



Accepted Abstract Guidelines

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Submission Overview

The official SCM26 portal is your central hub for abstract submission and all related SCM communications:
<https://cme.kidney.org/spa/courses/resource/r830-2026-spring-clinical-meetings/event/home/submissions>

Authors working as a group should designate **one submitting author** to serve as the main point of contact. **This individual will be responsible for submitting the abstract, receiving all communications from NKF, and ensuring that updates and information are shared with the full author team.**

Key Dates and Deadlines:

- **General Research Abstracts:**
 - **August 29, 2025:** General Research Abstract submissions open.
 - **December 2, 2025 (by 11:59 PM ET):** General Research Abstract submissions close.
- **Late-Breaking Abstracts:**
 - **January 14, 2026:** Late-Breaking Abstract submission period opens.
 - **February 4, 2026 (by 11:59 PM ET):** Late-Breaking Abstracts submissions close.
- **Notifications:** NKF will email notifications to the submitting author in January 2026. It is the responsibility of the submitting author to share the notification with the other contributors.
- **Journal Publication:** NKF proudly publishes accepted abstracts as an electronic-only supplement in the April or May issue of the [American Journal of Kidney Diseases \(AJKD\)](#). Nephrology Social Work abstracts will be published in the [Journal of Nephrology Social Work \(JNSW\)](#).
- **Physical Posters and e-Posters:** Accepted abstracts may choose to display a poster in-person at the NKF 2026 Spring Clinical Meetings in New Orleans, LA, upload an e-Poster to our virtual poster gallery, **or both**. Poster authors who choose to bring a poster to New Orleans, LA, are required to register for the conference and are strongly encouraged to attend the SCM26 Poster Author Q&A during the Exhibit Hall Opening Ceremonies on Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 5:15pm – 7:30pm CST. Posters brought onsite must be set up and dismantled according to the schedule listed below; **any posters left after 11am CST on Saturday, May 9th will be discarded.**
- **Poster Showcase Sessions:** Invitations to a select group of authors to participate in an oral poster presentation as part of the SCM26 program will be extended in early 2026. The presentations will take place on Thursday, May 7, 2026, 4:00 – 5:00pm CST.
- **SCM Registration:** Poster authors who choose to bring a poster to New Orleans, LA, are required to register for the conference. Registration for SCM26 opens in October 2025. The early-bird registration rate ends on March 10, 2026. **Want the best possible deal? NKF members enjoy the lowest registration rates**—plus year-round benefits to support your professional growth. Join NKF Membership today and start saving!
Learn more at <https://www.kidney.org/professionals/membership>.

- **Abstract Edits:** Edits to general scientific abstracts should be submitted via email to clinicalmeetings@kidney.org and will be accepted until **January 30, 2026**. After this deadline, no further changes, including author updates, will be permitted. Accepted abstracts will be printed as they were submitted with any changes as of January 30, 2026. Edits to late-breaking abstracts should be submitted via email to clinicalmeetings@kidney.org and will be accepted until **March 6, 2026**. Accepted late-breaking abstracts will be printed as they were submitted with any changes as of March 6, 2026.
- **Withdrawals:** The submitter of a general scientific abstract may request abstract withdrawal through **January 30, 2026**, by emailing clinicalmeetings@kidney.org. After January 30, 2026, withdrawal requests will be accepted on a case-by-case basis, but the abstract may still be included in the e-supplement of AJKD. The submitter of a late-breaking abstract may request abstract withdrawal through **March 6, 2026**, by emailing clinicalmeetings@kidney.org. After March 6, 2026, withdrawal requests will be accepted on a case-by-case basis, but the abstract may still be included in the e-supplement of AJKD. Please note, the \$60 submission fee is nonrefundable.

Eligibility

- General research and late-breaking abstracts must be electronically submitted through the NKF abstract submission site by their respective deadlines.
- NKF professional membership is not required for abstract submission, authorship, or presentation.
- Abstracts with unpaid or unresolved submission error messages will not be reviewed. If the submitter does not receive a confirmation email titled **“Abstract Submission Confirmation,”** please check spam or junk folders first. If it’s still not found, contact clinicalmeetings@kidney.org to verify the status of your abstract submission.
- Abstracts will not be considered if the research has already been published, presented at another meeting, or shared at a press conference prior to the NKF 2026 Spring Clinical Meetings.
- The submitting author of an accepted abstract will have the option to bring a poster onsite for SCM26. However, **acceptance of an abstract does not waive the registration fee.**
- Upon abstract submission, all contributors must agree to the NKF Embargo Policy.

NKF Embargo Policy

In compliance with the Securities and Exchange Commission's Regulation FD (Fair Disclosure), accepted abstracts are made available to the public on the NKF website and are published in AJKD or JNSW (dependent on discipline) in advance of the meeting. Thus, the first release of the abstracts is a public release. Accepted abstracts are embargoed until the time of publication. Please note that abstract content published in AJKD or JNSW is copyrighted. Rights for reproduction or distribution must be requested through the respective journals. Poster content is not formally published within a journal and therefore the rights for reproduction or distribution remain with the author.

Academic institutions, private organizations, and companies with products whose value may be influenced by information contained in an abstract may issue a press release to coincide with the availability of an abstract. However, the NKF continues to require that information that goes beyond that contained within the abstract, e.g., discussion of the abstract done as part of a scientific presentation, is to be embargoed until the start of SCM26, 8am ET on May 7, 2026. Violation of this policy may result in the abstract being withdrawn from the meeting and other measures deemed appropriate. Journalists failing to abide by the embargo may have their press credentials revoked.

Copyright Policy

Poster and abstract content submitted to the NKF Spring Clinical Meetings remains the intellectual property of the original authors. Authors are free to reuse their own content, while any third-party requests to reproduce material should be directed to the submitting author for permission.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy

The NKF values scientific integrity and transparency. To ensure clarity regarding the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in research and presentations, we ask that all submitters and presenters adhere to the following guidelines:

- **Poster & Presentation Disclosures:** If AI-generated content (text, images, figures, or graphics) is included in your poster, a clear disclosure statement must appear on the poster. Example: “This poster includes content generated in part using [AI tool name].”
- **Scientific Accuracy & Responsibility:** Authors remain fully responsible for the accuracy, originality, and integrity of all content, regardless of whether AI tools were used. AI-generated content should not fabricate, falsify, or misrepresent data.

e-Poster Preparation

Accepted abstracts may choose to display a poster in-person at the NKF 2026 Spring Clinical Meetings in New Orleans, LA, upload an e-Poster to our virtual poster gallery, *or both*.

Uploading an e-Poster allows your work to be viewed both before and after the meeting, significantly expanding the reach of your research. It’s also an excellent option for authors who are unable to attend SCM in person. If you are only submitting an e-Poster and not attending SCM26 in person, registration is not required.

➔ **e-POSTER DEADLINE: All e-Posters must be uploaded to the SCM26 portal by May 6, 2026.**

Submission Process:

- e-Poster submissions take place within the [SCM26 portal](#). The submitting author will receive an email notification once e-Posters are being accepted. Please do not email your e-Poster to NKF.
- The e-Poster must be a PDF to upload. If you created your poster in PowerPoint, select File and “Save As” a PDF so it is in the proper format.
- The maximum file size for an e-Poster file is: 25MB.
- **You may only upload your e-Poster one time.**

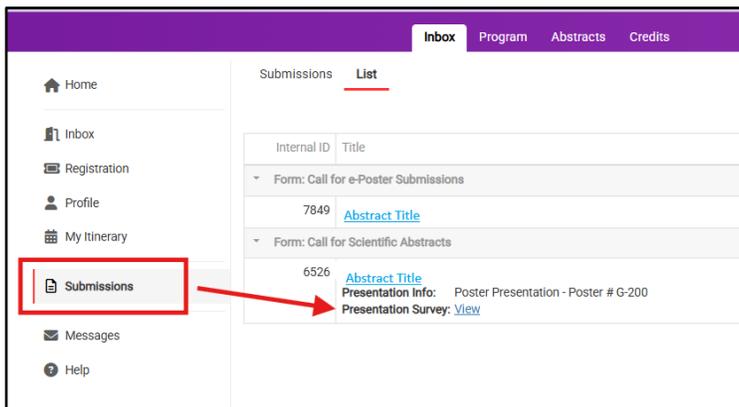
Content Guidelines: The visual design of an e-Poster is up to the author’s discretion. Be sure the information matches your abstract submission, is legible, and organized. To reference last year’s e-Poster gallery, [click here](#).

- **Title and Author Identification:** Clearly identify the title and author(s) of your poster at the top of the virtual poster. Highlight a central, key takeaway in the title area to immediately capture attention and ensure it is prominently visible on screens.
- **Contact Information:** Include your name and contact information on the poster so that conference participants can contact you for additional information.
- **Readability:** Ensure that your virtual poster is readable on different screen sizes. Use bold type with a minimum font size of 22pt. Use a block style font on a white background. Maintain a minimalist design to avoid clutter and ensure key information stands out.
- **Visuals:** Keep charts, drawings, and illustrations simple and easy to interpret. Avoid using fine lines or rulers that may be difficult to see on a screen. Use high-quality images. Captions and labels should be brief and concise, using high-impact visuals to effectively convey your message.
- **Navigation:** Indicate a preferred sequence using numbers, letters, or arrows to guide viewers through your poster. Ensure your e-Poster is self-explanatory so that viewers can understand the main points without needing you to be present. Use clear headings and a logical flow to guide viewers efficiently through the content.

On-Site Poster Preparation

Accepted abstracts may choose to display a poster in-person at the NKF 2026 Spring Clinical Meetings in New Orleans, LA, upload an e-Poster to our virtual poster gallery, **or both**.

- Poster Hall Space Confirmation:** To secure your place in the SCM Poster Hall, the submitting author must complete the Presentation Survey in the SCM Portal (CaseHippo). This survey confirms your plan to attend SCM in person in New Orleans, LA and bring a printed poster of your accepted abstract to be displayed in the Exhibit Hall. The Presentation Survey is available in the submitting author's SCM portal account under the Submissions tab (see screenshot).



→ **The Presentation Survey must be completed by March 13, 2026. Abstracts that do not have a completed survey by this deadline will not be assigned a poster board.**

- Registration:** Poster authors who choose to bring a poster to New Orleans, LA, are required to register for the conference. Registration for SCM26 opens in October 2025. The early-bird registration rate ends on March 10, 2026. Acceptance of an abstract does not waive the registration fee. To register, visit <https://www.kidney.org/spring-clinical>.
- Poster Printing:** Authors who choose to bring their poster to New Orleans, LA are responsible for printing and transporting their own poster, as NKF does not provide printing services.
- Set Up Timeframe:** You must complete the set-up of your poster no later than **3:00pm CST on Thursday, May 7**.
- Onsite Poster Q&A:** Poster authors who choose to bring a poster to New Orleans, LA, are strongly encouraged to attend the SCM26 Poster Author Q&A during the Exhibit Hall Opening Ceremonies on **Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 5:15pm – 7:30pm CST**.

→ **Breakdown Timeframe: Posters not removed on Saturday, 5/9/26 by 11:00am CST WILL BE DISCARDED. The National Kidney Foundation and convention center are NOT responsible for posters left after this time.**

Onsite Poster Author Schedule: Please review the setup and breakdown times below to ensure your printed poster is properly displayed and removed during the conference.

Set up Times

Wednesday, May 6	1:00pm to 5:00pm CST
Thursday, May 7	7:00am to 3:00pm CST

Opening Reception: Authors Available for Questions in Exhibit Hall

Thursday, May 7	5:15pm to 7:30pm CST
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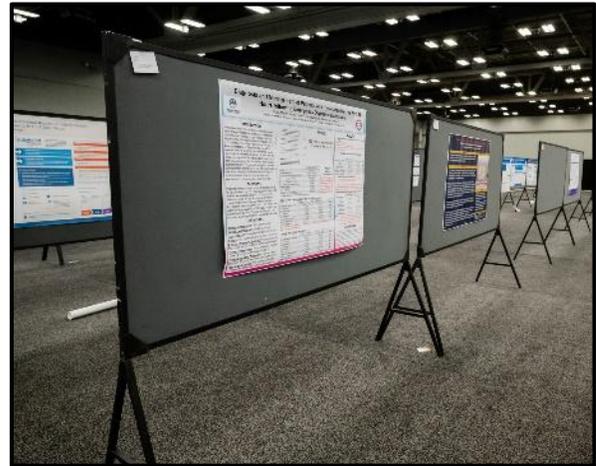
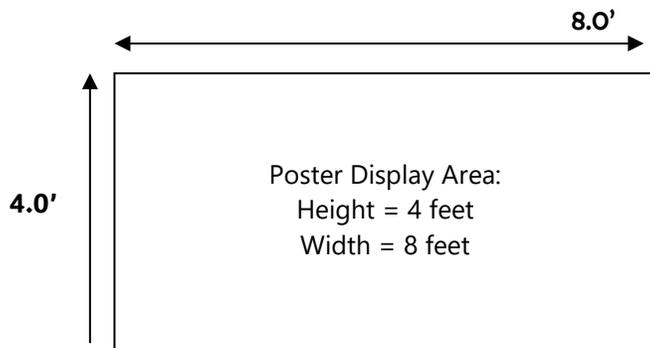
Exhibit Hall Hours: Poster Displayed

Thursday May 7	5:15pm to 7:30pm CST
Friday, May 8	7:00am to 8:30am CST 11:45pm to 2:00pm CST 5:30pm to 7:00pm CST
Saturday, May 9	7:00am to 10:00am CST

Break Down Time

Saturday, May 9	10:00am to 11:00am CST
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Poster Size: The poster surface area is 4' high by 8' long. Your poster should not exceed the size of the surface area. The size of your poster is entirely up to the author's discretion if it does not exceed the size of the poster display surface.



Poster Content:

- **Title & Author Identification:** Identify the title and author(s) of your poster within a 10"-wide heading across the top of the board. Consider highlighting a central, key takeaway in the title area to immediately capture attention.
- **Contact Information:** Include your name and contact information on the poster so that conference participants can contact you for additional information. This can also be accomplished by adding a QR code, making it easier for attendees to quickly access your details.
- **Readability:** Posters should be readable from a distance of at least 3'; therefore, use bold type at least 1/4" high (22pt. minimum). Use a block style font on a white, flat-finish (non-glossy) background. Keep the design minimalist to avoid clutter and ensure key information stands out.
- **Visuals:** Charts, drawings, and illustrations should be kept as simple as possible. Avoid using fine lines or rulers. Photographs should be processed with a matte or dull finish. Captions and labels should be brief and concise. Utilize high-impact visuals that effectively convey your message without overwhelming the viewer with too much detail.
- **Navigation:** Indicate by numbers/letters/arrows a preferred sequence that should be followed in studying your poster. The poster should be self-explanatory so that you are free to supplement information and discuss points raised by attendees during the Q&A timeframe. Use clear headings and a logical flow to guide viewers through the content efficiently.

Onsite Arrangement:

Poster authors who choose to bring their poster to New Orleans, LA must register for the conference and print their poster themselves, as NKF does not offer printing services.

- Upon arrival at the conference, authors should navigate to the Poster Check-in desk to retrieve your assigned poster space in the Exhibit Hall.

- **Push pins will be available to attach your poster to the display board.** Do not use glue, tape or staples. Heavy cardboard is not recommended for mounting.
- Authors are strongly encouraged to participate in the SCM26 Poster Author Q&A during the Opening Ceremonies on **Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 5:15 PM – 7:30 PM CST.** At this time, authors will stand near their poster to discuss with attendees and answer any questions.



Abstract Poster Awards: Top-scoring abstracts in select categories will be invited to submit an e-Poster for consideration for a Top Poster Award. To be eligible for a poster award, authors must:

- Submit their e-Poster by the specified deadline
- Be present onsite at SCM26 in New Orleans

***Please note: Authors not attending SCM26 in person are not eligible to receive a poster award.**

Award winners will be recognized during the **Opening of the Exhibit Hall on Thursday, May 7, 2026** and are **strongly encouraged to participate in the Poster Author Q&A Session** that evening (5:15 PM – 7:30 PM CST), where they will stand by their posters to engage with attendees.