



The Academic Pediatric Association (APA) is soliciting workshop proposals and abstracts for their **16th Annual Quality Research Conference**. The Conference will be held from 7:00 am to 3:45 pm on Friday, April 30, 2027, in Minneapolis, MN.

This conference focuses on providing training to child health researchers on the design, implementation, and evaluation of interventions aimed at improving the health care services provided to children. Speakers and participants will focus on state-of-the-art methods to facilitate the conduct of rigorous QI research and implementation science. Implementation research is the scientific study of barriers to and methods of promoting the systematic application of research findings in practice, including in public policy. QI research includes projects designed to improve system, health plan, clinic, or provider performance.

Workshops (aka Breakout Session proposals) are highly interactive 90-minute sessions designed to teach content related to Quality Improvement, Implementation Science, and/or Patient Safety through engaging hands-on activities. Submissions must include detailed proposed 90-minute agendas. Introductory to advanced level Breakout Sessions are welcome. Workshops will be considered in the following categories:

- Quality improvement
- Implementation science
- Patient safety

Workshop Submission Guidelines

- Deadline for workshop submissions: October 30, 2026, at 11:59 pm ET.
- Recommended workshop format: title, proposed 90-minute agenda, workshop goals, at least three learning objectives, summary of faculty experience, faculty contact information.
- To ensure a unique and high-quality educational experience for attendees, workshop proposals submitted to the APA QI Conference must be different from those submitted to PAS 2027. As the APA QI Conference requires a separate registration fee, attendees should receive content that is distinct from the PAS program. Workshop submissions should therefore present original material and not duplicate proposals submitted to PAS 2027.
- The main author will be notified about the status of the workshop via email in November. The main authors of accepted workshop will be asked to confirm their participation by December.

Abstracts will include a rigorous research design, attention to methodological considerations to maximizing internal and (preferably) external validity, and an attempt to produce generalizable knowledge with insights that extend beyond the walls of the institutions involved. Both Implementation

and QI intervention research using strong quasi-experimental or experimental designs such as interrupted time series, statistical process control, and cluster randomized controlled trials, and strong non-intervention research will be considered. Non-intervention research includes, for example, development and testing of methods for assessing implementation and QI success, including cost-effectiveness analysis in implementation or QI, validity testing for measures of implementation or QI (e.g., patient safety outcome measures, development and testing of quality measures and measures of context). General clinical research and descriptions of QI implementation without rigorous analytical methods are not eligible for selection. Selected abstracts will be presented in poster format at the conference. The author(s) of the top scoring abstracts will be invited to present during the closing platform presentation session. Abstracts may be presented at both the APA Conference and the main PAS Meeting.

Abstracts will be considered in the following categories:

- QI intervention evaluations from single or multi-center institutions
- Studies focused on understanding context in the implementation and dissemination of interventions
- Quality measure development and validation
- Formative descriptions of QI intervention development (e.g., pre-work/planning/establishing baseline performance)

Abstract Submission Guidelines

- Recommended abstract format: Purpose/Objectives, Design/Methods, Results, Conclusion/Discussion
- Abstract character limit: 2400 without spaces. This does NOT include title, authors' names, credentials/affiliations.
- Limit to 2 tables/figures. These are excluded from character count, but captions and narrative descriptions of figures are included
- Abstracts can be presented at other meetings in different formats (including PAS 2027), but not accepted for publication at the time of submission.
- Deadline for abstract submissions: December 14, 2026, at 11:59 pm ET.
- The main author will be notified about the status of the abstract via email in January. The main authors of accepted abstracts will be asked to confirm their participation no later than February 28, 2027 and must register for the conference .
- Abstract authors and co-authors can be considered for ABP MOC Part 4 credit. To be considered, authors will need to qualify and input their ABP information when the abstract is submitted. Instructions are provided in the submission process.

If you have questions, please contact info@academicpediatrics.org.