



Call for Late Breaking Abstract Submissions on COVID-19

IPAC Canada's 2021 Virtual National Education Conference Scientific Program committee is now receiving Late Breaking Abstracts on the topic of COVID-19 to be submitted for presentation at this conference. Abstracts will be accepted until 12:00 midnight (Central Time), **March 15, 2021**. Abstracts must be submitted online via the 2021 conference webpage (<https://ipac-canada.org/ipac-canada-annual-conference.php>).

Late breaking abstracts will only be presented as a poster. The online abstract submission platform cannot be changed and will contain all the requirements for both oral and poster presentations. The abstracts will undergo the same review procedure as other conference abstracts.

Conference attendees will be directed to the posters that present the late breaking information on COVID-19. The abstracts will be published in the fall 2021 issue of Association News.

**Please note that this abstract submission is solely for abstracts with late breaking data on COVID-19 and not for abstracts submitted "late".
Any "late" abstracts will be rejected outright.**

ABSTRACT CRITERIA

The Abstracts Selection Committee reserves the right to select abstracts for presentation on the basis of relevance and interest.

- Poster presenters will be notified of acceptance by the beginning of April 2021 and will be advised of the date and time of their presentation.

Poster presentations will be presented in the language of the presenter. Registration discounts are not provided for poster presenters.

The IPAC Canada Conference Coordinators will contact each confirmed poster presenter to assist them in the development of digital posters and presentations.

Abstract Preparation and Guidelines for Acceptance

A. Content

1. Abstracts must be submitted online at <https://ipac-canada.org/ipac-canada-annual-conference.php>). Make sure all sections are completed and check that files have completely posted in the text area and downloaded from a browser where required.
2. Abstracts must adhere to the guidelines of either Format 1 or Format 2. See Section C below. Abstracts must follow all submission guidelines in order to be considered for review.
3. Poster presentations of abstracts which have been previously published or presented must not duplicate the previous publication or presentation. Presentation content must be altered for this specific audience.
4. The potential significance of the observations, as well as the scientific and/or educational quality of the work will influence which abstracts are accepted. Where possible, the author(s) should emphasize the features of the project that are new or different.
5. Abstracts must not contain a direct promotion of a specific product(s). Products used in the research or findings must not be named by company or brand name.
7. All concepts and abbreviations must be defined at first use in the body of the abstract.
8. Sources of funding must be acknowledged.
9. Text must not exceed 3000 characters (including spaces) and must be in a minimum of a 10 pt Times New Roman font. Abstracts may be rejected if they go over the 3000 character (including spaces) maximum.
10. Submitting author must ensure that spelling and grammar are correct throughout the abstract. The Committee will not make spelling or grammatical corrections. If accepted, abstracts will be published as presented.
11. Submitting author must ensure that title and full abstract text are fully captured in downloads.
12. Graphs and charts must not be included with the abstract submission.

Please read the selection criteria under G (Guidelines for Abstract Selection).

B. Authorship

1. If the person submitting the abstract is an author, their author information must also be added to the Author section as well as the submitter section. Authors are listed by their contribution to the work, with the first author being the person who took the leading role.

2. Authors and presenting author will be listed in a specific location on the submission page. Do not include author names in the abstract. The application platform has an area to list authors and affiliations. This is to ensure that abstracts are blinded during review.
3. One of the authors must be designated as an Author and Presenter. All others are Authors.
4. All authors should have contributed significantly to the work and be able to defend it.

C. Format

Abstract **MUST** be submitted in one of the following formats with clear headings for each section. Abstracts must follow all submission guidelines in order to be considered for review.

Format 1:

This format is intended for abstracts involving the presentation of scientific research findings, such as randomized clinical trials, case-control, observational or descriptive studies, or outbreak investigations where appropriate comparisons or analyses of data have been performed.

Note: The abstract should disclose primary findings and not include statements such as “experiment in progress” or “results will be discussed.”

Following are the format criteria and headings which submitters **MUST** follow for Format 1. *Abstracts must follow all submission guidelines in order to be considered for review.*

Abstract Title: Initial Caps and Bold

Background/Objectives: Outline study objectives, the hypothesis to be tested, or description of the problem.

Methods: Report methods used or approach taken.

Results: Indicate essential results obtained in summary form with appropriate statistical analysis (p value, confidence intervals, odds ratio, etc.)

Conclusion: Provide a summary of findings as supported by results with implications and conclusions.

Format 2:

This format is intended for abstracts involving the description of educational or quality/process improvement programs, observations, or other infection prevention and control activities, including descriptions of facility or community-based programs or interventions, discussion of infection prevention policy, and descriptions of a particular prevention model or method.

Following are the format criteria and headings which submitters **MUST** follow for Format 2. *Abstracts must follow all submission guidelines in order to be considered for review.*

Abstract Title: Initial Caps and Bold

Issue: Identify the specific problems (or needs) addressed. Provide brief introduction of the proposed topic. Include important background and current information on issues.

Project: Describe the intervention/program.

Results: Summarize specific results.

Lesson Learned: Summarize lessons learned and implications.

D. Setting (choose one)

- Acute Care
- Long Term Care/Continuing Care
- Community/Public Health
- Occupational Health
- PreHospital Care
- Educational Institution
- Industry
- Other

E. Subject Category

- COVID-19

F. Only poster presentations will be accepted for these late breaking abstracts.

G. Overview of Abstract Review and Selection

Each abstract is reviewed by three (3) independent reviewers. All abstracts are blinded (see B2 above). Each reviewer will use the criteria noted below using a 5-point scale scoring system. Abstracts must follow all submission guidelines in order to be considered for review.

The criteria used to evaluate abstracts for selection are:

1. **Content Relevance for Conference Audience:** The degree of relevance to infection prevention and control and the number of people of groups potentially interested or affected, transferable to learning, and potential to stimulate interactive discussion.
2. **Description and Quality of Writing:** Overall clarity of project/study, including grammar, and adherence to submission guidance structure.

3. Methodology: Intervention/project/case study/research applies appropriate methodology and measurement of change/improvement grounded in science.
4. Conclusion and Lesson Learned: Provides new information/new thinking/innovation/originality, and can be applied to practice.

H. Submission of Abstracts

1. Abstracts must be submitted online at <https://ipac-canada.org/ipac-canada-annual-conference.php>.
2. Make sure all sections are completed and prescribed format is followed. Double check spelling and grammar.
3. Make sure author names are not included with the abstract but are complete in the submission platform dedicated to author name and affiliation.
4. Do not include graphs or charts with the abstract submission.
5. Abstracts must be submitted by 12:00 midnight (Central Time), March 15, 2021. No further revisions to the submission can be made after that time.
6. Indicate “First Time Abstract Submitter” if the lead author has never submitted an abstract to IPAC Canada (or CHICA Canada).
7. Indicate if the author(s) is/are interested in authoring an article for publication in the Canadian Journal of Infection Control (CJIC).
8. Abstracts will be posted to the 2021 Conference page of www.ipac-canada.org prior to the conference. Presenters must register for the conference but do not have to register prior to submitting abstract.

Poster Presentation Set Up and Tear Down

The IPAC Canada Conference Coordinator will connect with poster presenters with more information.

IPAC Canada Awards

Conference attendees will vote for: The Best Oral Presentation to receive an award of \$500. Conference attendees will vote for: The Best Poster Presentation to receive an award of \$500. The awards will be presented at the Closing Ceremonies (one of the authors must be a member of IPAC Canada.)



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