

**2015 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference  
Abstract Submission Guidelines**

For the **2015 Policy Conference**, we invite abstracts specific to the conference objectives and the advancement of health policy. We encourage abstracts that demonstrate nursing contributions to health policy through translational science from efficacy to effectiveness studies, implementation and dissemination studies, comparative effectiveness research, or historical and health policy research. Moreover, quality improvement projects that inform organizational policy and systems of care are welcomed, as are evidence-based practice projects.

The Academy is dedicated to showcasing nurses as advocates, policy makers, change agents, strategists, and scientists. Our overarching goal is to demonstrate how the work of nurses results in initiatives that lead and shape health care and health policy advancements.

**Policy Conference Objectives**

1. Examine opportunities for nurse leadership and their impact on policy that influences implementation of healthcare reform and addresses factors affecting the health of populations.
2. Analyze interprofessional efforts involving nurse leadership to develop and implement health policy within a variety of organizations.
3. Incorporate healthy behavior into the meeting lifestyle.

**Submission Fee**

The cost for submitting abstracts for peer review is **\$40**. If your abstract is accepted for presentation, there will be a second cost of **\$85** to submit your poster. Additionally, presenters will be expected to pay the conference registration fee before the start of the conference. Conference registration opens on May 1, 2015 at [www.aannet.org/2015](http://www.aannet.org/2015).

**Submission Process**

Abstracts must be submitted electronically via the online process; the link to submit can be accessed at <https://www.conferenceabstracts.com/cfp2/login.asp?EventKey=JNBFIIZ>

**Review Process**

The 2015 Abstract Review Committee will select abstracts based on scores and recommendations from peer reviewers.

**Timeline**

Abstract Submission Deadline: **Monday, June 22, 2015, 11:59pm EST**

Abstract Notification of Acceptance (or not): **Monday, July 27, 2015**

**Helpful Hints**

- You do **not** have to be a Fellow of the Academy to submit an abstract.
- Abstract submissions should be original work and may NOT have been presented or submitted to another national or international conference UNLESS specific permission has been granted by the Abstract Sub-Committee Chair.
- Four types of abstracts (research, history and health policy, evidence based, or quality improvement) will be accepted for poster presentation (described below).
- Projects should have complete data by the time of presentation.
- Tables, graphs, and charts **are not** permitted in the abstract.



- The title should be brief and reflect abstract content; standard abbreviations may be used.
- Review criteria are specific to each abstract type and reflect an evaluation of how clearly and effectively authors address the abstract components (listed under each type described below). Authors are responsible for including the appropriate abstract components for the specific type of abstract submitted.
- Authors will designate the abstract type during the submission process to facilitate the use of appropriate review criteria by abstract reviewers.

### **For More Information**

Follow the abstract submission process provided on the website. You will be able to edit your abstract through June 22<sup>nd</sup>. After June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the abstract is considered final and will be reviewed based on the content provided.

If you have specific questions not addressed in these instructions, please email [Katie Pleasanton@aannet.org](mailto:Katie_Pleasanton@aannet.org).

### **Types of Abstracts Requested**

#### **Research Abstracts** (must not exceed 250 words)

- A. The format of the research abstract must include the following components:
- Purpose: The overall purpose, research question, or study hypothesis and theoretical rationale.
  - Methods: The study or project design and methods (sample, procedures, measures, and data analysis).
  - Results: The study or project findings or products.
  - Conclusions: The overall impact of findings and relevance to nursing or healthcare science.
  - Policy implications: Describe how the findings influence or potentially influence health policy.
- B. Review criteria will be based on the 5 previously mentioned components using a 5 point scale: 5=Exceptional, 4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Fair, 1=Not acceptable.

#### **Historical Research Abstract** (must not exceed 250 words)

- A. The format of the historical research abstract must include the following components:
- Purpose: The overall purpose and research questions should be identified.
  - Significance: The background and significance to health policy today should be identified and described.
  - Methods: Primary sources and the framework should be described.
  - Results: The study findings should be outlined.
  - Conclusions/ Policy implications: Describe how the historical evidence relates to policy issues today.
- B. Review criteria will be based on the connection between evidence presented and logic of conclusions, and based on the 5 previously mentioned components rated on a 5 point scale: 5=Exceptional, 4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Fair, 1=Not acceptable

#### **Evidence Based Practice Abstract** (must not exceed 250 words)

- A. The format of the EBP abstract must include the following components:
- Purpose: The overall purpose of the project and EBP model used.
  - Practice change: The proposed practice change and rationale.



- Strength of the evidence: The strength of the evidence guiding the proposed change in practice.
  - Implementation strategies: The strategies used to implement the practice change.
  - Stakeholders: A description of the stakeholders influenced by and participating in the change in practice.
  - Evaluation: A description of the evaluation strategies used to assess the impact of the change in practice.
- B. Review criteria will be based on a clearly stated purpose, the inclusion of the strength of evidence in the abstract, discussion of the practice change, implementation strategies and stakeholders described, and methods for evaluation of the change discussed. Review criteria will be rated on a 5 point scale: 5=Exceptional, 4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Fair, 1=Not acceptable.

**Quality Improvement Abstract** (must not exceed 250 words)

- A. The format of the QI abstract must include the following components as defined by the Standards for Quality Improvement Reporting Excellence (SQUIRE) Guidelines:
- Background: Briefly describe the problem, with justification.
  - Purpose: Describe the goals/objectives of the project.
  - Design: Describe the project design.
  - Setting: Describe the institution(s) and, if appropriate, type of units participating in the project.
  - Patients/Providers: Describe the number and type of patients or providers (intervention target sample) and eligibility criteria.
  - Implementation: Describe the critical aspects/components of the improvement process
  - Measurements: Describe the measurements assessed.
  - Results: Describe the findings assuring their consistency with the study goals.
  - Limitations: Discuss the limitations of the methods.
  - Conclusions: Briefly describe the implications of the findings.
- B. Review criteria will be based on a clearly stated problem and goals; the methods including the setting, target sample, improvement process, and measures; results and limitations; and conclusions, including institutional or health system policy implications. Each criterion will be rated on a 5 point scale: 5=Exceptional, 4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Fair, 1=Not acceptable.

**Submission Requirements**

- Review your abstract and check for typographical and spelling errors and scientific sense before submitting the abstract. Once submitted, abstracts cannot be revised after June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Your name, address, email, and telephone information are used for various communications throughout the conference planning process. Please check that the information entered is accurate to ensure that communication about your poster will reach you in a timely manner.
- Each abstract submission will have one presenting author who must be present during the poster sessions. Attending to your poster will not interfere with conference attendance. Exact times that presenters are required to attend their posters will be posted after the agenda is finalized.
- Posters will be presented electronically at the conference. Posters will be displayed on large monitors via the conference mobile app on attached iPads.
- Accepted posters will remain on the conference mobile app that Academy Fellows and conference attendees can access after the conference.