

Call for Abstracts



2027 Spring Post-Acute Care Conference

Palliative and Hospice Care Track

Submission Deadline: November 15, 2026 Notification of Acceptance: December 15, 2026 Conference Dates: April 21 – 22, 2027	Submission Link
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We invite clinicians, administrators, educators, researchers, quality improvement leaders, and interdisciplinary team members to submit abstracts for the **Palliative and Hospice Care Track** at the upcoming **Post-Acute Care Conference**.

As the demand for high-quality, person-centered care continues to grow, acute, post-acute, and long-term care settings play a critical role in supporting individuals with serious illness, chronic conditions, frailty, and end-of-life care needs. This conference track will highlight innovative programs, clinical best practices, quality improvement initiatives, research findings, workforce development strategies, and interdisciplinary approaches that improve outcomes for residents, patients, families, and care teams.

Who Should Submit?

We welcome submissions from professionals across the care continuum, including:

- Administrators and executive leaders
- Nurses and nurse leaders
- Social workers
- Dietitians
- Activity professionals
- Rehabilitation professionals
- Physicians and advanced practice providers
- Chaplains and spiritual care providers
- Quality improvement specialists
- Department managers and supervisors
- Researchers and educators
- Hospice and palliative care teams

Why Present?

Presenting at the Post-Acute Care Conference provides an opportunity to:

- Share innovative practices and lessons learned
- Highlight successful programs and quality initiatives
- Network with leaders from across the care continuum
- Advance excellence in palliative and hospice care

Abstract Requirements

Please include:

- Title
- Presenter(s) and affiliation(s)
- 3 learning objectives
- Brief Bio for background and expertise
- Speaker Costs
- Abstract: **250 words**

Presentation Formats

Submissions are encouraged for:

- Podium or panel presentations

Suggested Topics

Abstracts may address, but are not limited to, the following areas:

Clinical Practice and Care Delivery

- Innovations in palliative care delivery across post-acute settings
- Symptom management and complex care needs
- Advance care planning and goals-of-care conversations
- Serious illness communication strategies
- Hospice care integration and collaboration
- Dementia and palliative care
- Behavioral health and psychosocial support

Quality Improvement and Outcomes

- Quality improvement initiatives in palliative or hospice care
- Reducing avoidable hospitalizations and transitions of care
- Care coordination across settings and providers
- Resident- and family-centered outcomes
- Performance measurement and quality metrics

Workforce and Interdisciplinary Team Development

- Staff education and competency development
- Interdisciplinary team models
- Recruitment, retention, and workforce resilience
- Burnout prevention and caregiver support
- Leadership strategies that strengthen palliative care culture

Resident, Patient, and Family Experience

- Family engagement and support
- Cultural humility and person-centered care
- Grief, bereavement, and emotional support services
- Enhancing quality of life through meaningful activities and engagement

Emerging Issues and Innovation

- Technology-enabled palliative care
- Rural and underserved populations
- Health equity in serious illness care
- Community partnerships
- Research, evidence-based practice, and program evaluation

Review Criteria

Submissions will be reviewed by the SDAHO Education Council and LifeCircle's Education Committee. Abstracts will be evaluated based on:

- Relevance to hospice care or palliative care across the care continuum
- Innovation and originality
- Evidence of outcomes or impact
- Clarity and quality of presentation