2023 Quality Summit Call for Abstracts

Frequently Asked Questions

Live Session Abstracts

When is the Abstract Submission Deadline?	Live Session Abstracts are due no later than 11:59:59 PM ET **Monday, June 5**.
Do I need to attend the Quality Summit in Orlando, FL to submit a Live Session abstract?	If your abstract is accepted to be developed into Live Session, you will be required to attend the Quality Summit in Orlando, FL October 11-13, 2023.
If I am attending the Quality Summit, am I responsible for associated expenses?	All expenses (e.g., airfare, lodging, conference registration) associated with the submission and presentation of an abstract are the responsibility of the presenter. ACC will not be covering expenses.
Can I submit an abstract for any educational track?	Yes, all educational tracks will be accepting abstracts for potential Live Sessions. New this year, we have added the option to submit a Live Session abstract for the Leadership track. The following are topics that could be included in Leadership Abstracts: • Increasing Efficiencies • Cost Savings • Teamwork • Communication • Time Management • Critical Thinking • Decision-Making • Stress Management • Conflict Management • Resourcefulness
Can I submit an abstract to be considered for both a Live Session and an ePoster?	Yes, you can submit your abstract as one of three categories: 1. Live Session Only 2. ePoster Only 3. Both Live Session and ePoster

Live Session Abstracts

What is the next step if my abstract has been accepted for a Live Session?	If your abstract is accepted as a Live Session, you will be invited to serve as Quality Summit faculty. A Quality Summit Educational Track lead will be in contact with you to help you develop your content into a 60-minute Live Session. You will be sent access information for the Faculty Portal where you will complete a list of tasks including: • Updating your Faculty Profile • Signing a Media Release Form • Completing a Short Biography • Uploading a Headshot • Registering for the Quality Summit • Uploading Presentation slides Additional instructions will be sent to you with your acceptance.
What happens if my abstract is not approved for a Live Session?	If you submitted your abstract under the category "Both Live Session and ePoster", your abstract will move forward to the ePoster review phase. If not, your abstract will no longer be active in the system.

ePoster Abstracts

When is the Abstract Submission Deadline?	Poster Abstracts are due no later than 11:59:59 PM ET **Monday, July 10**.
Do I need to attend the Quality Summit in Orlando, FL to submit an abstract?	Attending the Quality Summit is not required to submit an abstract, though it is highly recommended. If your abstract is selected as one of the top 6 abstracts based on reviewer ratings, attendance is required to present your ePoster in the Spotlight Theater.
Does the Quality Summit accept previously published or presented abstracts?	Your abstract may include portions of prior abstracts and/or manuscripts submitted or presented elsewhere, if you have obtained appropriate copyright permissions.

ePoster Abstracts

To what category should I submit my abstract?	You will select both a Focus Area and a Quality Program when you submit your abstract.
	
	To ensure your abstract receives proper consideration, be sure to select the category or categories that directly relate to your abstract.
	
	Focus Areas Include:
	    • Process Improvement
	    • Outcomes Improvement
	    • Leading Quality Initiatives
	    • Enhancing Data Collection and Submission
	    • Population Health Management
	
	Quality Programs Include:
	    • NCDR®
	    • ACC Accreditation Services

Can I include tables and graphs in my abstract?	While tables and graphs are useful in posters, they cannot be submitted in your abstract. If your abstract is accepted, you are encouraged to include tables and graphs in your ePoster.
Can I make edits to my abstract after the submission deadline?	After the July 10 submission deadline, abstracts are no longer accessible and therefore may not be revised or resubmitted. If accepted, your abstract will be published as submitted; it cannot be edited after the submission deadline. Proofread abstracts carefully to avoid errors before the submission deadline.

What are the next steps after my abstract has been accepted for an ePoster?

When will I know if my abstract has been accepted?	Authors will be notified **Thursday, August 7** if their abstract is accepted to be developed into an ePoster.
What is the next step if my abstract has been accepted?	If your abstract is accepted for development as an ePoster, we will email the presenting author additional instructions with details on uploading your ePoster, completing an author profile, and recording a short presentation in the ePoster system. You will submit your ePoster in PDF format no later than 11:59 PM ET **Thursday, September 7**.
Do I need to print a physical copy of my ePoster?	No, you do not need to print your ePoster in any format. ePosters will be displayed on touchscreen monitors in the Poster Hall as well as on the website and mobile app.
Will there be designated times for authors to meet with attendees and discuss their ePosters?	To allow authors time to interact directly with attendees, we have added "Meet the Author" sessions to the agenda. These sessions are 30-minute blocks where approximately 5-10 authors will be present in the Poster Hall to discuss their ePoster and answer attendee questions. If you plan to attend the Quality Summit, you will be assigned to a specific "Meet the Author Session".

Abstract Review Process

Can I be a part of the Abstract Review Process?	We invite all career levels in all areas of expertise to volunteer as an abstract reviewer. The abstract review period will take place July 11-August 2 and will require a time commitment of approximately 1-2 hours. Abstract reviewers will review up to 10 abstracts. Find the link to apply on the abstract information page starting April 24th .

What is the Selection Process

Abstract Reviewers selected by ACC independently review, evaluate and score each abstract, using the following criteria:

Abstract Criteria	Description	Evaluation Criteria
Content and Significance	The extent to which the abstract clearly identifies the goals of the project, its outcomes, and the methods and tools that are used to assess the outcomes. Further, there is a logical sequence of information. The extent to which the project presents significant information about process innovation, quality improvement of cardiovascular care, and education or research achieved with NCDR/Accreditation data, along with whether the conclusions are substantiated by the data and/or are consistent with the title of the abstract. If the abstract is a research project, it includes a hypothesis, correct methods to evaluate the hypothesis, and correct conclusions drawn.	**Overall Grade** **10** = Outstanding **9** = Excellent **8** = Very Good **7** = Good **6** = Above Average **5** = Average **4** = Below Average **3** = Weak **2** = Questionable **1** = Not Acceptable *(would probably not contribute to the work of other NCDR/Accreditation participants, potentially confusing and/or misleading)*
Relevance	The extent to which the topic addresses current opportunities in the ACC Quality program and are relevant to NCDR/Accreditation, applicable to other settings, and are of interest to other participants.	
Originality	How original is the concept presented in this abstract? Or, how original is the new approach to an old problem? Abstracts should be an original idea, concept, or an improvement or revision of a previous idea.	
Presentation Quality	Clarity of the project presented, including goals, processes implemented, and expected and observed outcomes. The abstract should be presented in a clear, concise, and well-structured way, with proper use of language and a title that reflects the contents of the story.	

Your abstract's final score is the mean of all submitted scores. Abstracts may be rejected by the reviewers for the following reasons:
•   The content of the abstract is not relevant to ACC Quality Summit attendees.
•   The abstract did not contain enough information to qualify for acceptance.
•   The abstract scored low on the evaluation criteria.
•   The abstract authors did not complete a disclosure.