



Call for abstracts
Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting
October 17-19, 2026
San Francisco, CA

Overview

The Society seeks abstracts that advance the science and medicine of abortion and contraception in the US. Successful abstracts will address timely topics and important gaps in knowledge, demonstrate methodological rigor, and be tailored to the Annual Meeting audience.

Recognizing that institutionalized racism, both past and present, has hindered the full participation of people of color in science and medicine, the Society's Annual Meeting aims to showcase the full range of individuals advancing the science and medicine of abortion and contraception, in alignment with our [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Vision](#). We actively seek abstracts from presenters that thoughtfully reflect on the relationship between their identities and lived experiences and presentation content.

Key dates

- February 2, 2026 (6:00 am PT/9:00 am ET): Abstract submissions open
- March 17, 2026 (11:59 pm PT/2:59 am ET): Abstract submissions close
- July: Acceptance notification

Eligibility

- Abstracts must focus on the US or explicitly demonstrate direct relevance to the US context.
- Abstracts must be based on original research or evaluation data. Studies with completed data are strongly encouraged. Abstracts presenting substantial preliminary findings may be considered, but incomplete data may limit the reviewers' ability to assess the study's rigor and potential impact.
- All activities involving human subjects or vertebrate animals must be approved by an appropriate institutional review board or equivalent.

Audience

The Annual Meeting is designed for an audience with significant expertise in the science and medicine of abortion and contraception in the US. The majority of attendees are clinicians and/or scholars who are already familiar with general background information on these topics.

Submission guidelines

Abstracts must be submitted via the [online submission form](#).

- **Title (85 characters)**
- **Abstract (250 words, excluding section headings):** Include the following sections: objectives, methods, results, and conclusions.
- **Learning objectives:** Provide 2-4 learning objectives.
- **Audience (50 words):** Describe your audience.
- **Presenter positionality (75 words):** Describe how the presenter's racial and ethnic identities, alongside other relevant identities and lived experiences, influence the research.
- **Abstract details:** Provide the following details for your submission.
 - Research focus: Clinical science, social science, and/or other.
 - Topical focus: Abortion, contraception, and/or other.
 - Prior publication or presentation: If published or presented in another venue, share why the content is relevant to the Society's Annual Meeting.
 - IRB: Indicate if the study received IRB approval.
 - Oral presentation only: Indicate if the abstract should be considered for oral presentation only.
- **Author information:** Enter authors in the order in which you wish them to appear in conference materials and designate one author as the presenter. The presenter will also act as the main point of contact with Society staff.
- **Contact and demographic information:** Provide contact and demographic information for the presenter (see the [list of demographic questions](#)).
- **Conflicts of interest:** Disclose any commercial interests or associations that might pose a conflict of interest.
- **Accommodations and access needs:** Indicate any accommodations or access needs that would support the presenter's participation.
- **Financial support:** Indicate if support is needed to attend; note that limited funding is available and will be determined at a later date.

Review process

All eligible abstracts will undergo peer review according to the following criteria.

Abstracts will be selected for oral or poster presentation.

1. Relevance (20%)
The Society seeks submissions focused on the science and medicine of abortion and/or contraception in the US.
2. Significance (30%)
The Society seeks submissions addressing timely topics and/or important gaps in knowledge related to the science and medicine of abortion and contraception in the US.
3. Methods (30%)
The Society seeks submissions that are methodologically sound and rigorous.
4. Audience (5%)
The Society seeks submissions that align with the Annual Meeting audience or a specific subset thereof.
5. Positionality (15%)
The Society seeks submissions from presenters demonstrating thoughtful reflection on how their race and ethnicity, and other relevant identities and lived experiences, influence the research.

Notes

- If selected, the presenter will verify the title, author names, and the first author's affiliation; changes to the abstract content are not permitted.
- Selected abstracts will be published in the November 2026 issue of *Contraception: An international reproductive health journal*. Title, abstract, and author names and affiliations will be used in online and printed conference materials.
- Presenters must register for the meeting; oral abstract presenters are offered a discounted conference registration fee. They are responsible for their own travel, hotel arrangements, and expenses.
- Employees of [ineligible companies](#) are not permitted to present in an ACCME-accredited session. If selected, all presenters will be asked to complete a conflict of interest form. Failure to submit this form and resolve any conflicts of interest by the deadline will result in removal of the abstract and/or presenter.
- In accordance with [ACCME standards](#), accredited education must be free of marketing or sales of products or services. Presenters may not actively promote or sell products or services that serve their professional or financial interests during accredited sessions.