2027 CANADIAN WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH SUMMIT

IMPORTANT DATES

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS OPENS • November 2, 2026
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION • January 14, 2027
NOTIFICATION TO APPLICANTS • February 5, 2027



ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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#CWHHS2027

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OPEN HEARTED: BUILDING INCLUSIVE CARDIOVASCULAR CARE FOR WOMEN

Equity • Access • Innovation • Implementation

The Canadian Women's Heart Health Summit (CWHHS) is proudly hosted by the Canadian Women's Heart Health Alliance (CWHHA) in partnership with the Women's Health Clinic and Research Centre, Heart Care Manitoba at St. Boniface Hospital, St. Boniface Hospital Foundation, Asper Clinical Research Institute, Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, the University of Manitoba, and the University of Ottawa Heart Institute Foundation.

As the only event of its kind in Canada, the Summit has become the national reference point for health professionals seeking the latest knowledge on women's cardiovascular health. Building on the success of the previous Summits, we have assembled national and international experts and collaborators to further advance women's cardiovascular science. Together, we will transform and enhance Canadian women's lives through research, awareness, policy development, and care.

This is an opportunity for knowledge exchange between a variety of collaborators including all general and specialty physicians working with women, researchers, policy-makers, community partners, and people with lived and living experience.

Summit Objectives

1. Advance Research
2. Improve Clinical Care
3. Strengthen National Collaboration
4. Identify Emerging Priorities and Gaps
5. Advance Equity and Implementation
6. Build Capacity and Inspire Future Leaders
7. Mobilize Knowledge and Drive Impact

Abstracts Open November 2, 2026! The 2027 Canadian Women's Heart Health Summit will be seeking abstracts for poster and rapid fire oral presentations. Please review this document carefully and submit your abstract using the online portal available at **WomensHeartSummit.ca**.

Contact us at **admin@cwhha.ca** if you require assistance with your submission or have any questions.

Presenting authors may indicate their preferred presentation format (Rapid-Fire Oral Presentation, Poster Presentation, or both) through the online portal. Abstracts submitted for both formats will be considered first for a Rapid-Fire Oral Presentation and then for a Poster Presentation if not selected. **Only one presentation format will be offered per abstract.**

The abstract review and presentation judging panels will include healthcare professionals, researchers, and Persons with Lived and Living Experience (PWLLEs).

TOPICS/THEMES

Submitted abstracts must relate to the 2027 Canadian Women's Heart Health Summit theme, Open Hearted: Building Inclusive Cardiovascular Care for Women. Each submission must align with one of the categories below and demonstrate a commitment to Equity, Diversity, Justice, and Belonging principles throughout.

- Basic Science
- Behavioural Science
- Clinical Science
- Digital Health and Artificial Intelligence
- Equity, Diversity, Justice and Belonging
- Health Systems, Policy and Guidelines
- Indigenous Health
- Population Health

Abstracts are limited to 300 words, not including title, list of authors and headers.

ABSTRACT SCORING

CRITERIA (10 points per category for a total of 40)

1. **Originality:** Interesting, novel, innovative
2. **Design and Methodology** *(overall study design):* Well suited to study purpose, clearly described
   - **Additional Considerations** *(Not Scored):* Reviewers will assess whether Sex- and Gender- Based Analysis Plus (SGBA+) and Equity, Diversity, Justice and Belonging (EDJB) principles have been appropriately considered in the submission. These elements will be evaluated on a Yes/No basis and will not contribute to the numerical score.
3. **Results/Findings**: Clearly presented; stated questions addressed; sex- &/or gender-based analysis included and if not, justification provided; findings/ results justify conclusions
4. **Quality** (writing clear, objective)



PLEASE NOTE: All rapid-fire oral presenters and poster presenters must register as delegates for the 2027 Canadian Women's Heart Health Summit in Winnipeg, MB. Presenters are required to present in-person.



POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Posters will be on display on Friday, April 16 and must remain on display from **10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Poster presenters are expected to be at their poster during the designated 60-minute period, from **5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, allowing Summit delegates time to ask questions and discuss the content. Additional technical specifications, including poster dimensions, will be provided with acceptance letters.

The 2027 Canadian Women's Heart Health Summit will also include awards for Best Poster Presentation and the Persons with Lived and Living Experience (PWLLE) Top Choice Award. The presenter judged to have prepared and delivered the best poster in each category will receive a certificate of recognition and a $250 award.

BEST POSTER PRESENTATION AWARD

Best Poster Presentation selected on the following criteria:

- Originality
- Design and methodology
- Supporting data
- Quality of presentation

PERSONS WITH LIVED AND LIVING EXPERIENCE (PWLLE) TOP CHOICE AWARD

Presentations will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Plain-Language Communication
- Impact on Women's Heart Health
- Relevance to Women's Heart Health
- Presentation Quality



RAPID FIRE ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Rapid-Fire Oral Presentations will be presented in the plenary on Saturday, April 17, 2027. Each presenter will have five minutes to summarize their research, followed by three minutes for questions and answers. This format is expected to offer greater exposure to presenters, as well as give delegates a snapshot into the wide variety of research being conducted related to the conference theme, ***Open Hearted: Building Inclusive Cardiovascular Care for Women***.

BEST RAPID-FIRE ORAL PRESENTATION AWARD

The 2027 Canadian Women's Heart Health Summit will include an award for Best Rapid-Fire Oral Presentation. The person judged as preparing and delivering the Best Rapid-Fire Oral Presentation will receive an award of recognition and a cheque for $250. Rapid-Fire Oral presentations will be judged on the following criteria:

- Originality
- Design and methodology
- Supporting data
- Quality of presentation
- Presenter stays within allotted time

The winner will receive their award during the Summit's Award Ceremony on Saturday, April 17, 2027.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Abstracts must be received electronically through the online submission form no later than **11:59 p.m., January 14, 2027**. A confirmation message will be provided stating the abstract was submitted successfully. Paper or faxed abstract submissions will not be accepted.
- Notifications of acceptance will be sent by Febuary 5, 2027 via email. Scheduling details and instructions for oral and poster presentations will be communicated soon after.
- Abstracts may be written and presented in English or French.
- There is no fee for submitting abstracts for the 2027 Canadian Women's Heart Health Summit.
- Accepted abstracts will be published in the April 2027 issue of the Canadian Journal of Cardiology Online.
- Authors have the opportunity to opt out of having their abstract published when submitting through the online submission form. For those authors who do agree, they give the CWHHS permission and authority to submit and have published his/her abstract, without compensation, in the April 2027 issue of the Canadian Journal of Cardiology Online.
- There is no limit to the number of abstracts an investigator may submit. If selected, the presenter must be one of the co-authors listed.
    - Only one abstract per data source will be accepted; submitters should not 'split' data to create several abstracts.
    - If multiple submissions are accepted, the presenting author must resolve schedule conflicts by arranging for a co-author to present.
- Abstracts that have been published as part of a peer-reviewed manuscript or previous conference proceedings are welcome. Note: these would not be eligible for publication.
- Abstracts should be concise and informative and include at least preliminary data. Those stating that results will be presented or discussed will be subject to rejection.
- Consideration may be made for abstracts that are protocols or pending results. Note: these would not be eligible for publication.
- Submission of an abstract constitutes a commitment by the author(s) as to the integrity of the data and that they agree with the submission.
- Abstracts are limited to 300 words, not including title, list of authors and headers. Organize the body of the abstract as follows:
    - Title:
    - Authors: First name followed by the last name [i.e. Alex Smith]
    - BACKGROUND: A brief statement of the purpose of the study
    - METHOD(S): A statement of the method(s) of investigation
    - RESULTS: A summary of the results presented in sufficient detail to support conclusions
    - CONCLUSIONS: The conclusions reached - it is not acceptable to state "the results will be discussed"

- Authors must account for Sex and gender based analysis plus (SGBA+) in their submission. Refer to the CIHR Sex and Gender Online Training Modules for more information.
- Authors must account for Equity, Diversity, Justice and Belonging in their submission. Refer to CIHR resources.
- No graphics are allowed (i.e., no graphics are allowed in the abstract submission, no tables, no images in the abstract) and use only standard abbreviations (i.e. LV, RBC, mEQ).
- Place unusual abbreviations in parentheses after the full word, the first time it appears. Please keep abbreviated terms to a minimum.
- Use numerals to indicate numbers except to begin sentences.
- Use non-proprietary (generic) names for drugs.
- Symbols may be embedded in the abstract body; however, please note that special characters may not appear or may be lost during transmission.
- The abstract must be submitted in final form and will be published in the format in which it was submitted.
- Accepted abstract titles and list of authors will be made available on womensheartsummit.ca and used for promotional purposes.
- All accepted poster and rapid-fire oral presenters will be required to complete a Conflict of Interest disclosure form and also to declare any conflicts of interest directly on the poster or at the beginning of their presentation.
- All abstracts submitted must comply with these guidelines to be considered for acceptance.
- Authors are required to present in-person. All presenting authors must register for the CWHHS and are responsible for their own transportation and accommodations. Register online at: womensheartsummit.ca. **Registration is NOT complimentary.**

