



NEED to KNOW Information for Poster Abstract Submissions to 2020 IACRN Virtual Conference

Submissions open: July 6, 2020
Submissions deadline: July 20, 2020
Notification: July 30, 2020

Abstract Maximum word count = 320

The maximum word count includes headings associated with the TYPE of Project selected. The TYPEs of projects are listed below. For your abstract(s) to be scored fairly, use the headings associated with the TYPE of Project. **Do not** include author names, facility, or organization within the abstract.

Steps

1. Choose a TYPE of Abstract for your project from list below.
2. Become familiar with the description of each type.
3. Use headings associated with each TYPE.

Type of Abstract

- Evidence Based Practice (EBP).
- Performance /Quality Improvement (PI/QI)
- Original Research
- General

Description of each Type:

• Evidence Based Practice (EBP)

The purpose of EBP is to evaluate evidence along a continuum to identify the strongest or best evidence to guide nursing practice within an organizational setting and with a specific patient population. EBP model examples: Stetler Model; IOWA Model; Johns Hopkins Model; many others.

The EBP process involves varying amounts of resources may require eight to twelve months from start to finish and may not be a rapid cycle. (Rapid-cycle improvement implies that changes are made and tested over periods of three months or less.)

• Performance / Quality Improvement (PI/QI)

The purpose of a Performance/Quality improvement project is to improve the process or delivery of care with established/accepted quality standards, or to implement change according to an institution's Performance/Quality Improvement programs. The specific aim is to improve internal processes and practices within a specific patient group or organization and is part of usual care.

Performance/Quality improvement protocols are less formal or rigorous, are not designed to answer a research question or to test a hypothesis, are **not** intended to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge and may change throughout the course of the PI/QI project.

Methods used for PI/QI projects include: PDCA: Plan, Do, Check, Act; FADE: Focus, Analyze, Develop, Execute; CQI: Continuous Quality Improvement; TQM: Total Quality Management.

Data collection in performance improvement/quality improvement **is usually rapid cycle** and uses minimal to moderate time and resources. Rapid-cycle improvement implies that changes are made and tested over periods of three months or less, rather than the standard eight to twelve months.

- **Original Research**

The purpose of original research is to generate new knowledge within the broader scientific community that is generalizable beyond the study sample. Original Research studies have tight controls for extraneous variables to ensure confidence that outcomes occur because of defined intervention and not by chance. Original Research is not rapid cycle and involves the use of resources that may vary per scope of the study.

- **General**

The GENERAL TYPE is for endeavors that, by definition, do not fall within ORIGINAL Research, EBP, or Performance/Quality Improvement criteria.

Abstract Headings associated with each Type.

“Evidence Based Practice” Abstract Headings:

Background and Purpose of EBP Project: Background provides the context for the study. Purpose describes clearly why this Evidence Based Project is being conducted.

Methods: Include EBP model utilized, the PICO Question, key words, databases searched, number of studies identified / screened / eligible / and included.

Results: (provides summary of number of studies at each level of evidence, overall quality, synthesis of findings that answer the EBP question)

Conclusions and Implications: Does the available evidence support or not support translation of findings into practice? Implications for Clinical Research Nursing Practice and/or Future Research articulates application to clinical research nursing or for future research.

Performance/Quality Improvement” Abstract Headings:

Background / significance: Provides a context for the path leading the authors to do this project and answers the “so what?”

Objectives: Provides the purpose of the project and describes the goal or what the author/team intends to implement or achieve.

Implementation: Provides a clear description of how the plan to achieve the objectives will be executed including strategies for evaluation.

Performance Improvement Outcome and Implications for Clinical Research Nursing Practice / Future Research: What were the results from executing the performance/quality improvement plan and did the results achieve the stated objectives? Describe the application to clinical research nursing practice or future research.

Original Research Abstract Headings

Background and significance: Provide the context for the path leading the authors to conduct this research and answers the “so what?”

Purpose: States the Research Question and secondary aims for the project that the author/study team are investigating.

Methods: section states the research design, theoretical framework, study procedures used to gather data and statistical tests used to analyze Quantitative data and those procedures appropriate for Qualitative studies.

Results, Conclusions, and Implications for Clinical Research Nursing Practice: State the results of data analysis. Describe how well the research question was answered.

General Abstract Headings

Background and significance: The Background gives the context for the path leading the author(s) to engage in the activity. Describes the reason why the authors are conducting this project and answers the "So what?" question.

Purpose: Provides goals for the activity.

Description of the Process: Provides a clear description of actions taken to achieve the goals.

Results and Implications for CRN practice: Describes results of the activity and implications for application to clinical research nursing.

Information related to scoring. With each TYPE of abstract, be sure to consider RELEVANCE when choosing your topic. Each abstract can earn a total of 50 points. 10-point maximum for information under each of heading for a sum of 40 points. The remaining 10 points are scored on the RELEVANCE of the topic to both the conference theme and to the target audience of Clinical Research Nurses.

How to use the OXFORD online abstract submission system

If you submit more than one abstract you can use the same login for each abstract.

You can alter your abstracts at any time up to the deadline.

Do not include author names or organization in the title of your project or in the body of your abstract because a “blinded” review process will be used.

1. The submission process

- Log into the [OXFORD system](#) when your abstract is ready for submission - enter your email address and the password used when you registered with the system.
- A screen appears from which the submission process starts. Please read the instructions on this screen carefully. If you are submitting a new abstract, click the link: “Click here to submit a new abstract.”
- Submitting an abstract is a multi-step process. Each step asks several questions. Some questions are marked “required” and will prevent you from progressing with your submission until these questions have been answered.
- If you stop before completing the process, your submission will be held in temporary storage until your return. When you log back in click on your incomplete abstract and resume submission.
- When you have reached the final step, you must click “FINISH” to complete the submission process. You will be sent an email confirming that your abstract has been submitted into the system. If you do not receive a confirmation email, reopen your submission and verify that you have clicked “FINISH.”

2. Amending an abstract submission

- You may change your submission at any time up to the deadline.
- Log into the abstract submission system
- You will see the abstract you previously submitted or a list if you have submitted more than one. Click on the abstract that you wish to change.
- Amending an abstract submission is the same as the original submission process except that the online form will be automatically filled in with the answers that you gave previously. You don’t have to change an answer if you don’t want to.
- When you reach the final step and press “Finish” you will receive an email confirming that your abstract has been amended. You must press “FINISH” to complete the submission process.

3. Queries

- If you have any queries about the submission process or if you want to withdraw an abstract, please contact the conference administrator iacrn@iacrn.org.