



The 2026 VPS Quality Summit and User Meeting – Call for Podium and Poster Presentations

VPS is currently accepting applications for podium presentations and poster presentations to be presented during the 2026 VPS Quality Summit and User Meeting in Aurora, Colorado on October 8 – October 10, 2026. Those not selected for oral presentation will automatically be accepted for presentation during the poster session on October 9, 2026. Proposal submissions should be timely, relevant, and evidence-based topics that feature best practices in research, quality improvement, clinical practice, leadership, or education. Submissions are intended to engage our participants and assist clinicians to thrive in today's ever-changing global health care environment.

Presentation Categories

You will be asked to select only one category that best fits your presentation.

- Research
- Quality Improvement
- Clinical Practice
- Leadership
- Education

Eligible Speakers

- The presentation is not limited to the first (primary) author, but the presenter must have a role in the study group.

Presentation guidelines:

- Reflects current or cutting-edge science through evidence-based content
- Demonstrate excellence
- Inclusive of timeliness, relevancy, creativity, and innovation
- Applies to/has implication for pediatric critical care
- No mention of confidential information (e.g., patient-, family-, or staff-identifying information)
- Free of commercial bias (no mention of company equipment, company logos, tag lines, equipment photos with visible company names, etc.)
- Proposals submitted to other meetings are acceptable, providing the work has not been published. VPS does not accept presentation submissions from commercial entities. (The use of institutional logos is accepted)

Presentation Awards:

Podium presentations and poster presentations will be judged by a team of VPS Clinicians from the VPS Research Committee. Awards will be given for each section.



Podium Session: VPS will select a set number of applicants for podium presentation. Sessions are limited to 12-minute presentations (10 minutes present/2 minutes discussion/questions) and may take place on any of the three conference days (Thursday, October 8, 2026, through Saturday, October 10, 2026). Detailed instructions for the presentation of slides will be provided to the contact author with the presentation notification.

Poster Session: Any proposal application not accepted for podium presentation will automatically be accepted for poster presentation on October 9, 2026. Presenters must be present during the VPS Poster Presentation session on October 9, 2026. Each presenter will be required to be in attendance and speak to their poster during the session. The poster viewing sessions are open from Friday, October 9, 2026, 7am MT, through 12pm MT on October 10, 2026, for general viewing with a formal poster presentation by the author/presenter during the poster presentation conference session on Friday, October 9, 2026. Posters must be submitted for display by Thursday, October 8 at 5pm MT. Posters must be removed from the display on October 10, between 11am MT and 3pm MT. Detailed instructions for the presentation of slides will be provided to the contact author with the presentation notification.

Expenses:

- a. Expenses associated with an abstract preparation, submission and presentation are the responsibility of the presenter(s)/author(s).
- b. Author(s)/presenter(s) of accepted abstracts (podium or poster) are expected to register for and attend the VPS Quality Summit and User Meeting in Denver, Colorado on October 8 – October 10, 2026.

Please Note: VPS is unable to financially support travel, hotel, or registration costs for podium or poster presenters, nor for shipping and handling of posters. We look forward to the presenters attending the Summit and are all expected to register for the event if selected.

Submission Process

Submission timeline

- a. Call for abstracts opens 2/01/2026
- b. Application deadline 5/31/2026
- c. VPS Review and Selection 6/01/2026 - 6/30/2026
- d. Notifications will be sent by the end of June

Please submit your proposal [HERE](#)



Required Proposal Content:

Title: Title is limited to 75 characters and needs to clearly reflect the content. Consider using searchable terms.

Submitter's Email: If there is more than one submitter, list the email address of the primary contact.

Brief Description: Please provide a 2-3 sentence description of your presentation that will be posted for participants to view.

Reference List: Please prepare a short reference list of at least five references. The majority of references should be from 2018-2026. The reference list should be in APA format. APA format required: <http://www.apastyle.org>.

Primary Learning Outcomes/Objectives: A learning objective is a learner-focused statement that states what the learner can expect to achieve by the end of the educational activity. This is what the learner should be able to do after participating in a podium or poster presentation. The learning outcomes/objectives should offer clear support of the presentation title.

Presenters Information: Provide contact information, credentials and affiliations.

Disclosure/Conflict of Interest: All presenters must complete a disclosure/conflict of interest form.

Questions?

If you have any questions please contact Nancy Brundage at nbrundage@myvps.org

All submissions must be completed no later than 11:59pm (Eastern time) on May 31, 2026

Notifications of the Program Committee's decisions will be sent by the end of June 2026.