



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

Overview

The Society seeks session proposals that advance the science and medicine of abortion and contraception in the US. Successful proposals will focus on timely topics, offer actionable takeaways, center evidence-informed content, be tailored to a well-defined audience, use effective learning formats, and feature presenters with relevant expertise.

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 proposals that reflect on the relationship between presenters' identities and lived experiences and presentation content.

Key dates

- February 2, 2026 (6:00 am PT/9:00 am ET): Session submission opens
- March 3, 2026 (11:59 am PT/2:59 am ET): Session submission closes
- June 2026: Session acceptance notification

Eligibility

Sessions must focus on the US or explicitly demonstrate direct relevance to the US.

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.

Session types

1. Preconference sessions (held October 16)
 - Format: Interactive workshops with a focus on skill building and practical application
 - Duration: 180 minutes
 - Audience size: Up to 125 people

2. Conference concurrents (held October 17-19)
 - Format: Concurrent sessions geared towards a subset of attendees with high baseline knowledge of a given topic
 - Duration: 60 minutes
 - Audience size: Up to 250 people
3. Conference plenaries (held October 17-19)
 - Format: Plenary sessions designed for a broad group of attendees with varying levels of expertise
 - Duration: 75 minutes
 - Audience size: Up to 1,200 people

Submission guidelines

All session proposals must be submitted via the [online submission form](#).

- **Title (85 characters)**
- **Session description (250 words)**
- **Published description (50 words)**: Summarize your session for use in promotional materials; this text will appear in the program if the session is accepted.
- **Learning objectives**: Provide 3-5 learning objectives.
- **Evidence-informed content (50 words)**: Name the key sources of evidence that will be used to inform your session.
- **Audience (75 words)**: Describe your audience, articulating alignment with the proposed session type.
- **Format (50 words)**: Describe the format(s) that will be used to deliver your content (eg, panel discussion, debate, interviews, hands-on demonstration).
- **Presenter positionality (100 words)**: Describe how the presenters' racial and ethnic identities, alongside other relevant identities and lived experiences, influence the proposed session. Explain how these identities and experiences shape the content and delivery of your session.
- **Presenter expertise (100 words)**: Describe the presenters' relevant expertise, specifying their skills, backgrounds, perspectives, and/or lived experiences as they relate to the topic.
- **Session details**: Select the following categorizations for your submission.
 - Submission type: Pre-conference, conference concurrent, or conference plenary.
 - 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.
- **Contact and demographic information**: Provide contact and demographic information for each presenter (see the [list of demographic questions](#)). Select the primary and secondary contact for communication with Society staff.
- **Conflict 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 presenters' participation in the session.
- **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 submissions will undergo peer review according to the following criteria.

Review criteria	Weight	
	Pre-conference sessions	Conference concurrents and plenaries
<u>Relevance</u> The Society seeks sessions focused on timely topics related to the science and medicine of abortion and contraception in the US.	10%	20%
<u>Impact</u> The Society seeks sessions that provide attendees with concrete and actionable takeaways designed to advance the science and medicine of abortion and contraception in the US.	20%	25%
<u>Evidence-informed content</u> The Society seeks sessions that center the best available evidence.	20%	25%
<u>Audience</u> The Society seeks sessions with a well-defined audience that aligns with the Annual Meeting audience and session type.	5%	5%
<u>Format</u> The Society seeks sessions that are effectively structured to meet its learning objectives.	25%	5%
<u>Presenter positionality</u> The Society seeks sessions that demonstrate thoughtful reflection on how presenters' race and ethnicity, and other relevant identities and lived experiences, influence the session.	10%	10%
<u>Presenter expertise</u> The Society seeks sessions presented by individuals with the necessary skills, backgrounds, perspectives, and/or lived experience to effectively address the topic.	10%	10%

Notes

- Presenters are responsible for the content and presentation. Changes to presenters or content after a submission is selected must be reviewed and approved by the Society. Additional changes may be requested at the discretion of the Society.
- If selected, the session title, published description, and presenter names, titles, and institutions will be used in online and printed conference materials.
- Presenters must register for the meeting and 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 conflicts of interest form. Failure to submit this form and resolve any conflicts of interest by the deadline will result in removal.
- 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.