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ABSTRACTS FORMAT
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Abstracts may be research/clinical, program-focused, or case reports, and should be no longer than one 8.5" by 11" page. Use Arial 11 font, margins no smaller than one inch, and may be single space. **Please list title of abstract, all authors/presenters (by last name and initials), and affiliations. The following three formats will be accepted:**

1) Research/Clinical Abstracts

Structured abstracts are required and should include four simple headings: Background, Methods, Results and Conclusions. **(500 words maximum)**

1. **Background** should include a statement that identifies why this is an important topic and specifies the purpose or goal of the study.
2. A description of the **Methods** used to consider setting, population, sampling techniques, measures, and analytical procedures. Clinically focused abstracts may also include a case description or barriers encountered in application of evidence to practice.
3. A summary of the **Results** should be included, presented in sufficient detail to support the conclusions. The committee will consider abstracts that have not yet produced results, but we strongly discourage abstracts that will not have results to present at time of symposium.
4. Please include a statement of the **Conclusions** reached. It is recommended that clinically focused abstracts convey practical applications of their findings.

2) Program Abstracts

Structured abstracts are required and should include four simple headings: Purpose, Description, Partners and Looking Ahead. **Please list title of abstract, all authors/presenters (by last name and initials), and affiliations.** (**500 words maximum**).

1. **Purpose** should note the purpose and intent of program and how it promotes health equity and/or eliminates disparities.
2. **Description** should include a brief outline of program, its scope, target population for services, lessons learned, summary of outcomes.
3. In **Partners**, please mention collaborative stakeholders and community partners and their roles.
4. Lastly, in **Looking Ahead**, provide an overview of program benefits/impact on community and if applicable program's next steps.

3) Case Report Abstracts

The Abstract should not exceed **500 words**. Please minimize the use of abbreviations and do not cite references in the abstract. **Please list title of abstract, all authors/presenters (by last name and initials), and affiliations.** The abstract must include the following separate sections:

1. **Background**: why the case should be reported and its novelty
2. **Case presentation**: a brief description of the patient's clinical and demographic details, the diagnosis, any interventions, and the outcomes
3. **Conclusions**: a brief summary of the clinical impact or potential implications of the case report.

NOTE: The Scientific Committee will select only a limited number of oral presentations. Any abstract not selected for oral presentation will be approved for poster presentation. More information will be provided with the release of the "Presentation Guidelines".