

2026 Call for Abstracts

We are pleased to open the call for abstracts as we prepare for the SPS Spring 2026 Learning Session being hosted May 13-15 in St. Louis, MO! As a part of our ongoing journey to eliminate serious harm, SPS is excited to showcase the impactful improvement work happening across our Network.

Abstracts not utilized during the Spring Learning Session may be considered for other SPS opportunities throughout the year. Stay tuned for more information about new and innovative approaches to showcase your abstracts at other SPS Network events.

Please review this document carefully, as details and requirements differ from past years.

CONTENT AREAS FOR ABSTRACTS

SPS seeks abstracts in these priority areas:

- **Modern Safety Culture Practices:** Abstracts that show how hospitals have embedded modern leadership behaviors into organizational culture or emphasize the incorporation of learning from everyday work into continuous improvement initiatives.
- **Safety Critical Tasks for Breakthrough Harms:** Abstracts that target the defined safety critical tasks that frontline teams need to do well to prevent the most common serious patient and employee harms. [Click here](#) for detailed information on the 2025-2030 SPS Safety Performance Plan.
 - Breakthrough harms include:
 - Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infections (CLABSI)
 - Unplanned Extubations (UE)
 - Employee/Staff Safety: Patient Behavioral Events (PBE)
 - Employee/Staff Safety: Overexertion (OE)
 - Nephrotoxic Medication-Associated Acute Kidney Injury (NAKI)
 - Ambulatory Central Line-associated Bloodstream Infections (Ambulatory CLABSI)
 - Delirium
- **Innovation:** Abstracts that demonstrate novel approaches or insights advancing safety culture, processes, or eliminating safety disparities across the entire SPS portfolio, including [optimize and sustain HACs](#).

All abstracts will undergo peer review by designated Network reviewers using the new 2026 rubric provided [here](#). To maximize the likelihood of receiving the highest possible score, authors are strongly encouraged to consult the rubric criteria during preparation and prior to submission to SPS.

SUBMISSION DETAILS:

- **Submission Opens:** Jan. 16
- **Deadline:** Feb. 13
- **Submit:** [click here](#)
- **Rubric:** [click here](#)
- **Notifications Sent:** End of March

SPS will notify submitters if their abstract is selected for an SPS presentation opportunity and will provide more details on next steps.