



Clinical Nurse Specialist Association of Canada

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Call for Abstracts 2026

Demonstrating Value: CNS Outcomes Driving Better Health!

*Démontrer la valeur et comment les résultats
les ICS favorisent une meilleure santé !*

Monday, September 21st, 2026
Winnipeg, MB

The Clinical Nurse Specialist Association of Canada is proud to invite all Clinical Nurse Specialists, Registered Psychiatric Nurses, Registered Nurses, and other healthcare providers to its third national conference. This presents exceptional opportunities for clinical nurse specialists (CNS) to highlight their contributions to advancing the health of Canadians.

Innovative health care delivery, overcoming new practice challenges in an age of health care reform and increased visibility of CNS's practice outcomes are common subjects for clinicians across Canada. CNS practice is focused on prioritizing innovative evidence informed care and navigating new challenges, all while elevating the visibility of CNS outcomes in an era of reform.

This year, we are introducing a focused initiative aimed at supporting Clinical Nurse Specialists in critically examining approaches to measuring their practice and generating more robust evidence that demonstrates their meaningful impact on health care systems, patient / client outcomes, and quality of care.

Important Dates:

- Abstract Submission Opens: April 2026.
- Abstract Submission **Deadline: Friday, May 1st, 2026.**
- Abstracts are to be submitted to: infoCNScanada1@gmail.com

- An automatic email confirmation will be sent once the abstract has been received.
- Conference Registration Opens: Mid-June 2026.

Notification:

- Author(s) will be notified by Friday, May 22, 2026 (regarding selection **or** not of their abstracts).

Goal of this conference:

- *Demonstrating Value: CNS Outcomes Driving Better Health!*

Topics of interest include:

- Advancing CNS Practice Through Meaningful Measurement and Demonstrated Impact.
- Innovating CNS Practice: From Competencies to Measurable Outcomes.
- Strengthening Health Systems: Showcasing the Measurable Value of CNS Practice.
- Transforming Care Through CNS Leadership, Innovation, and Evidence.
- From Practice to Proof: Elevating CNS Impact Through Data and Outcomes.
- Embedding CNS Competencies into Practice: Driving Excellence and Measurable Change.

Presentation Options

The conference is organized to include **keynote presentations, general plenary, and oral presentations.**

Oral presentations are individual presenting their papers. Consistent with the conference theme, papers should address at least one of the topics of interest.

Presenters will have 30 minutes for the presentation. In addition, there will be Q.& A. period (15 min.) Please be sure to limit the topic and content to this length of time.

Instructions for Abstract Submissions:

Please follow the abstract format with headings listed below:

- For a Research Abstract – Significance & Background; Purpose; Framework; Methods and Analysis; Findings and Implications.
- For an Education Abstract – Significance & Background; Purpose; Evaluation; Discussion.
- For an Evidenced-based Practice or Clinical Abstract – Significance & Background; Purpose; Intervention; Evaluation; Discussion.

Instructions for individual oral abstracts:

- The overview text is limited to 300 words. The individual papers must each include a title that is consistent with the conference focus and an abstract text (limit 250 words).
- The author's name(s) and affiliations must not be in the abstract text or title.
- A maximum of two (2) authors per abstract will be accepted.
- Submission of an abstract is considered a commitment to attend the conference and present the content if the abstract is selected for oral presentation.

Guidelines for Submission for Author(s):

- Individuals may submit 1 or 2 abstracts (max).
- If more than one abstract from a single presenter is submitted, we reserve the right to accept only one for oral presentation.
- The abstract title must accurately reflect the content of the presentation.
- All authors' affiliations should be included in the submission (max. 2 authors).
- Abstracts not in compliance with the required guidelines will not be considered.
- All abstracts have to be submitted to: infoCNScanada1@gmail.com

Student abstracts

- They require faculty advisor's name, contact information, school identification and electronic verification that submitter is eligible to present as a student.

General Information:

- Authors may submit abstracts of completed work or work in progress. Oral or poster presentations should not have been presented previously, preferably, at other national or international conferences; however, prior presentation to a local/regional group is acceptable.
- The primary author is responsible for obtaining consent from all authors and any employer or patient/client clearances before submitting the abstract.
 - Oral presentations will be 45 minutes in length (30 minutes presentation and 15 minutes for questions).
- Authors must declare any conflict of interests.

Authors of accepted abstracts must be available to present for the designated oral presentation during the conference and are responsible for paying their own conference expenses.

All presenters are required to register for the CNS conference **by July 1st, 2026**. **N.B.** Presenters must pay all fees, e.g., registration, travel costs, lodging and expenses associated with the presentation.

For presenters, a copy of the membership registration of CNS-C is required (for the reduce conference fee).

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