

Abstract Submissions Open	April 1st, 2026
Abstracts Due	May 15th, 2026
Abstract Review Notification	June 10th, 2026
Electronic Version of Poster Due	August 26th, 2026

Themes for Research

Original Clinical Research

Research projects pertaining to medical studies, including the full spectrum of disease-state and/or therapeutic areas. May be case studies or clinical reviews, including clinical case reports or clinical vignettes highlighting unusual cases or innovative approaches to clinical problems/techniques.

Professional Practice

Research pertaining to how laws, regulations, or policy has either enabled or discouraged, PA's ability to care for patients.

PA Value and Impact

Research addressing the roles PAs play in providing quality healthcare, improve patient satisfaction, or increase access to care. It may also address public awareness or perceptions of PAs and PA utilization as it relates to the cost-effectiveness or liabilities of healthcare.

Abstract Requirements

Abstracts are the first step in the poster submission process. **It is a summary of what will be presented in your poster.** An abstract must be submitted first for consideration by the CAPA CME Committee. Approved abstracts will be invited to submit a poster for display at CAPACon 2026.

At least one author per poster is required to attend CAPACon in-person. Please do not submit an abstract if at least one author cannot attend.

Abstracts must include a brief summary of the project's:

- **Title**
- **Purpose**
- **Methodology**
- **Results**
- **Conclusion**

CAPA limits abstract submissions to **200 words** (not including title). Please use the Abstract Submission Template found on Page 5.

Abstracts must be submitted via email to alyssa@capanet.org no later than **May 15, 2026** at 11:59 pm PST. Please include "CAPACon Abstract Submission" in the subject line. Late submissions will not be considered.

It is strongly recommended that submitting authors begin the submission process prior to the last day of the deadline.

All submissions will be peer-reviewed. If your abstract is selected, you will be notified via email no later than **June 10th**.

Poster Guidelines

Eligibility

Research must be conducted by PAs or PA students and fall within one of the three Themes for Research.

Authors whose abstracts have been approved by CAPA will be invited to submit a full poster for display. Posters will be available for viewing at CAPACon 2026 (September 25-27).

CAPA will not consider submissions with industry or medical education company involvement or sponsorship.

Authors may have relationships to industry (which must be disclosed), but the submission must be independent of those relationships: written by the author without industry or medical education company planning, oversight, editing, review, financial support or approval.

Submission Specifications & Deadlines

- The poster does not have to include new primary research.
- If new primary research is featured and the study is ongoing, it must be concluded by June 2026. Please indicate that in the abstract, as well.
- All research presented must have a clear application to the PA profession.
- Authors do not need to be CAPA members.
- One author must attend CAPACon in order for their poster to be accepted.
- Submissions that consist solely of literature reviews will not be accepted.
- A mockup of the completed poster must be submitted for peer review by **August 26th**.
 - The mockup should follow the template given upon acceptance of poster, such as dimensions and format.

Author Information

Please include the following information for each research author so CAPA may credit all parties accordingly.

- Full name
- Credentials (i.e.. MPAS, PA-C)
- Occupation (Specify: PA, PA Student, Faculty, etc)
- Email address
- Phone number
- Affiliation: School, Practice, Organization

Acceptance

Selection for participation will be based on the quality of research, clarity of the abstract, and adherence to the guidelines.

Multiple Submissions

Multiple submissions on similar topics from the same researcher are discouraged.

CAPACon Registration & Attendance

At least one author is required to register for CAPACon 2026 to display their poster. **Conference registration must be completed by June 24th**. Poster authors who have not registered for the conference will be excluded from CAPACon and all associated publications.

Authors are responsible for all costs associated with registration and poster creation. CAPA does not offer any conference scholarships at this time.

Location

CAPACon will be an in-person meeting at the Grand Hyatt Indian Wells Resort & Villas from September 25th - 27th. Posters will be displayed throughout the duration of the conference for attendees to view.

Communications

The corresponding author is responsible for contacting and coordinating with all other authors in their group. CAPA will only have contact with the corresponding author. Please ensure that the corresponding author is willing and able to serve as such.

The individuals submitting the research are responsible for entering all information correctly. CAPA is not responsible for misspelled information and will not edit any submissions for spelling, grammar, etc.

Submission Acknowledgment Statement

By submitting an Abstract, the submitting author confirms they have read and agree to the above guidelines, that all listed authors have approved the submission, and that the information provided is accurate.

CAPACon Poster Abstract Submission Template

Title:

Author(s):

Email for Submitting Author:

Abstract:

Admin Use Only:

Word Count:

Date Submitted:

Status: