



VaSAM 2026 Conference Abstract Guidelines (adapted from ASAM 2026 Conference Guidelines)

The following bullet points outline important requirements to consider when submitting your abstract:

- All accepted submissions will be presented in-person in Norfolk, VA. Please do not submit an abstract if you already know you will not be able to present in-person during the **conference dates (October 23-24, 2026)**.
- The abstract submission **deadline has been extended until September 4, 2026 at 5 pm**.
- Abstracts (text only, in Word or PDF format) must be **submitted by email to info@vasam.net**
- Abstracts must be original, new work, based on the latest evidence and data. Submissions should use evidence-based information with appropriate references. Minimize anecdotal information.
- Submitters are not permitted to re-submit abstracts that have been previously submitted to VaSAM, whether they were accepted or not. Submissions can be similar to past submissions but **MUST** be significantly updated to include new data, new teaching methods, or new content.
- Submitters, presenters, and authors must provide any commercial disclosures, BUT submissions must be free of commercial bias. Having a commercial interest will **NOT** disqualify a submission.
- Submissions cannot be used to advertise or advocate for a specific commercial interest.
- There is a limit of up to three (3) abstract submissions per submitter.
- The sections of a complete submission are:
 - Presenter/Author Information
 - Disclosure of Relevant Financial Relationships
 - Abstract & Details
 - Learning Objectives
 - Keywords
- Poster Submission "Abstract & Details" section may include the following:
 - Title – 12 words max.
 - Background or Introduction
 - Methods
 - Results
 - Discussion Conclusions
 - Word count – Maximum of 400 words
 - References – 3-5 scholarly or scientific publications that were used to create the abstract.
 - Health Equity (optional) – This describes how your submission will address health equity and health disparities. 20-200 words.
- Note: case study submissions may include a “case description” section in lieu of “methods” and “results” sections.
- Accepted abstracts may appear in full in several places, including but not limited to the event website and event materials. Submitters are responsible for ensuring that there are no conflicts with making the abstract information available, prior to the submission of the abstract.
- Upon review and acceptance of abstracts, all **presenters will be notified and required to submit a PDF of their poster**, which will be reviewed by members of the VaSAM Annual Conference Committee.
- Please email info@vasam.net to withdraw submissions and for any further questions.