



2026 AMSN Convention Call for Session Abstracts

AMSN invites you to [submit a Session Abstract](#) for the 2026 Convention, which will be held Sept. 24 – 26, 2026 in Palm Springs, CA. The AMSN Convention provides opportunities for medical-surgical nurses to share and gain knowledge, expertise, and perspectives through collaborative education and various modalities.

AMSN is seeking Session Abstract Submissions in two categories:

- Concurrent Session: 60-minute formal presentations to an audience of 100+ attendees in an interactive lecture format that includes time for a question-and-answer section.
- Rapid Fire Session: 30-minute short form formal presentations to an audience of 100+ attendees in an interactive lecture format that includes time for a question-and-answer section.

Session abstract submissions are limited to 500 words, excluding the title. Submissions should contain a description of the project or subject matter, methodology if applicable, analysis, and results as indicated.

The Convention Program Planning Committee will be reviewing and evaluating each abstract for relevant content supported by evidence-based practice and/or guidelines, and quality of writing in expressing key ideas using the following criteria:

- Detailed summary of content
- Innovation in practice
- Evidence-based practice
- Inclusion of pre- and post-data as applicable
- Minimum of three current references
- Free of product/drug bias
- Overall submission appearance and completion, including all biographical information for all speakers

Research podium proposals additionally require background, problem and purpose, methodology, sample, results, limitations, conclusions, implications, and IBR approval information, if applicable

All references to names and organizations that could identify the authors/presenters should be removed from the abstract text.

Based on AMSN learner needs, submissions on the following topics are of particular interest:

- Evidence-based Practice/Quality Improvement/Research
- Behavioral Health
- Pain Management / Pharmacology
- Infectious/Communicable Diseases
- Clinical: Care of Body Systems
- Clinical Skills
- Leadership and Professional Growth
- Preceptorship and New Grad Orientation
- Technology in Nursing – AI, Virtual Nursing
- Care Coordination and Transition Management
- Palliative/End-of-Life Care



Abstract Track

Submitters will be asked to self-select the track that best fits their abstract. This information will also be used to assign reviewers during the review process and to develop Convention resources.

- **Clinical Practice:** Innovative, cutting-edge information about the clinical aspect of medical-surgical practice that includes clinical practice trends, new treatments, specific patient populations, disease states, and care transition management.
- **Creating and Sustaining Healthy Practice Environments:** Innovative ideas on how to create and/or sustain healthy practice environments in medical-surgical units with increasingly complex demands. Promote optimal patient outcomes with varied staffing models.
- **Evidence-based Practice, Quality Improvement, and Research:** Integrates the best available evidence to guide nursing care and improve patient outcomes. Submissions on research methods and discussion of research issues would also be considered. Research submissions directly relevant to medical-surgical nursing practice are highly encouraged.
- **Interprofessional Collaboration:** Nurses and other health professionals collaborate with patients, their support systems, and caregivers to deliver high-quality care and care coordination to manage transitions of patients among levels of care, providers, and settings. Should include partnerships such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, or nutrition.
- **Nursing Leadership:** Emerging models of leadership, developing leadership skills of the clinical nurse at the bedside, strategies to influence outcomes and quality, and experiences integrating new models of care within the fiscally challenged environment to include the changing managed care arena.
- **Pharmacology & Pain Management:** Integrates the key components of pharmacology: pharmacotherapeutics, pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics for nursing practice, concepts of safe administration, symptom and pain management, monitoring medication effects and interactions, and preventing adverse events.
- **Professional Development:** Unique approaches to transition to practice including onboarding new graduates and experienced nurses transitioning into new roles, successful hiring practices, onboarding, staffing retention models, simulation, and the novice-to-expert path.
- **Virtual Nursing:** Innovative models of care and new technologies that provide access to nurses and expert nursing care to patients and their support systems outside of the traditional bedside/in-office settings. Demonstrates how virtual nursing care can support clinical decision-making and continuity of care to improve patient outcomes. Provides opportunities to retain highly skilled nurses as part of the care team with less physical demand and more flexibility.



Submission Process

Follow [this link](#) to submit a session abstract for the 2026 AMSN Convention.

Carefully follow the online directions when submitting session abstracts; incomplete proposals will be disqualified from consideration. It is the responsibility of the submitter to save their work through the application process and to ensure the online submission is complete.

To see sample abstracts, please click here: [Sample 1](#) and [Sample 2](#).

Submission Deadlines

Session Abstract submissions are due by **January 8, 2026**.

There will be no extension date; notification of acceptance/decline by early March 2026.

Questions?

If you are a first-time submitter and need assistance, please contact speakers@amsn.org.