



Call for Poster Abstracts – NOW OPEN!

Join us April 16-18, 2026 in Calgary, AB for the 18th annual Canadian Respiratory Conference (CRC) - the premier national, inter-disciplinary educational and scientific meeting for the respiratory community in Canada!

We welcome the submission of scientific abstracts presenting original research as well as encore abstracts (those presented recently at other conferences but have strong relevance to our conference) for our moderated poster session and unmoderated poster display. We are also interested in receiving thought-provoking case reports from clinicians and abstracts from young investigators and respirology fellows or trainees.

GENERAL INFORMATION

To be selected, abstracts must contain original data (results) and meet international ethical and scientific standards. Poster submissions describing projects, training programs, interesting case reports, or other respiratory health initiatives may be accepted, providing their subject matter is relevant to our diverse audience and they provide data (results).

Moderated poster authors will be invited to present in an in-person poster session where authors briefly present their posters followed by a discussion led by a moderator. Authors must be available to participate at their scheduled time. Authors of posters accepted for the unmoderated poster display may be asked to be available for interaction with conference delegates at dedicated times but no formal presentations will occur.

All accepted abstracts presented at the conference, except for previously published encore abstracts, will be published in the *Canadian Journal of Respiratory, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine* and a link will be shared on the CRC website.

We welcome posters from the following categories and topics:

CATEGORIES				
Clinical Research	Basic Science	Translational Science	Program Implementation and Evaluation (Knowledge translation)	Quality Improvement
TOPICS				
Asthma	Environmental & Occupational Health		Patient and Caregiver Perspectives	
Bronchiectasis	Home or Community Respiratory Care		Pediatric Respirology	
COPD	Interstitial Lung Disease		Pulmonary Rehabilitation	

COVID-19	Interventional Pulmonary Medicine and Pleural Disease	Pulmonary Vascular Disease
Critical Care	Lung Cancer	Sleep Disordered Breathing/Neuromuscular
Cystic Fibrosis	Lung Infections/ Tuberculosis	Transplantation

AWARDS

The **CTS Respiratory Guidelines Committee (CRGC) Louis-Philippe Boulet Poster Award** was created to acknowledge an individual's innovation in the methodology, development, and/or implementation of clinical practice guidelines. This is a poster competition for the best poster in guideline and implementation science. This competition will be adjudicated by the members of the CRGC. To be considered for the award, you must be a CTS/CRHP member in good standing.

The **CRHP Research Poster Award** was created to highlight research of respiratory healthcare professionals who are members of the Canadian Respiratory Health Professionals (CRHP) assembly of the Canadian Thoracic Society. The CRHP assembly welcomes nurses, respiratory therapists, cardio-pulmonary physiotherapists, pharmacists, and other health professionals working in the respiratory field as well as students from these disciplines to apply for this award. This competition will be adjudicated by members of the CRHP. To be considered for the award, you must be a CTS/CRHP member in good standing.

NEW for CRC this year! The **CTS Research Awards** were created to honour individuals who demonstrate excellence in scientific research related to respiratory health or disease and consist of:

- Freddie Hargreave Translational and Clinical Science Award
- James C. Hogg Basic Science Research Award
- Quality Improvement Research Award – *NEW category!*

The top abstracts from each category will be selected to be presented at the CTS Research Forum on Wednesday April 15. This competition will be adjudicated by the members of the CTS Research Forum Scientific Planning Committee. To be considered for a CTS Research Award you must be a trainee (undergraduate, MSc, PhD, MD, resident/fellow) who is the first author, in an academic program related to respiratory research and/or medicine at a Canadian institution.

The **CLA Research Inspiration Award** is presented by The Canadian Lung Association (CLA). This is a poster competition for the best presentation to a lay audience that highlights a newsworthy Canadian discovery in CLA's priorities of lung health, health equity, or tobacco / vaping. This competition is open to graduate students, residents, and fellows. Priority will be given to trainees or projects supported by the CLA. The prize value for this award is \$250. This award will be adjudicated by the CLA. To be considered for the award, you must be a CTS/CRHP member in good standing.

To be considered for an award, you must register for CRC 2026 by the deadline and you must indicate your interest on the online submission form. Industry supported abstracts are not eligible for poster awards at CRC.

SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

Abstracts must be submitted electronically using the CRC 2026 online submission form. Prior to submitting an abstract it is recommended that you review the guidelines for submission and all policies.

For detailed information on how to submit an abstract and to access the online submission form, visit the [CRC 2026 website](#).

Abstracts will be reviewed by the CRC Poster Abstracts Sub-Committee. A blind review and selection process will be used to identify abstracts for acceptance. Submitting authors will be notified of the committee's decision via email.

The abstract submission deadline is **2300 EST, Monday, October 20, 2025.**

POLICIES

- The CRC 2026 will be held in-person in Calgary, AB. The presenting author identified in the submission form is expected to register for the conference and pay the registration fee.
- The presenting author agrees to attend, and assume all expenses related to participating in the conference.
- By submitting an abstract for consideration, the presenting author agrees to follow the guidelines for preparing a poster (physical and digital) and to participate in an in-person presentation/discussion as scheduled.
- Posters will be grouped by research topic/theme where possible.
- Poster abstracts accepted for the conference (moderated/unmoderated) must be presented by a listed author and no substitutions will be permitted. Non-authors are not permitted to present.
- Maximum 2 abstracts can be submitted for and presented by the same presenting author. Additional abstracts submitted for the same presenting author will not be accepted.
- Due to time constraints in the program, only one author will be permitted to present the accepted abstract during the moderated poster session but other authors may be in attendance.
- The moderated poster session consists of thematically-aligned poster groupings where authors briefly present their posters followed by discussion led by an expert moderator.
- Authors of posters accepted for the unmoderated poster display may be asked to be available for interaction with conference delegates at dedicated times.
- Conflict of Interest (COI) and/or any financial support that was received for the research must be clearly identified.
- To be selected, abstracts must contain original data (results) and meet international ethical and scientific standards.
- Poster submissions describing projects, training programs, interesting case reports, or other respiratory health initiatives may be accepted, provided their subject matter is relevant to our diverse audience and they provide data (results).
- Abstracts that have already been presented at other meetings are eligible for submission, as long as copyright held by another event, conference or congress is not breached. At the time of submission, the author must note when and where their abstract was previously presented. If accepted, the poster should indicate that this is not the first time of presentation, for example, by a statement such as "Data/some data first presented at [conference name and date]". Encore abstracts will NOT be published in the Canadian Journal of Respiratory, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine if they have been previously published. Number of accepted encore abstracts may be limited at the discretion of the CRC Poster Abstract Subcommittee.
- Multiple abstracts submitted from a research group must be distinct in their research questions and present distinct results.
- International submissions will be considered, however preference will be given to Canadian submissions.
- The language of presentation for the scientific program, including poster sessions, is English. Simultaneous interpretation will not be provided for the moderated poster session.
- All correspondence will be forwarded to the submitter/identified presenting author.

- The Canadian Thoracic Society does not provide letters of invitation for presenters to obtain Visas to attend the conference.
- **Late submissions will not be considered.** There is no additional late-breaking abstract submission process for this conference.

CTS reserves the right to make changes to the format, policy and guidelines and based on public health guidance applicable leading into or during the event.

For more information about the program, speakers and networking events, visit our website often. Program details will be posted as they become available at <https://cts-sct.ca/crc>.