

Thank you for your interest in submitting an abstract for consideration at the **2026 Annual Congress, August 21-25, 2026** at the Thomas Michael Menino Convention and Exhibition Center in Boston, MA.

Annual Congress is designed to provide various educational topics that will develop the maximum effectiveness of CRNAs/nurse anesthesiologists in their roles as healthcare providers in diverse settings across the nation. Annual Congress is an excellent opportunity to present your best practices and research to your peers and colleagues. In 2025, Annual Congress was attended by over 4,000 CRNAs/nurse anesthesiologists, nurse anesthesia residents, and RN-APRNs. The goals of the Annual Congress are as follows:

1. Provide an organized learning experience that augments the knowledge and skills of CRNA/nurse anesthesiologists in various settings.
2. Serve as a forum where research pertinent to the specialty of nurse anesthesia is presented.
3. Familiarize CRNA/nurse anesthesiologists with the latest medical equipment, technology, and pharmacological products.
4. Provide AANA members with an opportunity to participate in business of the AANA.
5. Facilitate interaction and networking between participants on a professional and social level.

Please review the following information before submitting your abstract:

- Authors are to submit a 30- or 60-minute lecture or demonstration held during concurrent education sessions and should introduce knowledge and/or skills that are immediately actionable.
- Authors are allowed to submit up to three (3) abstracts for consideration (as Primary or Secondary presenter), with a maximum of two (2) presenters listed per abstract. If the primary presenter would like the abstract to be considered as a potential panel discussion, please indicate "for panel consideration" in the Content text box area of the submission process. Panels are not guaranteed.
- Please ensure that all email addresses of the presenter(s) are accurate and are associated with the AANA account. Email is the sole method of communication regarding acceptance.
- References should be current and evidence-based, *within the last five years*. The Committee will exclude abstracts with outdated or inadequate references from the review process.
- To keep the process fair and blinded for the grading process, please do not list any personal information within the open-ended content boxes. *Any personal identifiers (i.e., name, title, place of employment, etc.) listed in these boxes will automatically disqualify your abstract from the submission and grading process.* Personal data should **ONLY** be entered within the "Personal information" task which will be blinded during the grading process.
- Abstracts are reviewed and graded blindly by the AANA Professional Development Committee and invited expert graders.
- Presenters are asked to identify any potential conflict of interest related to the content to be offered (e.g., commercial interest, affiliation with a vendor) and affirm that their abstract presentations will not be used to sell a particular product or service. AANA exerts the right to rescind the acceptance of an abstract due to any conflict of interest discovered after the fact.
- *AANA will not be seeking pre-conference workshop proposals for 2026.*

## Submission Deadlines and Notifications

- Submission Deadline: **September 17, 2025, at 12:00 pm (NOON) central time.**  
*\*No abstracts may be submitted or will be considered after the deadline.*
- All those who submit will be notified of their status no later than January 15, 2026.

*AANA will provide discounted registration(s) to Annual Congress 2026 for the Primary and Secondary (if applicable) speaker of accepted abstracts. Speakers/presenters will be responsible for their own travel costs, accommodation reservations and costs, and any additional fees.*

## Sample Submission Content Outline

**Note** This is NOT the submission page, please do not fill out the lines below or submit as a Word or Google document. To submit, you will need to log into the submission system located at:

<https://www.aana.com/ce/call-for-abstracts/>

*If you are not a member of AANA, an account can be created from the submission page.*

*Listed below is a general outline of the content that will be requested for your submission. Additional information will be asked for within the submission site.*

- Title (150 characters max)
- Topic: *please select the topic that best fits your proposal and be mindful of the space where it should potentially reside in the program*
- Identified Gap(s)
- Description of Current State
- Description of Desired/Achievable State
- Gap to be addressed
- Knowledge, Skills, or Practice Other (Please describe)
- Learner Outcome(s): *The AANA and ANCC require one learner outcome per 30 mins of content.*  
Learner Outcomes apply to the following:
  - Nursing Professional Development
  - Patient Outcome
  - Other: (Please describe)
- Content Outline (400 words max)
- Short Session Description to be used for Website and Mobile App if accepted: (250 words or less)
- Reference List: *be current and evidence-based; references must be within the last five years*
- Approximate time required for content: *30 minutes or 60 minutes. Requests for additional time over 60 minutes will not be considered.*
- Estimated number of Pharmacology/Therapeutic Contact hours (if any) (Credits are awarded in 30-minute increments)
- DNP Project Faculty Sponsor: *If you are submitting your presentation as a DNP project, then you will need to provide your faculty sponsor information (full name with credentials)*
- **NEW** Estimated number of Pain Management Contact Hours (if any) (Credits are awarded in 30-minute increments)
- **NEW** Would this session be appropriate for Residents or RN-APRNs?

Any questions about the AANA Abstract guidelines and process, please contact Connie Anderko at [canderko@aana.com](mailto:canderko@aana.com).