

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Future Ready Gerontology

Innovation at Hart

CGNA2027: May 5-7, 2027 | Toronto, Ontario, Canada

The Gerontological Nursing Association Ontario and the Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association are pleased to announce the 24th Biennial CGNA Conference to be held at historic Hart House, University of Toronto, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, May 5-7, 2027.

We invite you to submit an abstract for consideration as an oral or poster presentation.

CGNA2027: Future Ready Gerontology – Innovation at Hart brings nurse-led innovation to the heart of Toronto: historic **Hart House** at the University of Toronto, a place whose long tradition of dialogue, learning, creativity, and civic engagement makes it a fitting backdrop for ideas that can travel across communities, systems, and borders.

The conference will explore how new methods, models, processes, and technologies can improve nursing care, efficiency, and outcomes for older people across clinical, community, education, research, and policy settings. Grounded in nurses' clinical expertise, critical thinking, and leadership, sessions will showcase practical solutions and partnerships that address unmet needs, reduce operational barriers, and strengthen the experiences of older people and those who care for them.

Here are some suggestions for topic focus in any area of gerontological nursing (education, research, practice and leadership):

- Equity, Inclusion, and Culturally Safe Care for Older Adults
- Policy, System Transformation, and Healthcare Barriers for Older Adults
- Aging in Place, Housing, and Community-Based Care Innovations
- Allyship, Partnership, and Meaningful Engagement of Older Adults
- Dementia, Delirium, and Mental Health Innovations
- Innovative Clinical Care Models for Older Adults
- Technology and Digital Health
- Quality Improvement, Research, and Evidence-Informed Practices
- Workforce Retention, Leadership, and Staff Wellbeing
- Innovations in Gerontological Education and Practice Development

Abstracts that have been published elsewhere are not acceptable for presentation.

Abstracts must be submitted through the online submission system per the instructions below.

Abstracts will not be accepted by email.

Guidelines for Submission

Abstract

The abstract must not exceed 250 words and preferably should relate to some element of the conference theme, however, topics not listed above are acceptable and will be considered for presentation. Please indicate if your presentation will address an area of practice, research, education or leadership. Your abstract should contain an introduction to the topic, the issue or topic being addressed, research methods and outcomes (if applicable), and implications for gerontological nursing.

Criteria for evaluating abstracts

1. Relevance to gerontological practice
2. Innovation of work and contribution to nursing
3. Appropriateness of methods
4. Soundness of interpretations and discussion
5. Organization and clarity of writing.

Who may submit an abstract

Nurses and those from other health and social science disciplines related to the conference topic and other topics relevant to gerontological practice.

Compensation for presentation

There is no compensation for presentations. All presenters are expected to register for the conference and pay the conference fee.

PRESENTATION PREFERENCES

The aim of the conference is to foster dialogue and knowledge exchange around topics related to the conference theme. Participants are encouraged to consider one of the following formats for submission of their presentation. Please indicate your preferred presentation format during the abstract submission process: oral, poster, or oral or poster. Please note, as oral presentation spaces are limited, abstracts submitted for oral presentation will also be considered for poster presentation.

Oral (Paper) Presentation: These presentations may include scholarly papers, completed research or innovation related projects. Sessions consist of 15-minute presentations, followed by a 5 minute question and answer period for each speaker (This time limit is subject to slight change, based on number of abstracts received and approved).

Poster Presentation: Posters are displayed on a board. A time for presentation will be scheduled in advance by the conference organizers with the expectation that the presenter will be present to answer questions and discuss with conference participants. Posters allow presenters to participate in extended discussion with interested attendees. The purpose of poster sessions is to allow an opportunity for participants to share ideas and insights and to interact around topics of interest.

We look forward to seeing you in Toronto!

Please share this call for abstracts with all your colleagues.

Visit the conference website at <https://cgna2027.ca/> to learn more about the conference.

Abstract Submission Instructions

To begin your abstract submission, go to the abstract submission website:

<https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/81892/submitter>

Please make sure your email system is set to allow messages from support@oxfordabstracts.com, sendmail@oxfordabstracts.com, office@cgna.net and conference@cgna.net.

This will ensure you receive abstract submission and decision notices. You should receive a confirmation when you submit your abstract. If you do not receive these confirmations, please check your 'spam' folders or contact us at conference@cgna.net.

To submit your abstract:

1. Enter your email address to create your account (you will need to do this only once).
2. Log in to the abstract submission system.
3. Follow the on-screen directions to complete your submission.
4. Important information
 - a. All abstract notifications will be sent to the e-mail address of the abstract submitter. **It is the responsibility of the abstract submitter to distribute the information to any presenting authors and/or co-authors.**
 - b. The abstract title and abstract will be printed in the program as entered. Please **do not use all caps** in the title or abstract.
 - c. The system will not accept abstracts longer than 250 words.
 - d. If you are an author on the abstract, you must include your **own name and affiliation** on step 2.
 - e. You may edit your abstract until the submission deadline through the abstract submission system
 - f. Please review the "Abstract Submission Do's and Don'ts" at the end of this document.

Abstract Submission “Dos” and “Don’ts”

Please Do...	Please Don't...
Follow the submission directions outlined above	Enter your title in ALL CAPS
Limit your submission to 250 words	Include other information in the abstract title (such as your name, affiliation, address)
Submit your abstract by October 30, 2026!	Include your degrees or any other information with your author(s)' names
Consider becoming a CGNA member!	Include street addresses in your affiliation information
Contact us if you need help!	Use bullet points, tables or reference lists in your abstract
Tell your colleagues about CGNA2027 and this Call for Abstracts!	Submit your abstract by email. We will not accept abstracts submitted by email.

Abstract submissions are due by October 30, 2026!

Thank you for your submission!