



North American Refugee Health Conference: Health Means the World to Us Sheraton Fallsview | September 11 - 13, 2025

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Come share and learn at one of the largest clinical conferences on refugee health globally. [The North American Refugee Health Conference](#) is recognized as the premier conference for those who work with refugee populations. From its humble beginnings, the North American Refugee Health Conference (NARHC) has expanded to become one of the largest clinical conferences on refugee health globally. Our scope has broadened to include local and international refugee issues.

Health professionals and experts from many disciplines, will meet to discuss the best health practices, challenges for optimal care, research and advocacy for the refugee patient population both pre and post migration. The latest research on refugee health issues will be profiled as both novices and experts share ideas with local and international colleagues.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- Submissions are to be made in English in the online system only. Carefully review the guidelines prior to starting the online process because all fields are mandatory.
- All presenters are expected to register for the conference and are responsible for their registration fees and any other presentation expenses. Registration will open in **November 2024** and early registration rates will apply until **August 7, 2025**.
- Final selection of presentations will be determined based on the submissions that the committee believes best integrate with the conference themes.
- We welcome you to submit a workshop, oral or poster presentation to the North American Refugee Health Conference.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Call for Abstracts Opens: **Tuesday, September 3, 2024**
- Call for Abstracts Closes: **Monday, February 3, 2025** at midnight Eastern Daylight Time
- Notification of Acceptance: **End of March, 2025**
- Early Bird Registration by: **Thursday, August 7, 2025**
- Conference Dates: **September 11-13, 2025**

REVIEW CRITERIA

Abstracts will be scored on the following criteria:

- Originality of idea and demonstrated innovation
- Evidence and objectivity: Abstract builds on existing knowledge base, is based on sound methodology, and/or has a clear evaluation component. Results can be generalized to a range of populations.
- Degree of practical knowledge transferability or practical implications: Abstract clearly demonstrates a high degree of practical application to rehabilitation practice, research, or policy.
- Clarity and cohesiveness: Abstract reflects a sound argument and logical flow. The abstract thoroughly explains the study or initiative's elements, outcomes and importance. Key messages are clearly articulated. Information is clearly presented in a style.



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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Contact** *This person will receive all information concerning this abstract. It is his/her/their responsibility to communicate this information to the co-authors.*
 - Given name and surname
 - Credentials (e.g. BSc)
 - Affiliations (e.g. organization/ institution)
 - Address with postal/zip code
 - Phone number
 - Email
- Authors' information** *Provide the following information for each author, including the Contact Person if they are also an author*
 - Given name and surname
 - Affiliations (e.g. organization/ institution)
 - Email
- Brief biography of the Presenting Author(s)** *max 150 words*
- Credentials of the Presenting Author(s)** *e.g. BSc*
- Presenting Author(s) Title(s) / Occupation(s)** *e.g. Researcher, Nurse, etc.*

SUBMISSION DETAILS

- Abstract Format/Type** *Select only one per abstract submission. Note: Submissions may be considered for another format/type by the review committee. **Please do not submit duplicate abstracts for multiple formats.** Selection is not guaranteed.*
 - Workshop (60 minutes total: 45-minute interactive presentation and 15 Minutes for questions)
 - Oral (15 minutes total: 10-minute presentation, 5 minutes for questions)
 - Poster (Physical poster displayed at the conference venue)
- Abstract Title** *Title should reflect the content of your poster/presentation. Ensure the title does not contain any identifying information regarding the author(s) or organization.*
- Abstract Theme** *Select only one per abstract submission.*
 - Advocacy
 - Chronic Disease
 - Global Refugee Health and Migration
 - Infectious Disease
 - LGBTQ Health
 - Mental Health, PTSD and addictions



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- Nutrition
- Pediatric Health
- Educational Development
- Research
- Policy and Legal
- Screening and Vaccination
- Women's Health
- Settlement/ Resettlement Issues
- Health Navigators
- Other

9. Target Audience *(for workshop and oral presentation submissions only)*

- Allied Health Workers
- Primary Care
- Specialist Physicians
- Mental Health Workers
- Nurses, Nurse Practitioners
- Policy and Public Health Specialists
- Primary Care Practitioners
- Refugees Specialists
- Dentists
- Settlement and Resettlement Workers
- Health Navigators
- Researchers
- Trainees
- Any health care professional interested in refugee health

10. Identify level of experience for the targeted audience *(for workshop and oral submissions only)*

- Advanced (experts in the field)
- Intermediate (most practitioners currently in the field)
- Beginner (for those who have little experience in refugee health)

11. Abstract Submission

Please be clear and concise. Abstracts should be structured with subheadings to clearly display the required sections. Information should be provided as you would like it to appear on the conference website, if accepted.

All Submissions: Maximum of 250 words

Workshop Presentation Submissions should include the following subheadings:

- **Background/Rationale** - Describe the rationale for the workshop, drawing upon theory and/or evidence as applicable.
- **Content** - Session outline describing the main objectives of the workshop and 2-3 key points you will be making.
- **Instructional Methods** - Briefly describe the instructional methods to be used during the workshop.

Oral Presentation Submissions should include the following subheadings:



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- **Background and Purpose/Objectives** – Background and Purpose/Objectives of study or program/innovation
- **Methodology** - For research studies this should include study design, methods and analyses; for programs/innovation this should include development, implementation and evaluation.
- **Results/Impact/Outcomes**
- **Conclusions and Discussion**

Poster Presentation Submissions should include the following subheadings:

- **Background and Purpose/Objectives** – Background and Purpose/Objectives of study or program/innovation
- **Methodology** - For research studies this should include study design, methods and analyses; for programs/innovation this should include development, implementation and evaluation.
- **Results/Impact/Outcomes**
- **Conclusions and Discussion**

12. Keywords *Provide 3 keywords for your presentation*

13. Learning Objectives *Provide 2-3 learning objectives for your presentation (for workshop and oral submissions only)*

14. Summary Paragraph *A summary paragraph is used to inform participants about your session or poster. Information should be provided as you would like it to appear on the conference website, if accepted. Max 50 words.*

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read through the following information and confirm that you have read and understand all the conditions of submitting your abstract for the 2025 NARHC for consideration.

Attendance and Expenses

If selected for inclusion in the program, the primary author must be one of the conference presenters. All presenters must be a paid registrant for the conference. Any author who wishes to attend or present must be a paid registrant. Abstract authors are responsible for all expenses associated with creating and delivering your presentation including registration costs and any travel expenses.

Notification of Acceptance and Sharing of Materials



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Those who have been selected for the 2025 NARHC will be notified by email with further details. Accepted abstracts will be featured on the conference website and/or in the program book provided to all delegates. An electronic version of your presentation and/or handouts will be shared on the conference website with your consent. An electronic version of your presentation will only be shared with your consent, if accepted.

Marketing of Products and Services

The marketing of products or services through the 2025 NARHC Call for Abstracts is prohibited. Correspondence will be with the Contact Person ONLY.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding the call for abstracts and abstract submission can be directed to the Conference secretariat.

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