



APPD 2026 Pediatric Medical Education Conference Call for Hot Topic Proposals Submission Guidelines

We are pleased to announce that we are soliciting for Hot Topic Session Proposals for the [APPD 2026 Pediatric Medical Education Conference](#), September 25-26 in Arlington, Virginia,

Hot Topic Sessions are 45-minute plenary presentations that may include a variety of formats, such as panel discussions, debates, interactive didactics, or workshop-style engagement. Consistent with the conference mission to convene established and aspiring content experts and leaders in pediatric medical education—across organizations—to facilitate knowledge sharing and collaborative approaches to the challenges facing our field, proposals should focus on emerging, urgent, and high-impact issues affecting pediatric medical education. Selected sessions will address timely developments with broad relevance to program leaders, educators, and trainees, and should promote dialogue, shared learning, and practical strategies. Special consideration will be given to submissions that include perspectives from across the pediatric education continuum, including UME and GME learners.

Deadline for Submission: Thursday, April 30, 2026, by 11:59pm Pacific Time

Character Limit

Each submission should be a maximum of 650 words, including title and body. You will be able to check your word count at the bottom of the Submission Information page and in the Submission Information section of the Submission Overview page.

All Caps versus Upper/Lower Case Lettering

Titles will automatically be entered by the submission site in all upper-case lettering. However, descriptions, references, authors, and other submission information must be entered in upper- and lower-case letters. Please do not enter that information in all caps. All details will be published in our meeting program and must be consistently formatted.

You may use a text editing program to write your submission such as Microsoft Word and paste the text into the submission text area, BUT it is strongly advised to review your content after pasting into the web form, especially when using special characters to make sure your browser did not misinterpret the pasted content. The text editor field has formatting and special character options available in a top menu.

Abbreviations

Standard abbreviations may be used, i.e., CBME, UME, GME, ACGME, ABP, etc. Non-standard abbreviations must be explained when first presented and should be kept to a minimum.

Submission Confirmation

Only the corresponding author will be sent an email confirmation of the submission. The confirmation email will include a copy of the submission content. Please review the submission to ensure its accuracy. If you do not receive a confirmation email upon submission, please check your spam folder. If you still have not received a confirmation email from the APPD National Office, please contact info@appd.org.

Review

The submission review process utilizes a standardized scoring rubric and shielded grading system. Authors should be cautious in using institutional references in the body of the submission. Do not put author names or affiliations within the title or body section. Demographic information collected from the corresponding author will not be considered in the review process.

Notification

Only the corresponding author of the submission will be notified of the Planning Committee's decision. It is the responsibility of the corresponding author to inform co-authors/co-presenters of the decision. Notifications will be sent at the end of May.

Registration

All presenters of accepted hot topic proposals are required to register for and attend the meeting.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

All Presenters of accepted proposals are required to complete a conflict-of-interest disclosure form for CME purposes (to be sent by the APPD).