

# Call for Abstracts Criteria

## 2018 Interest Group Pre-Conference Sessions

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# **ARM 2018: Interest Groups Pre-Conference Sessions**

## **Saturday, June 23, 2018**

AcademyHealth's Interest Groups (IGs) will hold their Annual Pre-Conference Sessions before the Annual Research Meeting (ARM) on Saturday, June 23. Individuals can attend up to two half-day sessions or one full day session. Registration also includes the IG Poster Session. The IG sessions have been slotted based on the likelihood of intersecting members.

### **8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

#### Half-day Concurrent Sessions

- Behavioral Health Services Research
- Disabilities Research
- Global Health and Health Care
- Health Economics
- Interdisciplinary Research Group on Nursing Issues (IRGNI)
- Public Health Services Research
- Surgical and Perioperative Care

### **12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Combined Interest Groups Poster Session

### **2:30-6:30 p.m.**

#### Half-day Concurrent Sessions

- Disparities
- Health Information Technology
- Health Workforce
- Long Term Services and Supports
- Oral Health
- Quality and Value
- Translation and Communications

### **8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.**

#### Full Day Sessions

- Child Health Services Research
- State Health Research and Policy

**Call for Abstracts**  
**2018 Behavioral Health Services Research Pre-Conference Session**  
**June 23, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Seattle, WA**

**Submission Deadline: Thursday, January 11, 2018**

**Call for Abstracts:**

The Behavioral Health Services Research Interest Group is conducting a call for abstracts; selected abstracts will present on panels at the annual Pre-conference session in Seattle. This presentation opportunity provides researchers, practitioners, and policymakers with the chance to disseminate their findings to others with an interest in the field centered on behavioral health services delivery and policy. The Pre-conference session aims to be interactive and to promote thoughtful discussion among participants.

The Interest Group is particularly interested in policy-relevant abstracts that can inform recent and upcoming policy debates and decision-making. Possible topics for the call for abstracts include:

- The effect of health reform and recent health system initiatives on individuals with behavioral health conditions
- Coordination and integration of behavioral health and medical care
- Prevention and early intervention for behavioral health disorders
- Improving quality and access to behavioral health services, particularly among special needs populations including children, older adults, homeless, military personnel, and veterans
- Behavioral health workforce issues
- Disparities and equity in behavioral health services
- Using technology to improve behavioral health care

**To be considered for presentation, abstracts must be submitted by January 11, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. E.T.** We encourage you to submit early to ensure prompt confirmation and processing.

Abstracts that are not selected for oral presentation may be selected for poster presentations.

For more information about the call for abstracts, please visit the Interest Group tab on the ARM [website](#) or contact AcademyHealth, at [interest.group@academyhealth.org](mailto:interest.group@academyhealth.org).

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**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**  
**2018 Child Health Services Research Pre-Conference Session**  
**June 23, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Seattle, WA**

**Submission Deadline: Friday, January 11, 2018**

**Call for Abstracts:**

The Child Health Services Research Interest Group invites submission of abstracts by students, early career scientists, and senior investigators for podium and panel presentations, poster symposia, and poster presentations. Submitted abstracts will undergo a blind peer review by a committee of volunteers. Abstracts that are not selected for a podium or panel presentation will be considered for a poster or poster symposium at the pre-conference session.

The Child Health Services Research Interest Group is pleased to welcome contributions not only from child health researchers, but also from health policy and health services researchers who focus on pregnancy, maternity care, family context, and the transition from adolescence to young adulthood.

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**Call for Abstracts:  
2018 Disability Research Pre-Conference Session  
June 23, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Seattle, WA**

**Submission Deadline: January 11, 2018**

**Call for Abstracts**

AcademyHealth's Disability Research Interest Group (DRIG) is composed of researchers interested in the relationships between health policy, care coordination, quality improvement, support services, assistive technology, and environmental changes for people with disabilities and chronic illness.

The DRIG brings together a community of researchers, practitioners, and people with disabilities to share research on disability policy and practice in the U.S. and abroad. The DRIG invites abstract submissions for the June 2018 DRIG research meeting and welcomes a broad range of papers such as improving coordination of services, disability policy, health service use, and quality of care for people with disabilities.

A major theme of the 2018 DRIG meeting will be improving our understanding of how policy affects healthcare access and use for persons with disabilities, and how health service use, in turn, affects health outcomes, independence, and employment. An illustrative sample of presentation topics from recent years is included below to convey the breadth of research that DRIG attendees conduct.

- Medical Homes: Access and outcomes for children & adults with disabilities.
- Health care use patterns, volume, and out-of-pocket spending trends for working age adults with disabilities dually enrolled in Medicaid and Medicare.
- Maternal and child health: Racial and ethnic disparities in birth outcomes among women with intellectual disabilities.
- The Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansions and applications to federal disability programs.
- Using the American Community Survey disability data to improve Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Accuracy.
- Employment experiences of young adults who receive SSDI benefits using qualitative interviews.

**Criteria for evaluating**

Submissions will undergo a blind peer review and will be evaluated by the following criteria:

- Importance of the topic for advancing health services research;
- Appropriateness of techniques and methods;
- Quality and originality;
- Policy and practice implications; and
- Clarity of writing and presentation.

**To be considered for presentation, abstracts must be submitted by January 11, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. E.T.** We encourage you to submit early to ensure prompt confirmation and processing.

Abstracts that are not selected for oral presentation may be selected for poster presentations.

The DRIG encourages submissions from graduate students. All student presentations at the 2018 DRIG Meeting, including posters and oral presentations, will be eligible for the Best Student Presentation Award.

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**Call for Abstracts:  
2018 Disparities Pre-Conference Session  
June 23, 2018, 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Seattle, WA**

**Submission Deadline: January 11, 2018**

The Disparities Interest Group is seeking abstracts to be considered for presentation at the 2018 Disparities Interest Group Pre-Conference Session. The call for abstracts offers researchers, policymakers, and practitioners the opportunity to disseminate research on topics that may not be featured during the ARM. Papers presented during this meeting will emphasize health equity or health disparities research that presents innovative approaches to measure, reduce, or eliminate inequities. Abstracts that describe interventions (or policies), in the healthcare system or wider society, which reduce or eliminate health inequities, will be given special consideration. Other thematic areas of interest include:

- Health equity and the social determinants of health
- Innovation in data linkage to identify, monitor and reduce health inequities
- Availability of safety net providers and access to care
- Structural racism, politics, and health
- Diversity and inclusion in health services and policy research

**To be considered for presentation, abstracts must be submitted by January 11, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. E.T.**

**Criteria for evaluating**

Submissions will undergo a blind peer review and will be evaluated by the following:

- Importance of the topic for advancing health disparities research;
- Appropriateness of techniques and methods;
- Quality and originality;
- Policy and practice implications; and
- Clarity of writing and presentation.

Abstracts that are not selected for oral presentation may be selected for poster presentations.

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**Call for Abstracts:  
2018 Global Health and Health Care Pre-Conference Session  
June 23, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Seattle, WA**

**Submission Deadline: January 11, 2018**

**Call for Abstracts**

This call for abstracts aims to feature research on emerging global health issues and transformative health services and systems research (HSR) in a global context. The Global Health and Health Care Interest Group (IG) invites the submission of abstracts for both podium and poster presentations at the pre-conference session in Seattle. The program for the IG session is developed by the IG Advisory Committee. Researchers have the opportunity to disseminate research on topics that may not be featured during the ARM. All accepted abstracts will be published in the program for the Global Health and Health Care IG session.

Global Health and Health Care IG is a network to connect researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and trainees interested in health services and systems research (HSR) **in a global context**. The Group's mission is to foster the global development, dissemination, and use of HSR to improve the quality, efficiency, effectiveness, and outcomes of care and the health status and quality of life **globally**.

All topics related to our mission are welcome. Multinational and cross-national research are of particular interest. Submissions that include authors from outside the U.S. are encouraged. Important themes include:

- Dissemination and implementation of evidence-based policies and programs
- Health systems design, financing, management, and evaluation
- Innovative practices and platforms
- Community engagement models
- Quality and safety in universal health care
- Health care equity and social determinants of health
- Service delivery in conflict and humanitarian crisis

**To be considered for presentation, abstracts must be submitted by January 11, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. E.T.**

**Criteria for Evaluating Submissions**

Submissions will undergo a blind peer review and will be evaluated by the following criteria:

- Focus is health services research in a global context;
- Method is well-suited to the research question;
- The practice and policy implications are clearly stated;
- Significance to global health and health care.

Abstracts that are not selected for oral presentation may be selected for poster presentations.

For more information about the call for abstracts, please visit the Interest Group tab on the ARM [website](#) or contact AcademyHealth, at [interest.group@academyhealth.org](mailto:interest.group@academyhealth.org).

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**Call for Abstracts**  
**2018 Health Economics Pre-Conference Session**  
**June 23, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Seattle, WA**

**Submission Deadline: Thursday, January 11, 2018**

**Call for Abstracts**

The Health Economics Interest Group invites submission of abstracts for podium presentations and poster presentations. Submitted abstracts will undergo blind peer review by a committee of volunteers.

**Criteria for evaluating submissions**

Submissions will undergo a blind peer review and will be evaluated by the following:

- Importance of the topic for advancing health economics research;
- Appropriateness of methods and techniques;
- Quality and originality;
- Policy and practice implications; and
- Clarity of writing and presentation.

**To be considered for presentation, abstracts must be submitted by January 11, 2018 5:00 p.m. E.T.** We encourage you to submit early to ensure prompt confirmation and processing.

Abstracts that are not selected for oral presentation may be selected for poster presentations. For more information about the call for abstracts, please visit the Interest Group tab on the ARM [website](#) or contact AcademyHealth, at [interest.group@academyhealth.org](mailto:interest.group@academyhealth.org).

**Session Structure**

The session structure is to be determined, but will include podium and poster presentations with awards for best abstract and best poster.

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**Call for Abstracts**  
**2018 Health Information Technology Pre-Conference Session**  
**June 23, 2018, 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Seattle, WA**

**Submission Deadline: January 11, 2018**

**Call for Abstracts:**

The Health Information Technology Interest Group invites submission of abstracts by both early career and senior investigators for podium presentations, panels and poster presentations. Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by a committee of volunteers. The best abstract award will be presented at the session. The Interest Group is looking for research that will inform current health information technology discussions and/or feature new and innovative methodological approaches to health information technology research.

**Criteria for evaluating:**

Submissions will undergo a blind peer review and will be evaluated by the following:

- Importance of the topic for advancing health information technology/health services research;
- Appropriateness of techniques and methods;
- Quality and originality;
- Policy and practice implications; and
- Clarity of writing and presentation.

**To be considered for presentation, abstracts must be submitted by January 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. E.T.** We encourage you to submit early to ensure prompt confirmation and processing.

Abstracts that are not selected for oral presentation may be selected for poster presentations.

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**Call for Abstracts**  
**2018 Health Workforce Pre-Conference Session**  
**June 23, 2018, 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Seattle, WA**

**Submission Deadline: Thursday, January 11, 2018**

The Health Workforce Interest Group is looking for research that will inform current workforce policy discussions and/or feature new and innovative methodological approaches to workforce research. We particularly encourage authors to submit proposals in the following areas:

**Methods and Data**

- Use of new data sources (e.g., “big data”)
- New data collection methods (e.g., licensure surveys)
- New ways of using existing data (e.g., claims data)
- New methods of demand assessment (e.g., early detection systems)
- Other novel approaches to health workforce analysis

**Research on the Health Workforce**

- Evaluation of new, innovative uses of workers as part of health systems redesign
- Use of workers to address social determinants of health
- Evolving staffing models (e.g., in emerging provider networks)
- Contribution of non-licensed occupations (e.g., aides, assistants, coordinators)
- Research on the forces that likely to have a major impact on workforce supply or demand (e.g., research on retirement).
- Predicting supply of, and matching demands for, the workforce, including models for sustainability
- Inter-professional health education and practice

**Criteria for evaluating:**

Submissions will undergo a blind peer review and will be evaluated by the following:

- Importance of the topic for advancing health workforce research;
- Significance of policy and practice implications;
- Appropriateness of techniques and methods;
- Quality and originality;
- Clarity of writing and presentation; and
- Whether the research has been completed/will be completed prior to the meeting;

**To be considered for presentation, abstracts must be submitted by January 11, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. E.T.** We encourage you to submit early to ensure prompt confirmation and processing.

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**Call for Abstracts**  
**2018 Interdisciplinary Research Group on Nursing Issues (IRGNI) Pre-Conference Session**

**June 23, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Seattle, WA**

**Submission Deadline: Thursday, January 11, 2018**

**Call for Abstracts**

IRGNI invites submission of abstracts by both early career and experienced investigators for both podium and poster presentations.

All accepted abstracts will be published in the program for the IRGNI session.

IRGNI focuses on:

- Influencing the development of scientific health services research knowledge relevant to nursing practice, policy, and education;
- Building a community of interdisciplinary researchers, clinicians, policymakers and administrators interested in advancing health services research issues (such as practice, education, and others) that are important to nurses and patients; and
- Facilitating the development of nurses and others in the conduct of health services research and the use of health services research methods.

All topics related to IRGNI's focus are welcome. Interdisciplinary research is of particular interest.

There are three components to the call for abstracts:

- **Podium Presentations:** Each podium presentation will be followed by an interactive session of questions and answers which will be moderated. Only completed research will be considered for podium presentations.
- **Poster Presentations:** Poster presentations may be either completed research or research in progress.
- **New Investigator Award:** An award will be given to recognize exceptional scholarship by an IRGNI member who is less than five years post doctorate degree. Awardees must be in attendance at the IRGNI meeting.

**Criteria for evaluating submissions:**

Submissions will undergo a blind peer review and will be evaluated based on the following:

- Focus on health services research related to nursing;
- Rigorous methodology that is well suited to the research question;
- Significance to theory, application to health services management, policy, or clinical practice;
- Innovation in terms of topic, method, or application; and
- Clearly stated policy implications.



**To be considered for presentation, abstracts must be submitted by January 11, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. E.T.** We encourage you to submit early to ensure prompt confirmation and processing.

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**Call for Abstracts**  
**2018 Long-Term Services and Supports Pre-Conference Session**  
**June 23, 2018, 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Seattle, Washington**

**Submission Deadline: Friday, January 11, 2018**

The mission of the Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Interest Group is to foster the development of the evidence base needed for policy and practice to meet the growing need for supportive services to individuals of all ages who live with chronic and disabling conditions. The group focuses on a life-span approach toward providing supportive services to individuals, their families, and paid service providers, regardless of setting.

**Call for Abstracts:**

The call for abstracts offers researchers, policymakers, and practitioners the opportunity to present and discuss research on topics that may not be featured during the ARM and in a more in-depth manner than typical ARM presentations allow. Incorporating feedback from 2016 and 2017, the model for the meeting focuses on attracting the best research currently being conducted on LTSS issues across the continuum of care, and providing ample time for presentation and discussion of each paper. The agenda will feature a panel of paper presentations with discussants, a poster session with assigned faculty member discussants and networking breaks to allow individual discussion.

**To be considered for presentation, abstracts must be submitted by January 11, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. E.T.**

**We encourage you to submit early to ensure prompt confirmation and processing. Abstracts that are not selected for oral presentation may be selected for poster presentations.**

For more information about the call for abstracts, please visit the Interest Group tab on the ARM website at <http://www.academyhealth.org/arm> or contact AcademyHealth, at [interest.group@academyhealth.org](mailto:interest.group@academyhealth.org).

**Criteria for evaluating:**

Submissions will undergo a blind peer review and will be evaluated by the following:

- Importance of the topic for advancing long-term services and supports research;
- Appropriateness of techniques and methods;
- Quality and originality;
- Policy and practice implications;
- Clarity of writing and presentation; and
- Indication that the research will be completed in time.

In choosing among the best abstracts we will also consider how the topics complement one another and provide an array of issues of interest to members.

**Student Travel Award:**

The LTSS IG will provide a travel award to the top abstract submitted by a student.

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**Call for Abstracts**  
**2018 Oral Health Interest Group Inaugural Pre-Conference Session**  
**June 23, 2018, 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Seattle, WA**

**Submission Deadline: Thursday, January 11, 2018**

**Call for Abstracts:**

Academy Health this year has launched a new Interest Group focusing on Oral Health. We are seeking abstracts to be considered for presentation at the inaugural Oral Health Pre-Conference Session to be held during the Academy Health Annual Research Meeting in 2018. This meeting is a unique opportunity for researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to share their latest research in health policy. As oral health is vital to physical, social, emotional and economic well-being, so too is health services research that relates to oral health. The pre-conference session will provide a fantastic opportunity for a deep dive into how oral health care be included in mainstream health services research.

Academy Health is seeking submissions for oral presentations as well as posters under several broad topics in oral health:

- Oral health disparities, including oral health status, access to care, dental care use
- Social determinants of health and how they impact oral health
- Health workforce policy and its impact on access to dental care
- Medicaid policy and oral health, including for both children and adults
- Medicare policy and oral health
- Integration of oral health services within ACOs
- Linkages between oral health and systemic disease outcomes
- Innovations in oral health care delivery and financing

Abstracts do not need to focus only on oral health. In fact, the Oral Health Interest Group is interested in research examining oral health within the context of broader health care services.

**To be considered for presentation, abstracts must be submitted by January 11, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. E.T.**

**Evaluation Criteria**

Submissions will undergo a blind peer review and will be evaluated by the following:

- Importance of the topic for advancing health services research;
- Appropriateness of techniques and methods;
- Quality and originality;
- Policy and practice implications; and
- Clarity of writing and presentation.

Abstracts that are not selected for oral presentation may be selected for poster presentations.

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**Call for Abstracts**  
**2018 Public Health Systems Research Pre-Conference Session**  
**June 23, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Seattle**

**Submission Deadline: January 11, 2018**

Public Health Systems Research (PHSR) provides information about the infrastructure of public health — its organization, workforce, financing and management —and its role within the broader health system. PHSR's evidence-based research and practices allow public health practitioners and policymakers to make informed decisions about improving the public health system and, ultimately, to improve the health of the population. With unprecedented interest in improving population health from across multiple sectors, the potential for PHSR to inform policy and practice has never been greater.

The goal of the PHSR Interest Group (IG) Pre-Conference Session is to share the most rigorous scientific research with PHSR researchers and practitioners. The IG welcomes research that investigates linkages between public health system inputs and population health outcomes and/or demonstrates innovation in its methodological approach.

**Call for Abstracts:**

The PHSR IG is especially interested in abstracts for the 2018 IG session that focus on:

- Public health system-wide integration and/or cross-sector collaborations and their respective impacts on population health outcomes. Specific examples, include: generation of evidence-based practices for integration or collaboration, empirical tests of integration or collaboration, modeling of integration or collaboration impacts, or conceptual frameworks for service coordination and integration.
- Building public health system resilience, especially in relation to preparedness for, response to, and recovery from disaster.
- Evaluating local, state, or federal policies aimed at improving the public health system, social determinants of health, population health outcomes, and/or health equity.
- Emerging threats to population health, such as opioid misuse or drug overdoses, and the subsequent prioritization of public health responses.
- Methodologies, including quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods approaches, for measuring public health system-wide integration and/or cross-sector collaborations.

**Criteria for Evaluating Submissions:**

Submissions will undergo a blind peer review and will be evaluated by the following criteria:

- Quality and originality;
- Use of rigorous research methods;
- Policy relevance;
- Implications for practice;
- Timeliness;
- Clarity of writing and presentation;
- Completed or nearly completed research.

In choosing among the best abstracts we will also consider how the topics complement one another and provide an array of issues of interest to members.

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**Call for Abstracts**  
**2018 Quality and Value Interest Group (QVIG) Pre-Conference Session**  
**June 23, 2018, 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Seattle**

**Submissions Deadline: January 11, 2018**

**Call for Abstracts:**

The AcademyHealth Quality and Value Interest Group (QVIG) is seeking abstracts to be considered for **rapid fire (3 min) presentations** at a separate moderated session to be held prior to the AcademyHealth Research Meeting. Each presenter will give a 3-minute presentation – we recommend 15 slides with 15 seconds per slide -- followed by a general Q&A with the audience.

We are looking for presentations that will promote dissemination and implementation of cutting edge Quality and Value (QV) research across a wide range of stakeholders and settings, inform policy discussions, and/or feature new and innovative approaches to Quality and Value evidence generation. ***Students and new professionals in the field are particularly encouraged to apply.***

**Topics:**

All topics related to health care quality and value are welcome, but ***this year's specific themes*** will include:

- Using innovations in health care quality, value and delivery research to inform practice change
- Patient/consumer/stakeholder engagement in generating Quality and Value evidence
- Patient/consumer use of quality information to make healthcare decisions
- Value frameworks and their impact on medical decision-making and access to new technology
- Value-based purchasing and other value-based care payment and delivery models
- New models for, and implementation of, patient safety and quality improvement
- Innovations and advancements in quality measurement
- Innovations in building or enhancing the learning health system

**Criteria for evaluating:**

Submissions will undergo a blind peer review process and will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Importance of the topic for advancing Quality and Value research;
- Appropriateness of techniques and methods;
- Quality and originality;
- Clarity of writing and presentation.



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**Call for Abstracts**  
**2018 State Health Research and Policy Pre-Conference Session**  
**June 23, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Seattle, WA**

**Submissions Deadline: January 11, 2018**

The State Health Research and Policy Interest Group Meeting's Call for Abstracts offers researchers, policymakers, and practitioners the opportunity to share recent state-level research and policy developments regarding coverage and access, the challenges of financing and payment reform, and the organization and delivery of care – all with an emphasis on the unique challenges of working within a state policy and political environment.

**Call for Abstracts:**

Abstracts that demonstrate novel approaches to addressing state policy research needs, effective strategies for collaborating with state agencies and policy decision makers, and promising strategies for translating research to policy are also sought. Additionally, the Interest Group is seeking abstracts that focus on various data/methods approaches applied to state-level research and that address the broader policy issues outlined below. Finally, we welcome abstracts that communicate successful strategies, as well as those which critically analyze sub-optimal approaches, but offer useful lessons and highlight opportunities for improvement.

A full list of the Interest Groups can be found on the AcademyHealth [website](#); this listing can help ensure that abstracts are submitted to the Interest Group that most aligns with the abstract subject matter (for example, population health focused abstracts submitted to the Public Health Systems Research Interest Group may be most strategically aligned with that group's research priorities).

Research and policy papers of particular interest include those that address:

- 1) Coverage/access,
- 2) Payment reform/incentive realignment, or
- 3) Delivery system transformation/quality improvement.

Studies that address overarching areas of focus will be considered as well. The following are examples of topic areas:

**Coverage/Access:**

- Capacity issues related to implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), including workforce, governance, and equitable distribution of resources.
- Health insurance marketplace design and implementation issues, including the experiences of state-based marketplaces or the federally facilitated marketplace, information technology and website issues, the role of marketplace and health plan design in consumer plan selection, coordination with Medicaid, and streamlined eligibility determinations via SNAP or other programs.

- The use of survey, administrative and consumer data in ACA outreach, enrollment and evaluation.
- Impact of ACA insurance market reforms, including 2010 reforms (e.g., allowing dependents to remain on their parents' coverage until age 26) and 2014 reforms (e.g., Essential Health Benefit designs; premium rate analyses; marketplace competition; adverse selection).
- Impact of changes to Medicaid and CHIP programs including eligibility determination processes, benefit designs, and continuity of care and coverage issues.
- Alternative benefit designs in public programs or private insurance markets which improve quality, contain costs or incentivize changes in behavior by consumers, providers and health plans.
- Relationships among coverage levels, access to care, and individual and population health.
- Impact of ACA outreach, education and marketing campaigns on coverage.
- Studies that encompass overarching topics (see below).

#### **Payment Reform/Incentive Realignment:**

- Potential policy levers available to states to facilitate the implementation of new payment models.
- Policy and implementation issues related to decisions around structuring various payment methodologies including episode/condition-based bundled payment, a shared savings payment model, and total-cost-of-care payments.
- Early lessons from state-level payment reform models, including state-private collaboration.
- Lessons learned from Medicare/Medicaid duals alignment demonstrations.
- Development and implementation of quality metrics that should be included in a new payment structure to ensure provision of appropriate levels of care.
- Policy, process and implementation issues related to facilitating multi-payer payment reforms.
- Development and implementation of payment and incentive options to decrease rates of preventable admissions/readmissions/emergency room use or incentivize other desirable outcomes.
- Lessons learned from State Innovation Model (SIM) or other CMMI grants.
- Studies that encompass overarching topics (see below).

#### **Delivery System Transformation/Quality Improvement:**

- Strategies to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of primary/preventive care, chronic care management, and care coordination (e.g., medical homes or other models of improved primary care delivery, integrated care delivery models, ACOs).
- Innovations designed to improve patient safety and reduce medical errors.
- State strategies to better integrate behavioral health services with physical health.

- Efforts to innovate state Medicaid programs to improve quality and transform care delivery (including those related to Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment [DSRIP] waivers).
- State efforts to design and implement all-payer claims databases, and how those data are collected and used to influence and inform state health policy.
- Innovative use of information technologies to improve service delivery, deliver feedback to providers, and for public reporting including the use of electronic health records and health information exchange.
- Studies that encompass overarching topics (see below).

**Overarching:**

- State efforts to address the social determinants of health, or encourage a culture of health, by bridging health care and the additional factors that influence population health, such as housing, education, economic conditions, and the physical environment.
- State efforts to address various aspects of health care coverage and care delivery that are specific to rural and frontier geographic areas (e.g., workforce capacity/ provider mix; access to services; telemedicine).
- Studies of state health care reform efforts, including best practices to engage communities and the political process of reform.
- Evaluations of states' efforts to implement federal waiver programs, such as 1115 Demonstration Waivers, and their impact on expanding coverage, improving access to care, and transforming delivery systems.

**Criteria for Evaluating Submissions:**

All abstracts will undergo blind peer review and will be evaluated using the following:

1. Importance of the topic for advancing state health policy related to coverage/ access, delivery system transformation/quality improvement, or payment reform/incentive realignments;
2. Suitability for the State Health Research and Policy Interest Group's areas of focus;
3. Applicability across states;
4. Implications of research, or examples of how research has been incorporated into state health policy;
5. Quality and originality;
6. Clarity of writing and presentation;
7. Appropriateness of techniques and methods; and
8. Assurance that, at a minimum, preliminary results will be available at the time of the June meeting. (NOTE: If results are not available at time of submission, the abstract must include a timeline describing when data will be collected, analyzed and available for presentation.)

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Abstracts that are not selected for oral presentation will be considered for poster presentation. Notifications will be sent in March.

**More information:**

The State Health Research and Policy Pre-Conference Session is a one-day meeting featuring plenary and poster sessions on topics of interest to state-level researchers, policymakers, and practitioners. For more information about the call for abstracts, please visit the Interest Group tab on the ARM [website](#) or contact AcademyHealth, at [interest.group@academyhealth.org](mailto:interest.group@academyhealth.org).

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**Call for Abstracts**  
**2018 Surgical and Perioperative Care Pre-Conference Session**  
**June 23, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Seattle, WA**

**Submission Deadline: Thursday, January 11, 2018**

**Call for Abstracts:**

The Surgical and Perioperative Care Interest Group is seeking abstracts to be considered for oral presentations and poster presentations of completed work at the IG's annual meeting.

In addition to traditional abstracts, given the success of our 2017 Works in Progress session, we again seek proposals from investigators who have started, but not yet completed, investigations into perioperative care and outcomes.

Top abstracts will be selected for oral presentations, while a poster session will provide an opportunity for those new to this interest group area to share their work. Poster topics may have been presented at other regional or national meetings.

Abstracts from surgeons, anesthesiologists, hospitalists, perioperative nursing, health services research, or related clinical areas are all encouraged. Residents, fellows, and junior faculty are particularly encouraged to apply.

**To be considered for presentation, abstracts must be submitted by January 11, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. E.T.** If you have questions, please contact AcademyHealth at [interest.group@academyhealth.org](mailto:interest.group@academyhealth.org).

**Criteria for Evaluating Submissions:**

Submissions will undergo a blind peer review by the Advisory Committee and will be evaluated by the following criteria:

- Quality and originality;
- Appropriateness and/or novelty of analytic methods;
- Implications for the delivery of surgical and perioperative care; and
- Clarity of writing and presentation.

**Topics:**

All research focusing on surgical quality, outcomes, workforce issues, and related health policy will be welcomed.

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**Submission Deadline: January 11, 2018**

The 2018 Translation and Communications Interest Group (IG) Pre-Conference Session will be held on June 23, 2018, the day prior to the AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. The program for the IG meeting is developed by volunteer members of the IG Advisory Committee who are conducting this Call for Abstracts.

**Brief Description of IG Meeting Format:**

The goal of this IG meeting is to offer members a focused environment to learn about research and training related to translation, dissemination, implementation, and impact. Attendees will hear from an array of experts, share leading research and resources related to the translation, communication, and implementation of health services research, receive an IG update from the advisory committee, learn about opportunities to engage with the IG, and network with one another.

**Call for Abstracts:**

The Translation and Communications IG Pre-Conference Session Call for Abstracts offers researchers the opportunity to present practical and innovative ways to understand, translate, and communicate health services research findings to meet the needs of various audiences. The Translation and Communications IG invites submission of abstracts for panel or individual presentations, and poster presentations. Submitted abstracts will undergo blind peer review by a committee of volunteers.

We invite abstracts that focus on the description or evaluation of any of the following four areas:

- New methods of communicating or disseminating research to improve its understanding, uptake, application and impact;
- Innovative strategies for engaging diverse stakeholders to improve the adoption and/or implementation of research into policy or practice;
- Ways in which research is translated, modified, and adapted to fit the needs of practice and policy stakeholders and their unique contexts;
- Training and/or professional opportunities to improve the translation and communication skills of researchers and/or other stakeholders.

We are particularly interested in presentations that relate to today's rapidly changing healthcare environment and highlight areas of interest to patients, providers, and policymakers such as value-based care, patient engagement, population health research, and behavioral insights into policy.



## Criteria for Evaluating Submissions

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1. Relevance of the topic for translation, communication, dissemination, and/or implementation;
2. Quality and originality;
3. Policy timeliness;
4. Clarity of writing and presentation;
5. Appropriateness of techniques and methods; and
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