

ASPEN Nutrition Science & Practice Conference
Special Abstract Submission Period

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1. **Key Dates and Submission Site**

Original, International, Encore Abstracts

Submission opens: December 02, 2020 at 8:00 am ET

Submission closes: December 16, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. ET

Submission fees*

Standard submission fee: \$125

*Submission fees are administrative fees and are not meant to be punitive in nature. Submission fees are **NOT** refundable for any reason.

Notification of abstract status will be provided in January 2021.

To submit an abstract, please visit

<https://www.abstractscorecard.com/cfp/submit/login.asp?EventKey=SYERSMFZ> and follow the instructions provided. Please note, abstract submitters must create a new account for the submission site each year. Submitter and/or author information is not transferred from year to year.

For questions on abstract submission, contact Sara Fleming at saraf@nutritioncare.org.

2. **Abstract Submission Options**

***All abstracts submitted during the special abstract submission period will only be eligible for acceptance as POSTERS and will NOT be eligible for any awards.**

Original Abstracts - *unpublished basic or clinical research and data, practice abstracts, retrospective studies, vignettes, or case studies.* Research methodology may range from prospective, randomized trials, and systematic reviews to quality improvement projects and unique case reports.

Encore Abstracts - *abstracts previously presented at another conference or previously published in a peer-reviewed journal.* Encore abstracts are eligible for presentation at ASPEN Nutrition Science & Practice Conference if the abstract was previously presented at a conference or submitted to a journal no more than 6 months prior to the abstract submission deadline.

International Abstracts – *submitted original or encore abstracts, in which the research took place; and the investigator resides in a country other than the United States.*

3. Abstract Topics

During the online abstract submission process, you will be asked to categorize your abstract according to ASPEN's six primary abstract topic areas to ensure that your abstract is reviewed appropriately. Please review **Table 1** below that summarizes these six groups of research in nutrition therapy and metabolism that ASPEN typically accepts. You will need to select at least one, but no more than three topic areas that are most relevant to your abstract. **The list is not all inclusive; you should select the best fit for your abstract.**

Table 1. Abstract Topic Areas

Group # 1 Parenteral Nutrition Therapy	access devices acid-base chronic / degenerative disease and PN compatibility complications diabetes – glucose control disease or condition specific PN drug–nutrient interaction fluid - electrolyte funding & reimbursement	home / alternate site indications lipid formulations macro & micronutrients monitoring nutrition support teams (related to PN) quality control & improvement (related to PN) safety shortages & alternative products stability
Group # 2 Enteral Nutrition Therapy	access devices chronic / degenerative disease and EN complications diabetes – glucose control disease or condition specific EN drug- nutrient interactions formulas funding & reimbursement	home and alternate site indications macro & micronutrients monitoring nutrition support teams (related to EN) quality control & improvement (related to EN) reimbursement safety
Group # 3 Malnutrition, obesity, nutrition practice concepts and issues	bariatrics bariatric surgery and complications body composition complementary & alternative medicine chronic diseases and nutrition related to malnutrition education ethics evidence-based practice exercise physiology guidelines	malnutrition malnutrition coding metabolic syndrome nutrition and taste obesity payers and malnutrition nutrition assessment nutrition support teams related to malnutrition or obesity quality control & improvement related to malnutrition or obesity- bariatric
Group # 4 Critical care and critical health issues	burns cancer cardiac critical care immunodeficiency and immunonutrition infection inflammation intestinal failure perioperative concerns (glucose control, CHO loading)	pharmaconutrition (related to critical care and critical health issues) pulmonary sepsis trauma wounds surgery transplant
Group # 5 GI and other nutrition and metabolic– related topics	allergy basic nutrient research biotics cholestasis chronic & degenerative disease endocrine gastroenterology geriatrics gut microbiota hepatic and pancreatic disease and conditions insufficiency	IBD metabolic pathways metabolomics nutrigenomics neurological disorders osteoporosis pharmacokinetics pharmaconutrition pancreatic insufficiency (cystic fibrosis) renal short bowel
Group # 6 Pediatric/ Neonatal/ Pregnancy/ Lactation	ketogenic diet NEC neonatal neonatal bone NICU & PICU	pediatric malnutrition pediatric short bowel PNALD pregnancy & lactation

4. **Abstract Methodology Types/Categories**

You will need to select the single methodology category that most closely represents your abstract.

Research Methodology	Examples
Basic Science	“Bench research” <i>In vitro</i> studies or animal research
Clinical Science	Observational or interventional clinical trials, case-controlled or case studies, registry driven analyses, qualitative studies
Education, Quality Control & Improvement	Education or quality improvement programs, non-scientific surveys, programmatic communication
Meta-analyses, Systematic Review	Meta-analysis or Systematic Review of other studies

All ASPEN Nutrition Science & Practice Conference abstracts must present qualitative or quantitative data that are directly relevant to the topic of the abstract. Abstracts describing only methodologies, concepts, or other topics will not be accepted without accompanying data or results. Case studies are exempt from the requirement for extensive data but must be unique, providing learning points or unusual clinical presentations.

Research Agenda - In 2018, ASPEN’s [Research Agenda](#) was updated and published. This document, will familiarize abstract authors with investigative priorities established by our Society. Authors are encouraged to be aware of and, when possible, submit abstracts reflecting these core research areas. Please note that this is not a requirement, but rather a statement of ASPEN’s priority research interests.

5. **Disclosure Information and Off-label Discussion**

Disclosure information is required for **all authors** at the time of submission of the abstract. If any of the abstract authors have financial relationships with a commercial interest (any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing healthcare goods or services consumed by or used on patients) that are relevant to the topic of the abstract, the following needs to be submitted for EACH author:

- *Company name* (commercial interest).
- *What was received* (i.e. honorarium, financial support/grant or research funding/equipment or supplies, fee for service; ASPEN does not want to know amounts, just the description of what was received)
- *Role played* (such as speaker bureau, employee, consultant, PI on a supported grant, or other financially beneficial relationship)

Providing accurate disclosure information is mandatory, and failure to do so will result in an inability to participate in the conference programming in any capacity.

If the abstract discusses off-label uses (product applications that are not approved by the U.S. FDA) of licensed pharmaceutical or medical device products, the authors will need to identify the product and the nature of off-label use.

6. Presentation Type

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7. Abstract Writing Standards

Presenting Author - The presenting author is required to virtually attend ASPEN Nutrition Science & Practice Conference if the abstract is accepted.

Abstract Character Count - A maximum of 3780 characters, approximately 500 words, including spaces and punctuation is allowed. This does not include title and author/institution list.

Accuracy, Grammar, Spelling - If accepted, YOUR ABSTRACT WILL BE PUBLISHED AS SUBMITTED. ***You are 100% responsible for spelling, grammar, and scientific accuracy.***

Tables and Images – It is important that you follow these instructions as well as those in the submission site. The maximum total number of combined tables and images you may submit is 4. A maximum of 2 tables converted to an image file, and 2 – 4 images /figures /charts (jpg) to reach the maximum of 4 are allowed per abstract. There are no character count limits for these items. Images should be set at **300 dpi** in order for clarity in print. Free graphics software include: www.irfanview.com; www.gimp.org; www.getpaint.net. **The submission site CANNOT ACCEPT PowerPoint, Word, PDF or Excel files as table or image uploads. If your images are not readable after submission, they may not accompany the published version of your abstract in JPEN.**

Author Personal Information - When submitting an abstract provide the following information for all authors:

- First and last name
- Credentials/Degree (e.g. MD, PhD, RD, RN, RPh, PharmD, MBBS, etc.)
- Job/position title; Institution/organization
- Business address including City, State/Province, Country, zip
- Email address
- Conflict of interest disclosure information

Abstract Revisions - You may login to the [submission site](https://www.abstractscorecard.com/cfp/submit/login.asp?EventKey=SYERSMFZ) or type the URL <https://www.abstractscorecard.com/cfp/submit/login.asp?EventKey=SYERSMFZ> into your browser as many times as necessary to complete the submission process until the submission deadline. ASPEN will only review your abstract if you have completed the submission process, including the payment step, by the submission deadline. **Revisions will NOT be accepted after the submission deadline.**

8. **Abstract Acceptance Criteria**

ASPEN Nutrition Science & Practice Conference abstracts must meet the following criteria for acceptance:

- Abstract submitted in English, including tables/charts and figures
- Relevance and uniqueness of the study or presentation to the field of nutrition therapy and metabolic support
- Authors are encouraged to submit abstracts that: address unique or emerging nutritional issues; contribute new information to the field; show strong applicability to or improvement of nutrition therapy practice or metabolic support
- Clarity of the introduction, hypothesis, or purpose for the study or presentation
- Quality of the research design and methodology
- If relevant, the hypothesis is clearly stated
- Methods are clear and appropriate
- Sufficient sample size to validate conclusions
- Investigators took measures to control for threats to validity and reliability
- Validity and sufficiency of the data
- Enough data or findings to form conclusions
- If relevant, statistical analysis of the data is appropriate
- Study was completed
- Relevance of the conclusions to the data
- Case studies and vignettes are exempt from the requirement for extensive data; however, must be unique, providing learning points or unusual clinical presentations
- Abstract carefully reviewed for spelling, grammar and formatting
- Abstract is free of promotional material, and it is not commercial in nature
- Brand names for products or services are not mentioned in the title, but may be mentioned once in the methodology section

9. **Abstract Selection Process**

Review and Selection Process - The ASPEN Abstract Review Committee conducts a rigorous peer review of all abstracts submitted. On average, ASPEN accepts approximately 85 - 90 percent of all abstracts submitted. There is no refund of the submission fee if the abstract is not accepted.

If your abstract has been accepted for presentation, but you are unable to virtually attend the ASPEN Nutrition Science & Practice Conference, contact Sara Fleming at ASPEN as soon as possible at saraf@nutritioncare.org. You will have two options: 1) Designate a co-author on the abstract as the new presenting author; or 2) Withdraw the abstract. The deadline for withdrawing your abstract is February 01, 2021.

10. **Abstract Publication and Copyright**

All accepted abstracts are published online in the [Journal of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition \(JPEN\)](#)

Original Research- You will be asked to transfer the abstract copyright to *JPEN*, ASPEN's scientific journal, for your original abstract. All authors must agree to this. Read further instructions in the online system.

Federal Employees- Federal employees may select the box indicating there is no copyright to convey.

Encore Abstracts - Encore abstracts (previously presented at another conference or submitted to a

journal no more than 6 months prior to the abstract submission deadline can be submitted. If you are submitting an abstract that was previously presented, you will advise ASPEN via a checkbox in the abstract submission site. You must provide the name of the conference and the date it was presented. If the abstract was previously published, the full citation is requested. In either case (published or presented), if you wish to have ASPEN republish your work in *JPEN* online, we must have formal re-publication (re-print) permission from the conference organizer or journal publisher, whoever holds the copyright for the abstract. **It is your responsibility to obtain permission to re-print your work from the copyright owner, and to submit it to ASPEN, saraf@nutritioncare.org. If permissions are not received by February 01, 2021, your abstract title, author list, and encore status will be published without the abstract text.** If the previous conference/journal did not take copyright, there is a check box indicating that you have the right to convey it to ASPEN.

11. Resources

The following resources are available to assist with preparation of ASPEN Nutrition Science & Practice Conference abstracts.

- [ASPEN's Poster instructions](#)
- [Poster Templates and Printing](#)

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