

ABCT

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**general
sessions**

With ABCT now in its sixth decade, it is more important than ever to reflect on how well we are achieving our core mission of enhancing health and well-being. What can we do together to extend the reach and social impact of our vast accumulation of scientific knowledge? How can we produce healthy, therapeutic behavior on a grand scale? The purpose of this call is to engage us in ongoing reflection, commitment, and the effortful habit of evaluating our accomplishments in terms of this high-level goal of reducing mental health burden and improving lives; in other words, to measure our work against our mission.

We encourage submissions that investigate novel ways to extend the reach of our current therapeutic processes and products, and especially the scientific knowledge behind them. Thematic examples include:

- Reaching and partnering with new and diverse populations (e.g., global mental health, underutilized behavioral health audiences, underserved communities, intersecting interests among two or more Special Interest Groups);
- Leveraging or developing new workforces or stakeholders (e.g., paraprofessional health workers, instructional models for professional training and development, supervision models for training and/or distributing expertise in health systems, scientific/mental health literacy of the general population);
- Improving knowledge delivery and the efficiency to guide behavioral health decisions (e.g., innovative protocol designs; decision support or feedback systems to inform treatment or implementation; models to better connect theory or emergent scientific findings to impending therapeutic action, personalized treatments, translation across problem or practice ontologies, such as DSM and RDoC; use of research evidence);
- Interacting with industry (e.g., the role of emerging technology; the relationship between science and entrepreneurship, between human helpers and machines; models for scaling our most effective solutions);
- Striving to solve problems that are meaningful to stakeholders (e.g., clients, therapists, mental health system administrators); dissecting our failures or the unintended consequences of our prior successes; developing extensible resources today that anticipate the world of tomorrow.

Submissions may be in the form of Symposia, Clinical Round Tables, Panel Discussions, and Posters. Submissions that are judged to be especially thematic will be recognized in the online program for the 2019 Convention.

Information about the Convention and how to submit abstracts will be on ABCT's website, www.abct.org, after January 1, 2019.

Deadline for Submissions: 11:59 PM ET, Friday, March 15, 2019