



## Call for Poster Abstracts

**For ONL's 2026 Winter Quarterly Meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

*At the Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center in Framingham, Mass.*

<https://www.onl.org/winter-quarterly-meeting>

Thank you for your interest in submitting a poster abstract for ONL's 2026 Winter Quarterly Meeting. This is an exciting way to showcase the wonderful work that is transforming nursing practice and patient care in our region.

***Please read these poster abstract submission guidelines in full before submitting.***

### KEY DATES

**Poster abstracts are due Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026.** Applicants will be notified the week of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Final abstracts and posters must be submitted electronically by November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

### SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Assistance, support, and consultation available upon request for anyone wanting assistance with their poster or abstract: please contact Jackie Bergeron at [jaquibl@verizon.net](mailto:jaquibl@verizon.net). If you need technical support with the application, please contact: [info@oonl.org](mailto:info@oonl.org)

### ABSTRACT DIRECTIONS (ALL TYPES)

The purpose of the ONL poster presentation program is to share the wonderful work that is transforming nursing practice and patient care in our region. Abstracts submitted for consideration should clearly reflect this purpose and demonstrate adherence to scholarly standards and practices.

- **If projects contain sensitive organizational data authors must ensure they have organizational permission to share/publish the data.**
- **IRB disclosure is required for research abstracts.**

Abstracts are submitted electronically. Type abstracts with 1-inch margins and 11-point font and **limit to 750 words or less**. Include the primary/corresponding authors name and email, the abstract title, and the abstract in the Word document. Bolded words may be used to structure the abstract, if desired. Additional authors and their information will be collected for accepted projects.

**To submit an abstract, visit <https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/aCjtRE>**

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## EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE (EBP) PROJECT ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

Evidence-based practice is a problem-solving approach that integrates the best evidence with clinician expertise and patient preferences and values to make practice decisions. The purpose of ONL EBP posters is to demonstrate how EBP has been used to improve practice and outcomes at your organization. EBP projects follow steps in a defined EBP process, the steps should be evident in your poster. The poster abstract should provide an overview of the following components:

**Title:** The title should concisely describe the EBP project. Titles should not exceed 10 words.

**Statement of the Problem:** What the clinical problem is that you set out to solve using EBP?

**Background and Significance:** Summarize current knowledge of the problem, including the context (sample, setting, population) and significance of the problem.

**Project Methods:** Describe how evidence-based practice occurs at your organization. Identify EBP model as appropriate (Iowa Model, Johns Hopkins, ARCC or other).

**Searchable Question:** PICO(T) question. Address each element.

**Search Strategy:** Clearly describe the search strategy used to look for evidence including search terms and databases searched.

**Literature Review/ Evidence Synthesis:** Synthesize literature (table(s) preferred) using critical appraisal review criteria.

**Evidence-Based Practice Change(s) Recommended:** Provide substantial detail and a logical explanation of the recommended evidence-based practice change(s) based on the evidence. The recommended practice change(s) addressed the problem/issue.

**Project implementation:** Discuss how the recommended evidence-based practice change(s) were implemented.

**Evaluation and Outcomes:** Explain key findings and outcomes that are measurable and align with the practice change(s) that was/were implemented. Describe how the recommended evidence-based practice change(s) was/were measured. Includes specific measurement tools utilized. Discuss lessons learned. \*Consider providing return on investment (ROI) calculations related to the evidence-based change(s) that was/were implemented. ROI can be financial or otherwise.

**Implications & Conclusions:** Describe what the EBP project findings mean for practice. Make sure that conclusions are supported by project results and relate to the purpose of the project. Explain how this practice change will be sustained and how others can learn from your work.

**Selected References:** List references that are cited in the abstract.

## INNOVATION PROJECT ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

The purpose of the ONL innovation poster is to share successful innovations that have made a difference in your organization. Abstracts submitted for consideration should clearly reflect this purpose and demonstrate adherence to scholarly standards and practices. Innovation posters address the following questions:

- Is this a problem in practice?
- Is the solution innovative?
- Is there enough information to replicate and test the innovation?

**Title:** abstract title should attract the reader and describe the innovation. Titles should not exceed 10 words.

**Keywords:** List words that support electronic browsing or searching.

**Goal:** Describe the specific aim of this innovation, its significance, and what motivated the innovation.

**Background:** Explain the particular problem or issue that was addressed. Summarize current knowledge of the problem or issue (for example, literature review, benchmarking, chart audits, regulatory change). **Team:** Describe who was involved in the innovation. List organizational titles or positions (not people). **Process:** Describe what you did that was new or innovative. Describe the innovation in sufficient detail to make clear what you did and would allow others to replicate your process. Talk about barriers to success and how you overcame them.

**Results:** Discuss your success with this innovation. Explain key results in relation to the purpose of the innovation. Explain the effectiveness of the innovation, including why you think it's working.

**Conclusions and Recommendations:** Describe what the innovation means for practice or for the organization. Make sure that conclusions are supported by results and relate to the purpose of the innovation. Explain how ONL members can integrate this innovation into practice or their organization. List specific recommendations.

**Selected References:** List references cited in your abstract.

## INTEGRATIVE REVIEW ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

The purpose of the ONL integrative review poster is to share a literature review that provides a more comprehensive understanding of a specific phenomenon and has made a difference in your organization. Abstracts submitted for consideration should clearly reflect this purpose and demonstrate adherence to scholarly standards and practices. Integrative review posters address the following questions:

- Is there an opportunity to improve/enhance nursing practice?
- Describe the prevailing evidence and what is driving the need for reassessment?
- What is the new understanding of the phenomenon?

**Title:** abstract title should describe the phenomenon under review. Titles should not exceed 10 words.

**Problem:** Provide the conceptual and operational definitions of variables to be examined. Describe relationships between variables under study. Describe the theoretical framework if any.

**Search Method:** List search terms and databases as well as any other search methods used to access information about the subject (e.g., hand search).

**Literature:** Describe inclusion or exclusion criteria for all literature, including dates. Provide the exact number of reports used for the review.

**Data Evaluation:** Explain the particular reports and describe methods used and findings.

**Data Analysis:** Describe the strategy used to analyze the data (e.g., constant comparison).

**Conclusion:** Describe the conclusion of the review; include the logical chain of evidence used

**Nursing Practice Implications:** Describe the applicability of the review to nursing practice and how it contributes to nursing knowledge. Make specific recommendations about how ONL members could potentially integrate the knowledge.

**Selected Reference:** List references cited in your abstract.

## QUALITY / PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

The purpose of the ONL poster presentation is to share a quality or performance improvement project. Abstracts submitted for consideration should clearly reflect this purpose and demonstrate adherence to scholarly standards and practices. **Organizational approval for performance improvement projects may be required if data is sensitive- authors are responsible for gaining approval to present their projects.**

**Title:** Your abstract title should attract the reader and describe the performance improvement project. Titles should not exceed 10 words.

**Keywords:** List words that support electronic browsing or searching.

**Purpose:** Describe the specific aim (changes/improvements in care processes and patient outcomes) of this performance improvement project, its significance, and why the performance improvement project was done. Explain the particular problem that was addressed.

**Background:** Summarize current knowledge of the care problem and organizations in which it occurs.

**Setting/Population:** Describe the population/sample, sample size, and setting.

**Methodology/Process:** Describe what you did to improve quality. Describe the intervention(s) in sufficient detail to make clear what you did. Explain the tests of change used to demonstrate the effectiveness of the intervention(s). Describe the data collected and how data were analyzed.

**Outcome Measures/ Results:** Discuss what you found, your successes or continued needs for improvement, and changes made based on this project. Explain key findings in relation to the purpose of the performance improvement project. Mention significant project limitations.

**Practice Implications:** Describe what the performance improvement project findings mean for practice. Make sure that conclusions are supported by project results and relate to the purpose of the project. Discuss how changes will be sustained. Explain how ONL members can integrate into practice the results of this performance improvement project. Make specific recommendations.

**Selected References:** List references cited in your abstract.

## RESEARCH ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

The purpose of the ONL poster presentation is to share original research. Abstracts submitted for consideration should clearly reflect this purpose and demonstrate adherence to scholarly standards and practices. **IRB approval of research is required.**

**Title:** Your abstract title should attract the reader and describe the research. Titles should not exceed 10 words.

**Problem/Purpose:** Explain what problem or observation led to this study, its significance, and why the study was done. Discuss the importance of the study.

**IRB Approval:** Explain if the study was IRB approved. If not, please explain (e.g., exempt).

**Literature Review:** Summarize key findings from the literature, what is already known, what is not known, and how this study addresses a gap in the literature.

**Research Question:** State the research question(s) or hypothesis.

**Framework:** Explain the theoretical or conceptual framework that guided the study.

**Research Design:** Explain the qualitative or quantitative research design. Describe the population/sample, sampling method, eligibility criteria, sample size, and setting. Describe how data were collected, data collection instruments/interviews, reliability and validity or trustworthiness. Discuss research variables, interventions (if applicable), and data collection procedures.

**Data Analysis:** Describe statistical tests or other methods used to analyze data and the level of significance (if applicable).

**Results:** Explain key findings in relation to the purpose of the study. Include key descriptive and inferential data (if applicable) or interpretation of findings. Mention significant study limitations.

**Conclusions:** Describe what the research findings mean for practice. Make sure that conclusions are supported by study results and relate to the purpose of the study.

**Practice Implications:** Explain how ONL members can integrate into practice the results of this study. Make specific recommendations.

**Selected References:** List references cited in your abstract.