

Call for Late-Breaking Abstracts

The Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA) is pleased to announce the **call for late-breaking abstracts** for its **Issues of Substance 2019** conference to ensure that this premier learning event for the substance use and addiction field features the most current and leading-edge evidence. Late-breaking abstracts must centre on **current or novel findings that have never been published or presented elsewhere** and for which **no preliminary data was available when the general abstract call closed on February 4, 2019**.

Submissions will be accepted from 9:00 a.m. EDT July 26, 2019, until 11:59 p.m. EDT on August 30, 2019, as detailed below.

CCSA's Issues of Substance 2019 will take place in Ottawa, Ontario, November 25–27, 2019. It is Canada's only national conference to bring together 500 addiction workers, healthcare professionals, researchers, policy makers, knowledge brokers and people with direct or indirect, lived or living experience with substance use or a substance use disorder from across the country. This three-day event provides an unparalleled opportunity to share new research and best practices, and to receive practical training related to addiction prevention, treatment and recovery.

For more information about the conference, please visit issuesofsubstance.ca.

Conference Theme

The theme for **CCSA's Issues of Substance 2019** conference is **Evidence and Perspectives, Compassion and Action**. Substance use, substance use addiction and behavioural addictions are serious health concerns in Canada. The cost of substance use to our society is estimated to be a staggering \$38 billion. Both substance use and behavioural addictions can have a negative impact on Canadians, their relationships, their families and their responsibilities in the community, in the workplace, volunteering or studying.

The landscape is changing in the field of substance use and addiction in Canada and the need for research and action is greater than ever. Sometimes an issue is so complex, far-reaching and consequential that it takes a vast range of perspectives to bring it fully into view. The challenge of achieving better outcomes and improved well-being for all Canadians demands that we unite through sharing our diverse perspectives and collaborating to make a meaningful difference in shaping the future — a future that is defined by a healthier Canadian society where evidence and compassion transform approaches to addressing substance use and addiction.

We encourage you to submit **late-breaking abstracts** centring on **new or novel findings** in the substance use and addiction field that stimulate ideas and discussion, promote learning of knowledge and energize attendees to participate in debate. For this call, we are seeking presentations that address **current and topical issues**, which could include the use and impact of substances (including alcohol, opioids, cannabis, stimulants and so on) and other licit and illicit drugs or drugs of evolving legal status (e.g., novel psychoactive substances, e-cigarettes, etc.), as well as research on and



evaluations of programs and initiatives. The conference also encourages abstracts focusing on the intersections between mental health and substance use as well as behavioural addictions, such as gambling and gaming.

This year, we are requesting presenters **to consider sex and gender as part of their work** to help create more useful and specific evidence, guidance and perspectives for different groups of Canadians. As part of the abstract submission, we are asking applicants to describe how their work has considered or could consider in the future issues related to sex and gender. Meeting this requirement involves providing a brief summary (150 words or less) about how your project (i.e., research study, program, policy review, etc.) has considered or could consider in the future sex and gender. For examples of summaries that consider sex and gender, please visit the [Issues of Substance](#) website.

Presentation Format

Applicants can [submit one abstract](#) for a late-breaking oral presentation by **August 30, 2019**. Abstracts should be 200 words or less in English or French and outline new or novel findings that have never been published or presented previously and for which no preliminary data was available when the general call for abstracts closed on February 4, 2019. This word limit does not include the 150-word summary on sex and gender considerations that is requested. Late-breaking abstracts must follow the format described below. Resubmission of abstracts submitted to the original call **will not** be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact ios-info@ccsa.ca

Late-Breaking Oral Presentations

Late-breaking presentations of **10 minutes** allow for a brief overview of the major points or highlights of a particular program or research project. Applicants must include **all** of the following information in the abstract, **using the headings provided**:

- Title
- Background
- Objectives of your research or project
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions (which must include considerations for sex and gender)

Presenters will be limited to a maximum of 10 slides at the time of presentation. Only a limited number of late-breaking abstracts will be accepted. Presenters are responsible for the translation of any handouts distributed during their late-breaking presentations.

Submitting a Late-breaking Abstract

Applicants must [submit their late-breaking abstracts](#) electronically by **August 30, 2019**. Applicants can submit **only one** late-breaking abstract as primary author and the primary presenter must be one of the co-authors listed on the abstract. (The submission of a late-breaking abstract is **not** counted in the limit of two abstracts that an author can submit to the general call for abstracts for Issues of Substance.) The CCSA Issues of Substance Program Committee reserves the right to limit the number of late-breaking abstracts accepted for review, has final authority in selecting presenters and will inform applicants by September 30, 2019, as to whether their late-breaking submission has been accepted.



Who Should Submit an Abstract?

Individuals and organizations from disciplines associated with substance use and addiction, public health and behavioural addictions are invited to submit a late-breaking abstract presenting new findings that have never been published or presented previously and for which no preliminary data was available when the general call for abstracts closed on February 4, 2019. Late-breaking abstracts should showcase novel initiatives, research, programs or best practices and cannot be resubmissions of data available prior to February 4, 2019. The appropriate disciplines include addiction specialists (e.g., treatment providers, addiction medicine practitioners, clinical staff, counsellors, social workers), allied professionals (e.g., hospital staff, law enforcement personnel, correctional workers, nutritionists, teachers), public health professionals (e.g., public health nurses, health promotion program staff), policy and service planners, program managers, academic researchers, students, residents and private sector professionals. We also invite submissions from individuals with direct or indirect, lived or living experience with substance use or a substance use disorder.

Need Help with Your Abstract?

Please visit [CCSA's Issues of Substance](#) website for sample abstracts and tips for preparing your abstract.

You can also email ios-info@ccsa.ca or call 1-833-235-4048 to speak with someone from CCSA for direct assistance.

Required Information

Before going to the [online submission form](#), applicants should be able to provide the following information:

- Language of presentation (English or French);
- Full title, name, organizational affiliation and the email addresses of the presenter and all co-authors; and
- The date the research was conducted.

Evaluation Criteria

The following evaluation criteria will each be given equal weight in the assessment of late-breaking abstracts:

- Strength and appropriateness of evidence or knowledge base for the abstract content;
- Potential to stimulate discussion;
- Significance and potential impact of findings or conclusions on the substance use and addiction field;
- Consideration of sex and gender as part of the work; and
- Overall quality and clarity of the abstract.

Upon Acceptance

CCSA will email all communications about an abstract submission to the primary applicant, who is responsible for distributing information to other presenting authors or co-authors. If an applicant accepts an offer to present, but is later unable to attend, he or she must provide to CCSA the name of the alternate speaker who is a co-author on the original abstract or the presentation will be withdrawn from the program.



Please note:

- Presenters will be asked to disclose any real or potential **conflicts of interest** at the beginning of their presentation.
- All presenters of late-breaking abstracts **must register for the conference and pay their registration fee by October 4, 2019.**

Other Information

Audio-Visual Equipment

Session rooms will be fully equipped with computers and data projectors. If additional audio-visual equipment (including flipcharts) is required, the presenter will be responsible for these costs.

Translation Requirements

Presentations can be in English or French. Simultaneous French and English interpretation will be available for all keynote and some oral concurrent sessions.



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CCSA was created by Parliament to provide national leadership to address substance use in Canada. A trusted counsel, we provide national guidance to decision makers by harnessing the power of research, curating knowledge and bringing together diverse perspectives.

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