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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Abstracts Selection Committee reserves the right to select abstracts for presentation on the basis of relevance and interest, and to choose the types of presentation (Oral or Poster).

- Oral session presenters will be provided with a 13-minute session (10-minute presentation; three-minute Q&A). Schedule of presentations to be announced. Virtual presentations are possible. Additional instructions will be provided to virtual presenters.
- Poster session presenters will be provided with an opportunity to answer questions while at their poster. Schedule of presentations to be announced. Poster presenters are requested to add a QR code to their poster that will link to a video presentation.

Presenters will be notified of acceptance by mid-March 2027, and will be advised of the date and time of their presentation. Oral and poster presentations will be presented in the language of the presenter. Registration discounts are not provided for oral or poster presenters.

Oral Presentations will be available on the virtual platform. Recordings will be available for attendees to access post-conference.

Poster Presentations will not be available on the virtual platform. Authors are requested to send a high resolution pdf of their poster to IPAC Canada for inclusion with the published abstract, post-conference.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:

Abstracts for presentation at the conference will be accepted until:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2026
2359 hours (Eastern Time)

ABSTRACTS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE: HTTPS://IPAC-CANADA.ORG/EDUCATION-INSTITUTE/IPAC-CANADA-ANNUAL-CONFERENCE/

ABSTRACT PREPARATION AND GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTANCE

A. CONTENT

1. Abstracts must be submitted online at www.ipac-canada.org. 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. Oral or poster presentations of abstracts that 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 3,000 characters (including spaces) and must be in a minimum of a 10-pt. Times New Roman font. **Abstracts will be rejected by the submission platform if they go over the 3,000 character limit (including spaces) maximum.**

   9.1 Submitters will be asked to provide the text only (for publication purposes) as well as the complete, formatted abstract. The text must not include the title (so it will not be counted in the 3,000 character count, nor the list of authors and affiliations.
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 uploads to the submission platform.
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. **THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THE LIST OF AUTHORS WILL BE USED IN PUBLICATION OF THE ABSTRACT. ENSURE THAT THE INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS IS CONSISTENT WHEN INPUTTING THE NAME OF THE AFFILIATION (e.g. hospital, community setting, health authority, etc.).**
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.

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

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.

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.

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 only one)

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

E. SUBJECT CATEGORIES (select only one)

The author(s) should select the one subject category that best categorizes the submission(s). This will assist the abstracts committee in organizing the program.

- Antimicrobial Resistance/ Antimicrobial Stewardship

- Cleaning, Disinfection, Sterilization
- COVID-19
- Education
- Emerging Pathogens
- Outbreak Investigation
- Pediatrics/Neonatal Care
- Practice Standards/Guidelines
- PreHospital Care
- Program Evaluation
- Public Health Implications
- Quality/Process Improvement
- Site Specific Infections
- Surveillance
- Other

F. PREFERRED METHOD OF PRESENTATION IF ABSTRACT SELECTED (choose only one)

- Poster
- Oral
- No preference

Oral presentations will be chosen to the maximum of allotted space available at the conference, approximately 24 (at time of printing). If not chosen for one of the spaces, submitters preferring an oral presentation may be requested to present a poster.

G. OVERVIEW OF ABSTRACT REVIEW AND SELECTION

Each abstract is reviewed by three 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/education-institute/ipac-canada-annual-conference/.
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. See Section B Authorship.
4. Ensure that complete text has been copied to the abstracts platform.

5. Do not include graphs, charts, or references with the abstract submission.
6. Abstracts must be submitted by 2359 hours (Eastern Time), **December 21, 2026**. No further revisions to the submission can be made after that time.
7. Indicate "First Time Abstract Submitter" if the lead author has never submitted an abstract to IPAC Canada.
8. Indicate if the author(s) is/are interested in authoring an article for publication in the Canadian Journal of Infection Control (CJIC).
9. The presenting author of an oral session must indicate if they will present in-person or on a virtual platform. Posters will be presented in-person only.
10. Accepted abstracts will be published in an Abstracts Book and posted to www.cjic.ca prior to the conference. In addition, it will be posted to the 2027 Conference page of the IPAC Canada website prior to the conference.

ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

The Abstracts Selection Committee will schedule both Oral and Poster Presentations from accepted abstracts.

Oral Presentations
Monday, June 7 – 1400 - 1500 (MountainTime) – to be confirmed
Tuesday, June 8 - 1400 – 1500 (Mountain Time) – to be confirmed

Poster Presentations
Monday, June 7- 1230 – 1315 (Mountain Time) – to be confirmed
Tuesday, June 8 - 1230 – 1315 (Mountain Time) – to be confirmed

POSTER SET UP:
Sunday, June 6 1100 – 1600 (Mountain Time) – to be confirmed

POSTER TEAR DOWN:
Tuesday, June 8 - 1400 – 1500 (Mountain Time) – to be confirmed

IPAC Canada will not be responsible for posters not removed within the dedicated time.

DR. JOHN EMBIL AWARDS

1. The Abstracts Committee will determine one of the abstracts submitted by a First Time Abstract Submitter to receive an award of $500 CAD at the Closing Ceremonies (one of the authors must be a member of IPAC Canada).
2. Conference attendees will vote for: The Best Oral Presentation to receive an award of $500 CAD and The Best Poster to receive an award of $500 CAD. The awards will be presented at the Closing Ceremonies (one of the authors must be a member of IPAC Canada).

HANDOUTS

Presenters may bring handouts for distribution at the oral or poster session. Printing is the responsibility of the presenter.

Speakers have been asked to provide their handouts in a format that is easily downloaded, prior to the conference. These will be posted to www.ipac-canada.org.

CONFERENCE APP

The Final Program including session objectives, speaker bios, and evaluations will be uploaded to the IPAC Canada Conference App and on the virtual platform. Preliminary, Registration, and Final Programs will be available at www.ipac-canada.org.