



## 2026 General Stream Abstracts Submission Guidelines

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### Submission Statement

The Diabetes Canada and CSEM Scientific Program Committees invite abstract submissions for consideration with the understanding that if you are accepted:

- Your presenting author will present your abstract (either in an electronic poster presentation or oral presentation format)
- Your presenting author will be responsible for receiving communications from conference organizers which will include instructions and updates as well as completing tasks including:
  - Profile information,
  - COI declaration form, and
  - Uploading the poster or presentation are the responsibility of the presenting author
- The presenting author is expected to travel and be present for the duration of the professional conference to present the abstract. Presentation dates will be shared when confirmed.

A single person cannot present more than two abstracts (i.e., maximum of two presentations regardless of format as presenting author).

### Submission Fees & Deadlines

The submission fees are non-refundable. Payment must be made by credit card. Major credit cards (American Express®, Visa® and MasterCard®) will be accepted for the secured online payment. The abstract will not be considered if the fee has not been paid by the submission deadline.

#### 2026 General Stream Submission Fees

	Open – May 21 by 11:59 PM ET	May 22 – June 14 by 11:59 PM ET	June 14 – September 7 by 11:59 PM ET
General Stream	\$49.00/ submission	\$99.00/ submission	-
Resident Stream	\$25.00/ submission	\$25.00/ submission	\$25.00/ submission

**GENERAL STREAM DEADLINE:** Sunday, June 14, 2026, by 11:59 p.m. EDT. No Exceptions.

**RESIDENT STREAM DEADLINE:** Sunday, September 7, 2026, by 11:59 p.m. EDT. No Exceptions.

Registration for the professional conference must be done separately; the abstract submission fee does NOT include registration for the professional conference. Expenses associated with the submission and presentation of the abstract are not the responsibility of the Diabetes Canada/CSEM Professional Conference.

### Abstract Submission Categories

When considering your submission, all diabetes mellitus abstracts are to be submitted under Diabetes Canada and all other endocrinology and metabolism topics, excluding diabetes mellitus, are to be submitted under the CSEM. Please refer to the table below for appropriate stream selection:

Type of Research	Diabetes Topics ( <b>Diabetes Canada</b> )	Endocrinology & Metabolism Topics ( <b>CSEM</b> )
<u>Health-Care Delivery:</u> innovative methods or approaches for improving healthcare of patients with diabetes conditions  <u>Education:</u> new or improved approaches and techniques for teaching and learning on diabetes topics	<b>Clinical Care &amp; Education Stream</b>	-
<u>Basic Research:</u> basic physiological or molecular biological research (e.g. using cell cultures or animal models) on <b>endocrine and metabolic</b> topics  <u>Clinical Research:</u> research focused on specific disease states (e.g. evaluation of diagnostic techniques or therapies) on <b>endocrine and metabolic</b> topics	-	<b>Endocrine &amp; Metabolism Stream</b>

<p><u>Basic Research</u>: basic physiological or molecular biological research (e.g. using cell cultures or animal models) on <b>diabetes</b> topics</p> <p><u>Clinical Research</u>: diabetes research focused on specific disease states (e.g. evaluation of diagnostic techniques or therapies) on <b>diabetes</b> topics</p>	<b>Science Stream</b>	-
<p><u>Clinical or scientific research</u> with an Indigenous focus on Diabetes related topics; Indigenous knowledge/lived experience</p>	<b>Indigenous Science &amp; Content Stream</b>	-
<p><u>Quality Improvement*</u>: systematic analysis of practice and performance improvements related to endocrine/diabetes care and management</p>	<b>Any DC Stream</b>	<b>Endocrine &amp; Metabolism Stream</b>
<p><u>Clinical Vignette</u>: an interesting case for oral or poster presentation (for clinical trainees)</p> <p><u>Research Project</u>: an overview of a proposed or in-progress basic science or translational research project for poster presentation (for research trainees, including PhD candidates)</p>	-	<b>Resident Stream</b>

\*Resident and quality improvement research projects that have been completed should preferably be submitted to the CSEM endocrinology and metabolism stream of the Diabetes Canada/CSEM Professional Conference for oral or poster presentation.

### Authorship Requirements

- Abstracts **MUST** be written and submitted independently by physicians, researchers, or health-care professionals, Indigenous scholars, or patient partners unaffiliated with commercial entities.
- There is no limit to the number of abstracts an author may submit; however, an author may only serve as a presenting author on two submissions.
- Author role choices are; submitting, first, presenting and co-author. When submitting, please check off all author roles that apply. It is the author's responsibility to designate a separate presenter for scheduling conflicts that may arise due to multiple submissions. If accepted, the presenter must be a co-author listed on the abstract at the time of submission. The author listed first in the author block is referred to as the first author and does not have to serve as the presenting author. The submitting author can also assume other author roles and will receive all notifications of abstract status. Should the submitting author prefer, a different email address for the purpose of communications may be submitted for abstract correspondence and notification of abstract status.
- All correspondence will be directed to the submitting/first author only. Diabetes Canada/CSEM will not communicate with medical education firms or industry representatives regarding abstract submissions.

## Industry Authorship

- Industry employees cannot submit abstracts and cannot communicate to abstract management team on an author's behalf.
- Abstracts MUST be written and submitted independently by physicians, researchers, or health-care professionals, Indigenous scholars, or patient partners, unaffiliated with commercial entities.
- Research funded by industry that has been approved by a Research Ethics Board, and for which the principal investigator/principal author is not an employee of the funding company, will be accepted for review.
- Industry support must be declared as per the [DC/CSEM Conflict of Interest Policy](#). Industry support may be recognized with a statement of acknowledgement as per [The National Standard for Support of Accredited CPD Activities](#); industry logos and branding are not permitted in presentations. Sample recognition statement, "This research/program/project has received an educational grant or in-kind support from (names of funding organizations)".
- Abstracts deemed to contain commercial content, commercial products, or service-related advertisements or opinions lacking rigorous scientific data will be rejected.

## Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

All submitters must declare whether in preparing this presentation, they used generative AI (e.g. ChatGPT) to assist with summarizing literature / drafting learning objectives / and/or creating diagrams. All submitters must confirm that all outputs were reviewed for bias and scientific accuracy, fact-checked, and modified by them, and responsibility for the content remains their own. AI generated data is not acceptable.

## Character Count & Writing Standards

Abstract body is limited to 250 words, not including spaces or the abstract title. Abstracts should be structured with specific sections: background, objectives, methods, results, and discussion/conclusion. Abstracts can have a maximum of two tables and/or images. Graphs and tables must be simple and easily interpreted; please limit word count in graphs and tables.

**Abstracts are published as submitted. Please proofread your work carefully to avoid errors.**

All abstracts must be written in English with accurate grammar and spelling. Abstracts **WILL NOT** be edited by Diabetes Canada/CSEM Professional Conference staff; typographical and grammatical errors will appear as submitted. Revisions or corrections to abstracts will not be permitted once abstracts are permitted.

Abstracts must adhere to the following format:

- The first letter of major words in the title should be capitalized.
- Author(s) first name and last name should be listed in all caps. Authors with multiple abstracts should list their names the same way on all abstracts. Names should be listed: first name, last name.
- The use of standard abbreviations is required. Examples include kg, g, mg, mL, L, meq, m, mmol/L, and %. Abbreviated terms should be expanded at first mention with the abbreviation in parentheses. The abbreviation can then be used throughout the rest of the abstract. Use numerals to indicate numbers, except when beginning sentences.
- Special symbols may be included.

- Language can have a profound impact on the lives of people with and at risk for diabetes. Inappropriate language has a negative impact on self-efficacy, well-being, and confidence which can seriously undermine experiences with health-care providers and, more broadly, can contribute to diabetes stigma. We encourage you to use language that is consistent with [Diabetes Canada’s consensus statement](#).
- Following the [National Standard of Support for Accredited CPD Activities](#), it is required that any description of therapeutic options utilize generic names and not reflect exclusivity and branding.

The Diabetes Canada/CSEM Professional Conference Scientific Program Chairs will consider presentation preferences. If the research presented in the abstract has been supported, in whole or in part, by a grant from Diabetes Canada, please indicate so by checking the appropriate box. Accepted abstracts with Diabetes Canada funding will be highlighted in the conference program. Responses provided to this question will not affect the acceptance of the abstract.

If you have questions about completing an abstract submission, please email [Gareth Willows Tribe](#), Coordinator, Professional Conference.

## Submission Process

Abstract submissions are uploaded through the [Conference Management System](#) website. The abstract submission process involves successfully completing a series of tasks:

- Author Information
- Abstract Details
- Supporting Documents
- Conflict of Interest Disclosure
- Payment

Authors who have successfully submitted abstracts will receive an automated email acknowledging submission receipt. If you do not receive confirmation within 48 hours after completing your submission, please email [Gareth Willows Tribe](#).

Changes to General Stream abstracts can be made before the deadline of **June 14, 2026, at 11:59 PM ET**; changes to Resident Stream abstracts can be made before the deadline of **September 7, 2026, at 11:59 PM ET**. A link to your profile will be posted in your submission confirmation email.

## Abstract Review & Scoring Criteria

### Reviews

Please note, only completed abstracts are reviewed for acceptance. Abstracts are reviewed on the research question, the abstract clarity, the methods and data, and the potential impact. Please make abstracts as informative as possible, including a brief statement of the purpose of the study, methods, results, and conclusions based on the results. Actual data should be included in the abstract. Statements such as “results to be discussed” or “data will be presented” are not sufficient and will result in rejection of the abstract on the basis of being incomplete. Graphs and tables must be easily interpreted and of high-resolution quality for electronic display on a widescreen monitor. The Diabetes Canada/CSEM Professional Conference Scientific Program Chairs reserve the right to move an abstract that has been inappropriately categorized without notifying the author(s).

## Scores

The following elements will be considered when scoring abstracts:

### 1. Research question

- Are the research question and rationale clearly defined?
- Does the research question advance knowledge and solutions?
- Is the study compelling and of value to conference attendees?

### 2. Abstract clarity

- Does the abstract title reflect the narrative in the body of the abstract?
- Is the abstract well-written, purpose of the study clear, and results that answer the research question presented?

### 3. Methods and Data

- Is the research design appropriate to answer the research question?
- Are the results of the study included and supported by the methods?
- Does the data support the study conclusions outlined in the abstract?

### 4. Impact

- Do the research findings have a meaningful impact to further research and to benefit those living with diabetes or endocrinology conditions and disorders now or in the future?

Additionally, an abstract that does not present the results of the study will not be accepted. In other words, a description of the problem, followed by the methodology, and ending with “results to be discussed” is unacceptable. Also, abstracts that provide meager data or data insufficient to support the conclusion and will be scored accordingly. The abstract should be grammatically correct so that the reader is clear as to the meaning of all text.

## Rating Scale

Abstracts will be scored 0 through 5. Individual reviewer scores will be combined to calculate a mean score, which will be used to determine whether abstracts are accepted and to set the final program. Abstracts must receive a mean score of 2.5 to be accepted for conference.

## Abstract Rejection Criteria

Abstract will be rejected if:

- Abstract did not conform to instructions.
- Abstract lacks data or includes inconsistent/ambiguous data.
- Abstract is not well-organized, information is dated, the importance of the topic is not clear, discussion of study results is vague, or conclusion is not supportable based on the data presented.
- Clinical research did not abide by the [Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans](#)
- Abstracts deemed to contain Industry/commercial content, commercial products, or service-related advertisements or opinions lacking rigorous scientific data will be rejected.

## Abstract Review Decisions

The final decision on selection, programming, and/or publication of any abstract will be made by the Diabetes Canada/CSEM Professional Conference Scientific Planning Chairs. Decisions and instructions will be sent by email to the submitter/presenting author in **mid-July 2026**.

## Presentation Formats

Accepted abstracts will be awarded either an oral or poster presentation decision. Accommodations cannot be guaranteed when scheduling presentations. Both oral and poster presenters are expected to attend the conference in-person and be available to present when scheduled during the professional conference. All abstracts can be digitally accessed on site and through the professional conference app and/or website.

Presentation information including tasks, dates and times will be shared by email upon acceptance of presentation invitation.

## Oral Presentations

Oral presentations will be 5-10 minutes, exact length to be confirmed. Oral presenters can use the professional conference template slide or a template of their own choosing. If using your own, the COI and mitigation slides are mandatory. Oral presenters are expected to attend the conference in-person and be available to present when scheduled during the professional conference.

## Poster Presentations

All selected posters will be assigned a 15-minute presentation timeslot during a Research Hour session. The 15-minute timeslot allows for 5-minutes to present, 5-minutes for question and answer, and 5-minutes for the next presenter to prepare for their scheduled presentation. Posters must consist of a one-page PDF and 5-minute narrated slide presentation describing your poster. Presenters can use the professional conference template slide or a template of their own choosing.

Presentations will be displayed electronically on large screen monitors in the ePoster Gallery for the duration of the professional conference.

## Research Hours

This unique opportunity provides presenting authors with a specific 15-minute timeslot to present to a wider audience, however, presenting authors can also arrange time outside of Research Hour to share their abstract and engage in deeper discussions. Trainees who are eligible and apply for an award will present in front of a judge during a Research Hour session. Poster presenters are expected to attend the conference in-person and be available to present when scheduled during the professional conference. Exact dates and times of Research Hours will be shared when confirmed.

## Awards

Applicants must select one of the following award options upon submission of their abstract.

### **Diabetes Canada Trainee Poster Awards**

Diabetes Canada recognizes trainees (emerging research trainees as well as health professional trainees) who receive the highest-ranking poster presentation as adjudicated during an assigned presentation time.

#### Eligibility:

- Masters students, PhD students or postdoctoral fellows
- Trainee in a health professional school including endocrinology residents and fellows who choose to submit to the DC topic categories.

#### Conditions:

- The presenting author must be the first author.
- The award application task is completed when submitting an abstract.
- By applying for award consideration, the presenting author thereby agrees to present in front of a judge to be considered for a DC trainee award.
- The presenting author delivers their presentation for their assigned judge at their designated time.

Acceptance into the trainee poster award is competitive and dependent on abstract review score. A presenting author who does not apply for award consideration during the abstract submission process will not be scheduled to present before a judge and will not be eligible for an award.

### **Diabetes Canada Early Career Oral Abstract Award**

Diabetes Canada recognizes early career researchers and healthcare providers with an oral-abstract presentation opportunity who receive the highest-ranking abstracts as adjudicated during abstract review.

#### Eligibility:

- Researcher (including trainees) up to the first five years of independent academic or research appointment practice as defined by CIHR, [Click here for definition](#)
- Health professional (including trainees) up to in the first five years of independent clinical practice (does not include residents)

#### Conditions:

- The presenting author must be the first author.
- The award application task is completed when submitting an abstract.
- By applying for award consideration, the presenting author thereby agrees to present in front of a judge to be considered for an oral abstract.
- The presenting author delivers their presentation before their assigned judge.

A presenting author who does not apply for award consideration during the abstract submission process will not be scheduled to present before a judge and will not be eligible for an award.

## **CSEM Abstract Trainee Awards and Resident Travel Grants**

CSEM recognizes our member trainees who receive the highest-ranking oral or poster abstract presentation as adjudicated during an assigned presentation time. **Awards:** [Dr. Sonia Salisbury Resident Clinical Vignette Award](#), the [Dr. John Dupré Award](#), the [Dr. Charles Hollenberg Award](#), and the [Quality Improvement Award](#).

### Eligibility:

You are a CSEM member enrolled in an accredited Canadian training program as a(n):

- PhD candidates (Student of CSEM member), or
- Internal Medicine PGY1-3 resident (Student of CSEM member), or an
- Endocrine and Metabolism PGY4-6 resident (Resident member)

### Conditions:

- The presenting author is a PhD candidate, Internal Medicine Resident (PGY1-3) or an Endocrine and Metabolism Resident (PGY4-6) CSEM member.
- The award application task is completed when submitting an abstract.
- By applying for award consideration, the presenting author thereby agrees to present in front of a judge to be considered for a CSEM trainee award.
- The presenting author delivers their presentation for their assigned judge at their designated time.

A presenting author who does not apply for award consideration during the abstract submission process will not be scheduled to present before a judge and will not be eligible for an award.

## **CSEM Resident Travel Grants**

CSEM offers a modest stipend intended to help offset travel and accommodation expenses in support of Endocrinology & Metabolism Resident members who are presenting an abstract at the Diabetes Canada/CSEM Professional Conference and participating in the Annual Residents' Day Review Course.

### Conditions and Eligibility:

- You must be registered for the 2026 Professional Conference as well as Residents' Day.
  - Your abstract is accepted for presentation at the 2026 Diabetes Canada/CSEM Professional Conference.
  - The presenting author is identified as a trainee and credentials have been provided at the time of abstract submission.
  - The presenting author has applied to be considered for a CSEM Resident Award at the time of abstract submission.
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- The Presenting author must be a CSEM Resident member (PGY4-5) (Free to [Join](#))
  - The presenting author delivers their presentation for their assigned judge at their designated time.

All abstract submissions must conform to the abstract guidelines.

## Policies

### Encore Presentations

Abstract submissions that have been accepted for presentation, and have not been published, at other national and international conferences prior to the Diabetes Canada/CSEM Professional Conference (November 18-21, 2026) may be submitted for consideration. You must:

- Indicate that the submission is an encore presentation.
- Include the name of the meeting and date on which the abstract was originally presented.

Please note, encore presentation submissions will be screened under the same criteria as other contributed abstracts.

### Embargo Policy

Diabetes Canada's embargo policy for submitted abstracts for the Canadian Journal of Diabetes (CJD):

- Accepted abstracts for CJD may not be published, broadcasted, posted online, or placed in the public domain before the embargo date and time. In 2026, all accepted abstracts are embargoed until November 19, 2026.
- Abstract authors can present the findings of their submitted papers with experts for comment and at professional meetings to colleagues but should be clearly identified as embargoed and include the embargo date of November 19, 2026. It is the responsibility of the authors to ensure embargo policies are honoured by third parties. Should an author be planning to make such a presentation, we ask the author to inform Diabetes Canada of those intentions.
- The press may not distribute embargoed materials in the public domain before the embargo date of November 19, 2026. However, embargoed materials may be distributed to the media by press officers up to seven days before the embargo date of November 19, 2026. Press releases must be clearly identified as embargoed and must include the embargo date and time. It is the press officer's responsibility to ensure embargo policies are honoured by third parties.
- Participation in news conferences is open after November 19, 2026.

Should you have any questions about the embargo policy, please contact Diabetes Canada's Professional Conference team at [professional.conference@diabetes.ca](mailto:professional.conference@diabetes.ca).

**SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT TODAY!**