



CRC 2026 Poster Abstract Policies and Submission Guidelines

The Scientific Planning Committee of the Canadian Respiratory Conference (CRC) invites you to submit an abstract (research/program or case report) to present at the Canadian Respiratory Conference 2026. The deadline to submit is **October 20, 2025 at 2300 EST**.

Abstracts must be submitted in English using the CRC 2026 online submission form (see link and instructions below).

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.

Deadline for Submissions – Monday, October 20, 2025 at 2300 EST.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING AN ABSTRACT

WRITING AND SUBMITTING YOUR ABSTRACT

1. Before you begin, prepare the following information. Please be aware that it is your responsibility to fill in all data correctly and completely. Abstracts will be published exactly as they are received. Any errors in spelling, grammar or scientific fact will be reproduced as typed by the author. No changes are allowed after the submission.

ABSTRACT TITLE (max. 35 words) The title should be concise and reflect the content of the abstract. Capitalize the first letter of each word with the exception of transition words. There should be no period at the end of the title.

A blind review and selection process will be used to identify abstracts for acceptance. No identifying features such as names of authors and their affiliations, names of hospitals, medical schools, clinics or cities may be listed in the title or text of the abstract.

ABSTRACT TEXT: Your abstract text cannot exceed 350 words (submissions of text exceeding 350 words will not be permitted). Enter your abstract using the following key elements:

Research/Program Abstract: Rationale, Methods, Results and Conclusions.

Case Reports: Introduction/Objective(s), Description, Discussion, Results, Conclusion.

Your submission may include graphs, tables, images or figures. Please ensure they are of high quality for printing and publishing online and that the data is included in the abstract word count.

Any description of therapeutic options must use generic names only and not reflect exclusivity and branding. Include any potential conflict of interest.

FUNDING: Provide information on financial support received for this research/project.

AUTHORS: List the first and last names of ALL authors in the order you wish for them to appear in publication. Middle initials are optional. Please ensure that you have permission from all authors to submit the abstract and that you have verified their full name and affiliations.

You must identify the presenting author and provide a contact email and phone number. Use the radio button to identify the presenter. The presenting author is expected to register for the conference, pay the registration fee, and follow the guidelines for preparing a poster (physical and digital) and participating in the CRC 2026 poster hall (see policies).

AFFILIATIONS: List each author's hospital, university or organizational affiliation (in full, no acronyms), city, province and country. Use standard abbreviations for the province (e.g., ON, AB, BC).

2. You will be asked to select a Category and Topic from the list below that best describes your abstract content.

CATEGORIES				
Clinical Research	Basic Science	Translational Science	Program Implementation & Evaluation (Knowledge Translation)	Quality Improvement
TOPICS				
Asthma	Environmental & Occupational Health		Patient and Caregiver Perspectives	
Bronchiectasis	Home or Community Respiratory Care		Pediatric Respiriology	
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	

3. You will be asked to disclose any conflicts of interest for all authors.
4. You will be asked if this is an encore abstract that was previously presented in another conference.
5. If encore, you will be asked when and where your abstract was presented.
6. If encore, you will be asked if it has been published before. Note, previously published encore abstracts will not be published in the *Canadian Journal of Respiratory, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine*.
7. You will be asked if you would like your submission to be evaluated for the *CRGC Louis-Philippe Boulet Poster Award*, *CRHP Research Poster Award*, *CTS Research Awards* and/or The Canadian Lung Association's *Research Inspiration Award*.

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 the CRC. Please refer to the [Call for Poster Abstracts](#) for all awards details and requirements.

8. Once your abstract is submitted, you will receive an email confirmation that your abstract has been received. We suggest you check your spam and junk email folders before contacting the CRC at crc@cts-sct.ca.

Additional information

- The language of the poster presentations is English.
- You are permitted to submit more than one abstract using the same email address and password for each abstract. 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.
- 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.
- CRC 2026 will be held in-person in Calgary, AB. All poster presenters (moderated/unmoderated) must be ready to prepare a poster for posting on a poster board in the conference poster hall. All accepted poster presenters will be asked to prepare an e-poster for online display.
- Abstracts may be separated into moderated and unmoderated sessions. All session information along with details on the poster hall will be sent to all accepted presenters in future communication.

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.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Research/Program Abstract

Evaluation criteria considered in the review of abstracts include:

- Relevance to the conference educational and scientific objectives.
- Clarity, originality and quality of content.
- Clear objectives, methodology, data analysis (results) and conclusions.
- Appeal to an interdisciplinary audience.

Case Reports

Evaluation criteria considered in the review of case reports include:

- Significant and novel learning outcomes.
- Discussions affecting differential diagnosis, decision making, management, clinical guidelines and pathology.
- Unusual findings, environments, or outcomes.
- Unexpected findings or association between diseases or symptoms.
- Clearly defined objectives, description, discussion, results and conclusion.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

Step 1 – Review: Take a moment to review this Policy and Submission Guidelines document.

Step 2 – Submit an Abstract: [Click here](#) to access the CRC 2026 online submission form. Follow the instructions provided and respond to all questions. You can save and edit information prior to submitting and you can edit your submission any time prior to the closing date of **Monday, October 20, 2025 at 2300 EST.**

New users: Select Register a New Account to create your sign in credentials. This is required to make abstract submissions and amendments.

Returning users: Please sign in using the email and password you used to create your account.

Note: When you click the “Log In” button you will be taken to a screen to create a new abstract submission. Please read the instructions on this screen carefully. If you have already submitted an abstract and you would like to make changes, you can click “Amend A Previous Submission”.

Step 3 – Confirmation: Once you have submitted your poster abstract, you will receive a confirmation email quoting your submission number. You can amend your submission at any time prior to the abstract submission deadline.

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 to the conference. Submitting authors will be notified of the committee’s decision via email.

Visit the [CRC website](#) for all conference information and program updates, which will be posted as they become available.