

## CAPO/IPOS 2022 Call for Abstracts

Call opens November 15, 2021 • Abstract Submission due date February 28, 2022

The International Psycho-Oncology Society (IPOS) and the Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology (CAPO) are now accepting abstracts for posters, papers, and workshops for the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Congress and the joint 37<sup>th</sup> Annual CAPO Conference, to be held in Toronto, Ontario on August 29 to September 1, 2022. The conference theme is “Reimagining Psychosocial Oncology: Embracing Voices from around the World”.

This year will provide a unique opportunity for those wishing to submit abstracts for presentation; you will be provided the option to present in-person, or virtually. You will be required to declare your preference upon submission (there will be flexibility in adjusting this closer to the conference). Please note, acceptance will be subject to the number of slots allotted to each of these options.

This conference brings together key stakeholders including multidisciplinary professionals from nursing, psychology, psychiatry, social work, spiritual care, nutrition, medicine, rehabilitation medicine, occupational health and radiation therapy for both adult and pediatric populations. Together, we seek to explore, share, learn and discuss psychosocial and physical aspects of cancer. Participants include clinicians, researchers, educators in cancer care, patient advocacy organizations, community-based organizations and patient representatives. Patients, caregivers and family members are strongly encouraged to submit abstracts that speak to their role in managing cancer experiences and care.

We invite abstracts on a wide range of topics in cancer care and stages of disease ranging from prevention and early diagnosis, to treatment and survivorship, to palliative and end-of-life care. Submissions can be reports of observational studies and clinical trials, innovative programs and service delivery models, systematic reviews, study protocols, clinical guidelines and best practice and local, regional, national and international approaches to build capacity in research, education and clinical care. ***Patients as co-presenter are encouraged. Patient oriented content is encouraged.***

## Abstract Regulations & Guidelines

With the submission of an abstract to CAPO/IPOS 2022, the first author (submitting author):

- Accepts responsibility for the accuracy of the submitted abstract.
- Clearly identifies if the abstract will be presented in person or virtually.
- Confirms that all authors are aware of and agree to the content of the abstract and support the data presented.
- Confirms the abstract is not under review for presentation or publication elsewhere and has not been previously presented or published in its most current format.
- Gives permission for the abstract, when selected for presentation, to be published in the Congress proceedings.

- Confirms that the presenting author will register by June 15 and attend the Congress. Abstracts of authors who have not registered for the Congress by this date will not be included in the program or publication. Registration for CAPO/IPOS 2022 has opened, please visit: <https://www.capo.ca/IPOS2022> for details.

The abstract must be submitted in English. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to reject those abstracts which do not follow these guidelines or may request a revision by the presenter prior to acceptance.

## Presentation Types:

**Poster Presentation** – consists of 4' x 4' (1.2 M x 1.2M) display presentations for completed work or work in progress. Abstract submissions for poster presentations should follow the prescribed clinical or research format (see below). *At least one* author of accepted poster abstracts must be present at their posters (virtually or in-person) during an assigned session to allow for dialogue with participants. Poster sessions may run concurrently with other sessions.

*\*Virtual submissions will be required in PDF and mp4 formats.*

**10-minute rapid oral presentations** consist of 5-minute presentations followed by 5-minute Q/A's for in person submissions. Grouped with other like presentations, this format is best suited for recently started projects or projects (Clinical or Research) being contemplated. This is a great option for attendees who want to present their study protocol/preliminary results or trainees who seek feedback on their research proposal/preliminary results. Abstract submissions for rapid oral presentations should follow the prescribed clinical or research format. Abstracts should include 2 – 3 questions for which authors are seeking feedback.

*\*Virtual submissions can be up to and not exceed 10 minutes of recording and will be required in PDF and mp4 formats.*

**20-minute individual oral presentation** – 20-minute presentations are best suited for completed work. Abstract submission for clinical or research presentations are welcome. Presenters should plan for 15-minute presentations and five minutes for Q&A. Abstracts for consideration as oral presentations must follow the format specified below under the "Abstract Type" section. Submitting authors must specify the abstract theme under which the work is to be considered.

*\*Virtual submissions will be scheduled for real-time presentation subject to limited timeslots allotted for virtual. Files must be submitted in pptx format by the prescribed date (TBC).*

**90-minute symposium** – 90-minute symposiums consist of three oral theme-focused abstract presentations facilitated by a discussion led by a moderator. The symposium submission will take the format of one Chairperson (submitting author) who will act as the moderator, with three presenters in total. The symposium submission will consist of one summary abstract which overviews the symposium theme and the three individual detailed abstracts, one for

each proposed presentation. The entire symposium presentation will be 90 minutes in total. Individual symposiums abstracts can follow either the “clinical” or “research” format.

Steps:

- The moderator creates the symposium in the online abstract system which includes moderator information, symposium title and the summary abstract. This can be done by selecting the symposium link on the CAPO/IPOS2022 website.
- The individual authors enter in their abstract by following the link in the email received from the moderator. Once entered they follow the prompts to link the abstract to the appropriate symposium.

Symposium abstracts that appeal to an international/cross-cultural audience will be given highest priority.

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## Submission formats

In order to be considered, an abstract must follow these guidelines:

- Abstract titles should be brief (maximum of 30 words) and should reflect the content of the abstract.
- Commercial names may not be used in the abstract title.
- No more than 10 authors can be listed.
- Professional title, institutional affiliations, cities and countries for each author should follow.
- Abstract text is required for all symposium, podium and poster submissions.
- Abstract text should be submitted in structured paragraph format organized.
- Submissions must follow either the clinical or research format and **either formats can present patient-oriented content.**

### Clinical Abstracts:

The clinical stream refers to items such as development of innovative programs or interventions/service delivery/model of care.

**Word Limit: 250 words.**

### Headings:

Background/rationale  
Methodology (needs assessment, theoretical model, description of intervention, outcome measures)

### Research Abstracts:

The research stream refers to work that is primarily based on the scientific method of discovery of hypothesis testing or theory development. This stream can include work from protocols, to review and studies of various design.

**Word Limit: 250 words.**

### Headings:

Objectives/purpose

Impact on practice Discussion (lessons learned, future direction).	Methods Results Conclusion and clinical implications.
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**Prior to submitting an abstract, please make sure that you have the following information available:**

Abstract Title  
Name, City and Affiliation of all authors  
Presenting Author  
Submission Type  
Theme  
Abstract text

**DO NOT ENTER IN ALL CAPS**

Abstract submission is in text format only. Abstracts must be submitted under one of the pre-defined topics and type must be indicated. Upon submission a confirmation will be emailed to the email of the account holder.

**Please note:** *This email is a confirmation of abstract submission and NOT a notice of acceptance.*

## Abstract Themes (Research and Clinical)

Abstracts will be accepted for the following themes:

### NEW for 2021:

- A. Equity, diversity and inclusion in cancer care and research
- B. Cancer care across the life span (children, adolescent & young adults, adults, and older adults)
- C. Complementary and integrative cancer care
- D. Community-based and volunteer cancer care services
- E. Sociodemographic, culture, and sex/gender issues in cancer
- F. Digital health and cancer care
- G. Exercise/pre-habilitation and rehabilitation in cancer
- H. Implementation science, knowledge translation and synthesis
- I. Survivorship
- J. Palliative and end-of-life care
- K. Primary, secondary and tertiary cancer prevention
- L. Innovation in psychosocial oncology interventions
- M. Health care provider wellness
- N. Cancer treatment-related symptom and toxicity management
- O. Pandemics and cancer care issues
- P. Adapting PSO care in LMI countries
- Q. Patient oriented research approaches
- R. Development and/or testing of outcome measures
- S. Other Value-based and person-centered cancer care

## Presentation Language

The official language of CAPO/IPOS 2022 is English.

## Abstract Selection Process

Abstracts will be judged solely on the following criteria.

- Significance and Relevance
- Innovation
- Approach and Findings
- Implications
- Clarity

The CAPO/IPOS 2022 Scientific Committee will select abstract for orals, poster and symposium presentations by March 31, 2022. The submitting author will receive an email with the decision of the scientific committee. If a selected author cannot attend, the presenting author should assign a replacement. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to reallocate abstracts as necessary. All presenting authors must register for the full conference.

**For abstract enquiries, please contact** [conference@capo.ca](mailto:conference@capo.ca)