BEST PRACTICES DAY
ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINE

Presentations must reflect projects that are fully completed by the conference date of May 7, 2027 (including a full analysis of findings and conclusions). There are three types of presentations for which you can submit an abstract:

1. Rapid podium presentations
2. 30-Minute Concurrent Session presentations
3. Poster presentations

ALL ABSTRACTS MUST ADHERE TO THE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES OUTLINED BELOW.

Deadline: **November 13, 2026** for work that is completed by the conference date (May 7, 2027).

Submission Process: All abstracts are submitted electronically through the abstract submission system (Click here for access to the abstract submission system).

Submission Guidelines

The following information will be requested in the abstract submission system

Step 1: Contact Information

Add primary contact and/or author

Step 2: Additional Authors

Including brief biography of presenting author *(max 150 words)*

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Step 3: Abstract

Title should reflect the content of your poster/presentation. Ensure neither the title nor abstract body does not contain any identifying information regarding the author(s) or organization / affiliation.

Step 4: Abstract Category

Select one category from the list below which best describes your abstract:

- Research in Rehabilitation (quantitative, qualitative or mixed methods): This category includes studies at the practice, organizational, system or policy level.
- Rehabilitation-Related Best Practice Initiative or Organizational Innovation: This category includes new or unique methods or theories that have been adapted to meet specific needs at the practice, organizational, system, and research or policy level.
- Systematic Literature Review This category includes systematic literature reviews and mapping studies. This category is restricted to master or doctoral students and can only be used for poster presentations. Submissions that do not meet this criteria will not be considered.
- Ideas, Inventions and Innovations that will Transform the Rehabilitation Mosaic: This category is for those ideas that are germinating, developing, dividing, migrating, cascading and maturing.

Step 5: Abstract Population Identification

If the abstract pertains to a particular population, authors are asked to select from the following list

- Amputee
- Brain Injury / Neuro / Stroke
- Burn
- Cardiac / Pulmonary
- Complex Continuing Care
- MSK
- Oncology
- Paediatrics
- Senior-Focused Care
- Special Needs (e.g. wound care, bariatric)
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Other (Please specify)

Step 6: Preferred Presentation Format

Indicate whether you are submitting for a poster, rapid podium presentation or concurrent session presentation. Note that choices cannot be guaranteed.

Step 7: Abstract

- Purpose and Relevance *(max 150 words)* – consider answering the following questions:
  - What was the main reason or research question that led to your study or initiative? If applicable: What was your hypothesis?
  - Why is this study or initiative of interest at the practice, organizational, system, research, or policy level of rehabilitation?
- Methods, Analysis, Findings and Conclusion *(max 350 words)* – consider answering the following questions:
  - For research projects only, what methods were used in the data collection, sampling and analysis of your study?
  - For non-research projects only, what methods, materials, or principles were used in developing, implementing and evaluating this initiative?
  - Describe the key findings of your study or the outcome of your initiative.
  - What are the practical applications of your study or initiative for rehabilitation?
  - What are the implications of your study or initiative at the clinical practice, organizational, system, research, or policy level?
  - What are the key messages from your study or initiative?

Ensure the abstract does not contain any identifying information regarding the author(s) or organization. All content is expected to be free of spelling and grammatical errors. If your abstract is accepted for presentation, this abstract entry will appear on the GTA Rehab Network website.

Step 8: Consent to Post Presentation on Website

Should your abstract be accepted at the conference for a Rapid Podium or 30-Minute Concurrent Session Presentation, you have an option to consent to having your slides or a modified version (to address copyright and future publication issues) available on the post conference web site.

Step 9: Student Abstract Identification

Identify if this abstract being presented as part of a Masters or Doctoral Program.

Step 10: Read though the Following Terms and Conditions

- Attendance and Expenses: At least one of the authors must be a paid registrant at the conference. Any author who wishes to attend or present must be a paid registrant. Abstract authors are responsible for all expenses associated with creating and delivering your presentation, registration costs and any travel expenses.
- Abstract Selection Process: There are a limited number of spots available for Rapid podium Presentations and Concurrent Session Presentations. Abstracts will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
  - Originality of idea and demonstrated innovation
  - Degree of practical knowledge transferability or practical implications: Abstract clearly demonstrates a high degree of practical application to rehabilitation practice, research, or policy.
  - Evidence and objectivity: Abstract builds on existing knowledge base, is based on sound methodology, and/or has a clear evaluation component. Results can be generalized to a range of populations.
  - Clarity and cohesiveness: Abstract reflects a sound argument and logical flow. The abstract thoroughly explains the study or initiative's elements, outcomes and importance. Key messages are clearly articulated. Information is clearly presented in a style which is appropriate for a broad audience. The abstract is free of spelling and grammatical errors.
- Notification of Acceptance and Sharing of Materials: Those who have been selected for the Best Practices Day Program will be notified by email with further details. All accepted abstracts will be featured on the GTA Rehab Network website and/or in the program book provided to all delegates. An electronic version of your presentation and/or handouts will be shared on the GTA Rehab Network website with your consent. Indicate your consent on the abstract submission page.
- Marketing of Products: The marketing of products through the GTA Rehab Network's Best Practices Day is prohibited.

Step 11: Terms and Conditions

Confirm you have read and understand all of the terms and conditions listed above by digitally signing the form.

Step 12: Submit Abstract

Complete your submission by clicking submit. You will receive an auto-generated email acknowledging your submission.

Questions?

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