



Research Abstract Guidelines

We are pleased to provide these Instructions and Guidelines for those submitting Research Abstracts and/or Clinical Conundrums for presentation at the Pediatric Hospital Medicine 2026 (PHM 2026) Conference. PHM 2026 will be held in Kansas City, Missouri from August 6-9, 2026.

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Research Abstracts Important Information

Submitter Information

- Lead Authors should only submit their work if they can be present during the conference dates of August 6-9, 2026.
- PHM 2026 staff will only communicate with the lead author/presenter. Please ensure all information submitted for the lead author is accurate as they will be the primary point of contact for their submission.
- Lead authors/presenters are responsible for collecting and communicating information to co-authors/presenters.
- **If a submission is accepted for presentation:**
 - At least one lead author/presenter must register for PHM 2026 to present their work.
 - All authors of the submission must complete a disclosure form.
 - The lead author/presenters will be required to submit their finalized e-poster/presentation slides.
 - E-posters/presentation slides are not required within the initial submission process.

Review and Notification Information

- The PHM 2026 Planning Committee will determine how accepted presentations will be delivered – either oral presentation or e-poster presentation.
- Presentation format will be communicated in the acceptance notifications.
- If you are selected to present your work at PHM 2026, keep in mind that your presentation could be scheduled throughout the duration of the conference, August 6-9, 2026.

Important Dates to Remember

Abstracts and Conundrum Submissions Open	Thursday, January 22, 2026
Abstracts and Conundrum Submissions Close	Monday, February 23, 2026
Abstracts and Conundrum Reviews	March 2026
Acceptance Notifications to be Sent	April 2026
RSVP Deadline to Participate	Early May 2026

Research Abstract Submission Information

- Deadline for Research Abstract submissions is **11:59 PM EST on Monday, February 23, 2026**.
- Submissions are limited to 2,600 characters (including spaces) or less (not including abstract title). It is strongly recommended that you draft your Research Abstract using Word or a similar product and then copy and paste the text into the online system.
- Please **DO NOT identify yourself, your co-authors or your institution anywhere in the body of your Research Abstract submission**. Your submission will be blinded for review and should not include any identifying information.

Submission Requirements

1. **Category:**
 - Research Abstracts must be submitted in one of the following three categories:
 - Clinical and Health Services Research
 - Medical Education
 - Quality Improvement
2. **Title:** provide a title for your Research Abstract. This field has a 75-word / 200-character limit. This word/character count is separate and not included in the overall character count for your Research Abstract.
3. **Introduction:** provide a brief introduction to your research.
4. **Objective:** provide a clear and specific description of the overall purpose of your study.
5. **Methods:** provide a description of the research design and analytic approach.
6. **Results:** provide a description of the study population, sample size, and major findings.
7. **Discussion/Conclusion:** provide a brief summary of your conclusions and the implications of your work.
8. **File Upload:** (Optional)
 - One supplemental PDF file containing a maximum of one table or figure pertinent to the submission may be uploaded. A supplemental table or figure is optional and not required with your submission. The table/figure cannot contain text other than captions

Additional Submission Information

- Please enter all other co-authors in the order in which they should appear in the heading of the Research Abstract.
- Research Abstracts can be edited until the point of final submission. Research Abstracts cannot be edited following final submission.
- Research Abstracts can be presented at other meetings, but not accepted for publication at the time of submission.
- Works in progress (without complete results), topics without relevance to Pediatric Hospital Medicine, and case reports will not be accepted as Research Abstracts.
- All aspects of your submission – author information, Research Abstract body information – must be completed for final submission to occur.
- When submission is completed, the lead author will receive a confirmation e-mail. If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail, your submission has not been recorded. Please reach out to phmaap@aap.org with any concerns.

Research Abstract Submission Categories

**Note: Abstracts that do not necessarily fit into one of the three categories are welcome, however, you*

must select one of the three categories in order to complete your submission.

Clinical and Health Services Research

Reviewers will be looking for:

- Patient-, provider-, practice-, hospital-, or systems-level outcomes
- Focus on diagnosis and management of diseases, or aspects of health services delivery

Medical Education Research

Reviewers will be looking for:

- Study of the impact of teaching, development of educational materials, curriculum development, or evaluation development.
- Measurable outcomes (may be qualitative)

Quality Improvement

Reviewers will be looking for:

- Data over time
- Run chart
- Multiple PDSA cycles- data is used to influence subsequent interventions
- Sufficient detail about setting, personnel, and resources to understand context



Clinical Conundrum Guidelines

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Clinical Conundrum Important Information

Submitter Information

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- Lead authors/presenters are responsible for collecting and communicating information to co-authors/presenters.
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 - The lead author/presenters will be required to submit their finalized e-poster/presentation slides.
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Abstracts and Conundrum Reviews	March 2026
Acceptance Notifications to be Sent	April 2026
RSVP Deadline to Participate	Early May 2026
Presentation Scheduling to be Sent	Late May 2026

Clinical Conundrum Submissions Information

- The deadline for Clinical Conundrums submissions is **11:59 PM EST on Monday, February 23, 2026.**
- Submissions are limited to 2,600 characters or less, including spaces. The title is excluded from this count. It is strongly recommended that you draft your Clinical Conundrum using Word or a similar product and then copy and paste the text into the online system.
- **Please do not identify yourself, your co-authors or your institution anywhere in the body of your Research Abstract submission or Clinical Conundrum.** Your submission will be blinded for review and should not include any identifying information.

Submission Requirements

- **Title:** provide a compelling title for your Clinical Conundrum. This field has a 75-word / 200-character limit. This word/character count is separate and not included in the overall character count for your Clinical Conundrum.
 - Please do not include the final diagnosis (or significant clue) in the title.
- **Initial History/Presentation:** provide information about the initial history taken or the presentation of the patient when first seen.
- **Physical Exam:** provide information about the physical exam conducted relevant to your Clinical Conundrum.
 - Vital signs may be included (if relevant)
- **Diagnostic Evaluation:** provide the result of any tests, procedures, or imaging conducted on the patient.
- **Diagnosis:** provide a description of the diagnosis made as a result of your exam and evaluation.
- **Discussion/Conclusion:** provide a brief summary of your interpretations and conclusions.
- **File Upload:** (Optional)
 - One PDF file may be uploaded including images/charts pertinent to the submission.
 - Total number of image/charts should not exceed three

Additional Submission Information

- The individual creating the system account and entering the Clinical Conundrum information will be considered the lead author and sole Clinical Conundrum presenter at PHM 2026.
- Only one person may present a Clinical Conundrum, although others may be listed as co-authors.
- Please enter all other co-authors in the order in which they should appear in the heading of the Clinical Conundrum.
- Clinical Conundrums can be edited until the point of final submission. Clinical Conundrums cannot be edited following final submission.
- Clinical Conundrums can be presented at other meetings, but not accepted for publication at the time of submission.
- Works in progress (without final conclusive diagnosis) and topics without relevance to Pediatric Hospital Medicine will not be accepted as Clinical Conundrums.
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Clinical Conundrum Submission Categories

You must choose one of the following categories to submit your Clinical Conundrum:

- Allergy/Immunology
- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- Genetics
- Hematology/Oncology
- Infectious Disease
- Neonatology
- Neurology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedics
- Pulmonology
- Renal
- Rheumatology
- Toxicology
- Urology