- 1. Addressing anti- racism and equity
- 2. Addressing SDOH
- 3. Caregiving/Caregivers
- 4. Clinical Interventions
- 5. COVID-related
- 6. Disease-specific
- 7. Ethics
- 8. Grief and Bereavement
- 9. Policy / advocacy
- 10. Population-specific (incl Pediatrics, geriatrics, etc)

Presenters

Provide information about **all** presenters: names, titles, credentials, a short 2-3 sentence bio, and a resume/CV in PDF *or* Word format.

Primary presenters must be identified for each abstract. The primary submitter is responsible for complete submission of the symposium overview and all related individual abstracts and contact information. The primary author will be the contact person for all communication with the program committee regarding abstract submissions and presentations. Contact information should include a valid email address and phone number where the presenter can be reached during the selection process.

Symposium presentations may include a moderator or discussant, but this is not required.

Additional Notes

Abstracts will be reviewed in early November, and presenters will be notified by late-November as to the status of their presentation at the General Assembly and/or Virtual Summit. **All presenters/authors who accept the invitation to present must register for the General Assembly, and will be offered a discount to register.**

All attendees, regardless of presenter types (oral, poster, symposium, and pre-conference presenters), must cover their own registration fee. Final acceptance as a presenter is conditional upon registration.

Please note: scheduling decisions or decisions about presentation type are at the discretion of the SWHPN 2022 Conference Committee and are final.

All submissions must be in the English language.

All authors must identify and resolve any conflicts of interest prior to the presentation of all papers and posters. Any speaker who has a commercial interest and is presenting material related to it is considered to have a conflict of interest.

Deadline to submit is 11:59pm PST on November 5, 2021.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

For resources on how to prepare an abstract, we recommend the following links:

- [How to Submit a Conference Proposal](#) video with SWHPN Board Member Suzanne Marmo, PhD, APHSW-C
- [Writing Abstracts and Developing Posters for National Meetings](#). Gordon J. Wood and R. Sean Morrison. Journal of Palliative Medicine. March 2011, 14(3): 353-359. doi:10.1089/jpm.2010.0171.
- [Giving Lightning Talks](#)

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