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Québec City, QC

TAC Call for Abstracts
General Guidelines and Information for Abstract Submissions

1. The submission deadline is **11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, November 20, 2026**. Late submissions will not be accepted.
2. Abstracts must be original and must not have been previously published.
3. Abstracts must be organized under the following four headings:
    - **Background and Objectives** — maximum 75 words
    - **Methods or Approach** — maximum 75 words
    - **Results or Findings** — maximum 225 words
    - **Conclusions and Clinical Relevance** — maximum 75 words
4. Abstracts must include results or findings at the time of submission. Abstracts stating that results will be provided at the conference will not be considered.
5. Abstracts will undergo blind review. Author and affiliation information will be collected separately through the submission portal and will not be provided to reviewers. The abstract document (including author names) submitted as an attachment will be used for publication purposes only.
6. All required fields in the online submission portal must be completed. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.
7. During submission, indicate whether you would like your abstract to be considered for any of the following awards or categories:
    - **Best Trainee Abstract:** The presenting author must be a trainee at the time of abstract submission.
    - **Injury Prevention:** The project must focus on injury prevention and, if accepted, will be presented in the Injury Prevention stream. Read the Injury Prevention Guidelines here.
    - **Interdisciplinary Trauma Network of Canada (ITNC):** The presenting author must be an ITNC member. Read the ITNC Guidelines here.
    - **Trauma Registry Information Specialists of Canada (TRISC):** The presenting author must be a TRISC member. Read the TRISC Guidelines here.
8. Once an abstract has been successfully submitted, the presenting author will receive a confirmation email and an abstract identification number. Please retain this number for future reference.
9. All correspondence will be sent to the presenting author only. The presenting author is responsible for providing an accurate email address and communicating all relevant information to the co-authors.
10. Abstract acceptance decisions will be communicated to presenting authors by **January 26, 2027**.

11. The presenting author must accept or decline the offer to present within two weeks of receiving notification. Failure to respond by the deadline may result in the abstract being removed from the program.
12. If an abstract is accepted for oral or poster presentation and the offer to present is accepted, subsequent withdrawal—except in extenuating circumstances—will result in both the presenting author and senior author being ineligible to submit an abstract to TAC for the following year's meeting. Notice will be sent to the presenting and all co-authors.
13. Any change to the presenting author must be communicated to both the Scientific Program Chair and the TAC Executive Director no later than four weeks before the conference.
14. If an abstract is accepted for oral or poster presentation, the presenting author must register for the TAC Annual Scientific Meeting & Conference and pay the applicable registration fee.
15. Accepted abstracts will be published on the TAC website following the conference.
16. The Scientific Program Chairs for 2027 are Dr. Mélanie Bérubé and Dr. Lynne Moore. They can be reached at melanie.berube@fsi.ulaval.ca and lynne.moore@fmed.ulaval.ca.
17. You may also contact Cheryl Connors, TAC Executive Director, at cconnors@traumacanada.org or by phoning 1-855-403-5463.

Specific Submission Guidelines

Please also review any applicable award or group-specific guidelines linked above.

1. Abstracts must not exceed the word limit specified for each section.
2. Citations and references must not be included.
3. Tables, graphs, figures, and images cannot be included.
4. **Title:** Use Calibri 12-point bold font. Avoid abbreviations in the title.
5. **Authors and Affiliations:** Use Calibri 12-point font. Provide each author's full name, using an initial for the middle name where applicable. Identify the presenting author with an asterisk. List each affiliation in the following order: Department, Institution, City, Province/State. Affiliations must appear in the same order as the corresponding author names.
6. **Background and Objectives — maximum 75 words:** Briefly describe the context, rationale, and objective of the study or project.
7. **Methods or Approach — maximum 75 words:** Describe the study design or project approach, including the setting, population or participants, data sources, timeframe, and method of analysis, as applicable.
8. **Results or Findings — maximum 225 words:** State the main findings of the study or project clearly, concisely, and objectively. Ensure that the findings directly correspond to the objectives and methods stated above. No figures, tables or graphs are to be included.
9. **Conclusions and Clinical Relevance — maximum 75 words:** Summarize the conclusions and significance of the results or findings. Include at least one sentence explaining the potential relevance to clinical practice, trauma systems, injury prevention, education, research, or policy, as applicable.
10. **Submission:** Abstracts must be submitted through TAC's online Abstract Submission Portal.

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