



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

KEY DATES	• Abstract submission open:	November 17, 2025
	• Abstract submission deadline:	January 30, 2026
	• Notification of abstract review:	February 13, 2026
	• Early Bird registration deadline:	April 6, 2026

Canadian Obesity Weekend is a Conference of the Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons (CABPS). The Conference will convene on **May 21-23, 2026**, at the **Hotel Le Concorde Quebec, Quebec City, QC**. This bariatric conference will include symposia targeting professionals with a strong interest in the treatment of obesity. Through the use of riveting, thought-provoking topics, and dynamic and engaging international and Canadian speakers, this conference is designed to hold your attention and stimulate your mind. You can't afford to miss it!

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The goals of this conference are:

- To understand the medical risks associated with obesity.
- To understand the dietary and pharmacological management of obesity.
- To understand the nursing and rehabilitation challenges in patients with obesity.
- To provide an up-to-date review of current surgical treatment and their indications for obesity.

ABSTRACT OVERVIEW

We try to accommodate the majority of abstracts: however, the final decision about the acceptance of and presentation format for individual submissions will be made by the Conference Committee. Submissions are encouraged in all formats.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Oral presentation abstracts can take one of three formats:

- 1. Reports:** The first format is the traditional meeting abstract with a clear aim, brief description of methods, results and conclusions. This will be focused on a single topic and can be presented by Trainees or Principal Investigators. It is expected that the first author will present the work. These presentations will be given in concurrent sessions with a cross-theme orientation.
- 2. Overviews:** The second format is designed for Principal Investigators or Senior Trainees and is an overview of the subject of your research focus, presenting key findings in broad context. The abstract will be written for broad understanding. These oral presentations will be given in sessions with a cross-theme orientation. Each oral presentation will be a 5 to 8-minute rapid fire presentation.
- 3. Video:** The third format is designed for the Principal Investigator or Senior Trainer to upload a video in either .m4v, .mov, .mp4, .mpeg, .mpg. Your rapid fire video presentation should run no longer than 5 to 8-minutes.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Abstracts not selected for oral presentations may be considered for poster presentations. If selected, we encourage presentation of work in poster format, an exhibition which will enable discussion with presenters. Poster authors will be asked to stand by their poster during scheduled poster presentation times. These presentations will also be made according to the Conference themes. Abstracts should take the form of traditional meeting abstracts with a clear aim, brief description of methods, results and conclusions. Posters must be set-up at the times specified by conference organizers.

STYLE GUIDELINES

- Abstracts must be written in English. The length of the abstracts is a maximum of 250 words in the body of the abstract, excluding title and author(s) names and affiliations.
- Use 12 point Times New Roman font for the entire abstract, including title, authors, etc.
 - Abstract titles must be in bold. Only capitalize the first word in the abstract title.

- Authors' names must be in bold. Authors' first and last names should be spelled out in full.
- Affiliation (where the author is from) must be in italics. When there are multiple affiliation, those affiliations are linked to the authors' names with footnotes (use superscript numbers to indicate footnotes).
- Financial support should be indicated in brackets at the end of the abstract. No references or acknowledgment sections are required.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

- Abstracts MUST be submitted electronically through the CABPS website via the online submission system at www.cabps.ca. You may submit more than one abstract. Do not submit multiple versions of the same abstract or it will not be reviewed.
- Presenting authors must be listed FIRST in the list of authors.
- Abstracts must be submitted in a single WORD document file. Please fill in all the required fields. Abstracts sent by e-mail, mail or fax will not be accepted. In case of problems please contact the CABPS office at conference@cabps.ca or at the number that appears below.

ABSTRACT CATEGORY

Please indicate the most appropriate category for your abstract:

- ☐ Bariatric Surgery ☐ Bariatric Medicine ☐ Allied Health

CONFIRMATION

Authors will be notified of the abstract review outcome on or before **February 13, 2026**. Further presentation instructions will be given to authors at that time. It is our intention to accept as many high-quality abstracts as can be accommodated by the venue and schedule.

FIRST LANGUAGE

Please remember to use inclusive language and images in your oral presentations, written content and during discussions. People-first language is the standard for respectfully addressing people with chronic disease, rather than labeling them by their illness. Because of the importance of reducing bias associated with obesity, authors should avoid using "obese" as an adjective or noun to describe an individual person or group of people, but instead use terms such as "people living with obesity", this also includes language and images that could be interpreted as stereotyping, biased or prejudiced (i.e. headless bodies, unhealthy food or sedentary depictions, smaller vs larger body as good vs bad, etc.). Please use respectful images in your presentations. [Click here for additional information on language to use.](#)

PRESENTERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Abstracts may contain **original data or data that may be previously presented at local or regional levels**. The responsibility for the abstract contents is solely of the author(s). The presenting author is required to ensure that all co-authors are aware of the contents of the abstract before submission. Abstracts will be considered only if consistent with the above instructions and received by the deadline.

Abstract Presenters MUST register for the Conference by the published Early Bird deadline to ensure that the abstract is included in the program. Your abstract will be pulled from the Conference Program, if you fail to register by the early bird deadline. Presenters are responsible for all expenses related to participating in the conference, including transportation, registration fee, lodging, and meals.

PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded for the best oral and poster in each category with an amount of \$300 to be award to the top abstract in each category in both official languages (English and French): Allied Heath, Bariatric Surgery, and Bariatric Medicine.