Abstract Submission Session Format Options

Abstract submitters will be required to select one preferred format for their abstract, and then will be asked if there are any other formats for which they would like their abstract to be considered.

Standalone breakout: Standalone breakout sessions are accepted as-is, with no additional speakers or abstracts added, and designed to fill the full session time. The standalone breakout session format should only be selected for abstract submissions designed to be full 75-minute panels with one single abstract, topic, and focus. Due to limited agenda space the majority of abstracts that are accepted are accepted as a part of a Merged Breakout Session, and very few are accepted as Standalone Breakouts. Should you choose to submit your abstract for consideration as a Standalone Breakout, NCTOH organizers strongly recommend submitting your abstract for consideration as a Standalone breakout session AND a Merged Breakout Session to increase your chances of having your abstract accepted for inclusion in the 2019 NCTOH meeting agenda.

Part of a Merged Breakout Session: A merged breakout session is comprised of 2 or more individual abstracts on related topics presented during a 75-minute breakout session. These abstracts are identified and paired together by the selection committee. If your abstract is selected as a Part of a Merged Breakout Session, you will be asked to identify one speaker to present your abstract, and you will be allotted between 20 and 30 minutes to present your abstract. One or more additional abstracts that address similar topics will be selected to be presented in conjunction with yours during the breakout session.

Poster: Poster sessions will be held on Day 1 and Day 2 of the NCTOH. Poster presenters will be assigned a posterboard and asked to bring and hang their own poster in their assigned space. Poster presenters will be asked to attend their poster for one hour during the poster reception to interact with attendees and answer questions. Poster presenters may use any poster design they would like, including previously presented posters, as long as they are able to be hung on a standard posterboard (48" by 36"

with horizontal orientation). Poster presenters are responsible for printing their poster and shipping or transporting their poster to the conference.

Symposium: Some abstract submitters may wish to submit between two and four individual abstracts together for consideration as a symposium—these submissions may have 2 or more individual speakers presenting on individual sub-topics within the symposium's overall topic. Should you wish to submit a symposium panel presentation for consideration, please choose the Symposium option as your preferred format option on the Session Information page. You will be prompted to enter one abstract that describes the full symposium session. After saving that page, click on the Symposia Abstracts page where you will be prompted to enter the individual abstract descriptions for each of the different abstract components that make up your symposium. PLEASE NOTE: Due to limited agenda space only a select few abstract submissions are accepted as full Symposia. Under each individual abstract description on the Symposia Abstracts page you will have the opportunity to indicate if you would like for that individual abstract to also be considered individually for inclusion in the agenda (for example, as part of a merged breakout session, or as a poster session) in the case that the full symposium is not accepted.

2019 NCTOH Abstract submissions are due at 11:59 pm on Friday, November 16, 2018