Thank you for your participation in the call for abstracts. In order to submit an abstract for review, you must read and agree to the following Abstract Submission, Review, and Selection Criteria Terms and Conditions.

**Deadline for submissions**
ALL submissions must be completed by 11:59 p.m. ET on August 26, 2015. No new submissions or edits will be accepted after the deadline.

**NEW** ~ Do not submit abstracts on behalf of someone else. **Everyone listed on the abstract submission will be expected to attend the conference as a presenter, including the person submitting the abstract.** They must complete required paperwork and register for the conference and are responsible for all costs, including registration fees, associated with their participation in the event.

**Do not enter names of coauthors on your abstract.** Presenters are welcome to thank contributors on their poster or slides, but ANCC will not list them in the conference program.

**A maximum of four presenters may be listed per abstract.**

**Once an abstract is accepted for presentation, changes to this list of presenters may not be made.** Presenters cannot be added, and substitutions will not be accepted.

**Who may submit abstracts?**
- Those employed by a Pathway® designated organization at the time of submission.
- Researchers or educators working in partnership with a Pathway organization. The presentation must include a representative from the credentialed organization.
- Abstract submissions in support of the Pathway to Excellence® and Pathway to Excellence Long Term Care® standards by those other than Pathway to Excellence organizations. Submissions may not be from groups or persons with commercial interests.

All selections will be made based on merit, with additional consideration given to those from Pathway to Excellence or Pathway to Excellence Long Term Care organizations. There is no limit on the number of abstracts that may be submitted by one person or organization.

**Submission requirements**
- Abstracts must be 250 words or less, exclusive of footnoted references.
- Abstracts must be blinded—all references to the organizations and/or authors by name must be omitted from the title, program description, and body of the abstract in order to ensure a fair, unbiased review process.
- Abstracts that have been submitted or presented elsewhere are not automatically rejected; however, we do ask when and where the material has been submitted or presented on the submission form.
- Abstracts must be submitted under one of four conference learning objectives.

**After participation in this conference, attendees will be able to:**
1. Create a culture where engaged interprofessional teams thrive.
2. Incorporate best practices to support interprofessional collaboration.
3. Explore evidence-based practices and innovation to improve quality of care.
4. Discuss how effective leadership promotes settings where nurses feel supported.

**Poster vs. Podium abstract submissions**

**DO NOT submit the same abstract twice—once as a podium and once as a poster.** Doing so will not increase your odds of being accepted. When duplicate submissions are found, one of the two will be deleted. Instead, choose podium, poster, or either.
Presenter requirements
If accepted for presentation, all abstract presenters must:

- Submit required forms in electronic format as directed by the deadlines given.
- **Register for and attend the conference.** Unfortunately, ANCC is unable to discount or waive registration costs for presenters.
- Assume all costs related to travel, accommodations, and registration.

**Poster presenters will be required to:**
- Submit the **final** electronic version of the poster in PDF format by February 28, 2016. Once the final version of the presentation is submitted and approved, no changes can be made.
- Bring their poster to the conference for display.
- Be present to answer questions during designated times as part of the conference continuing education program.

**Podium presenters will be required to:**
- Speak for 50 minutes *minimum*, followed by 10 minutes of Q&A. All sessions must be 60 minutes in total length in order to fulfill CE requirements.
- Submit the **final** version of their slide presentation by February 28, 2016.

**Review and Selection**
Each abstract will be evaluated through a **blinded, peer review** process by members of the Continuing Education Advisory Taskforce and ANCC staff. Abstracts will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Presentation of Abstract: grammar, spelling, clarity
- Content: substantive, current, of interest to potential attendees, outcomes presented
- Relevance to Pathway to Excellence®
- Relevance to the conference learning objectives

**Acceptance**
Notification of abstract selection or non-selection status will be sent via e-mail in October 2015. **Please be sure that the email address provided in the submission process is valid, that it contains no typographical errors, and that your system settings allow you to received mail from this system.** **We strongly urge you to send yourself a test email from the log-in page of the abstract submission site.** If you do not receive notification of acceptance or rejection for your abstract by October 31, 2015, please send an email enquiry to conference staff at pteconabstract@ana.org.