NOHC — National Oral Health Conference — THE PREMIER MEETING FOR DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

AAPHD — AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH DENTISTRY

The National Oral Health Conference is presented by:
American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD) &
Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD)

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CALL FOR 60 AND 90-MINUTE SEMINARS
2026 National Oral Health Conference®
Location: Oklahoma City, OK
Seminars: 13 - 15, 2026

The **2026 National Oral Health Conference**® will mark the 27th joint meeting of the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) and the American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD). The Planning Committee for the **2026 NOHC®** invites proposals for **60-minute and 90-minute** seminars addressing the following areas related to dental public health:

- medical/dental integration
- person-centered care
- oral health programs/practices/health promotion
- new and emerging research in oral health
- policy/advocacy
- surveillance/epidemiology
- social drivers of oral health
- health equity/justice
- diversity/inclusion
- global oral health

Seminars can be scheduled at any time during the 2026 NOHC (April 13 - 15), therefore, presenters must be available during these days. In addition, all presenters and moderators are required to register to attend the conference for, at a minimum, the day they present or moderate.

Before beginning the submission process, please review the guidelines and components of the submission process listed on the following pages.

Please note this invitation is not for the *short 15-minute oral presentations, poster abstracts, short oral presentations or the AAPHD Student Merit Awards*

Important Dates to Note:
- **September 19, 2025** - Deadline to submit abstracts for 60- and 90-minute seminars. Site closes at 11:45 pm EASTERN
- **October 2025** - Notifications emailed to Abstract Submitter
- March 1, 2026 - Deadline for presenters and moderators to register for the conference. All presenters and moderators MUST register to attend on at least the day they present.

Submission Guidelines for Seminars

I. Submission Guidelines

- Abstracts must be submitted electronically by visiting the NOHC Abstract Submission Site. *No manual submissions will be accepted.*

- Be sure to complete all the submission tasks – You may save your submission and return to the form as needed until the deadline. However, a submission is not considered complete if you do not complete all tasks. A green checkmark will be shown once a task is completed. This includes contact information and credentials for all speakers. *Only completed submissions will be reviewed by the Planning Committee.*

- It is the responsibility of the person submitting the abstract (Abstract Submitter) to verify the correct spelling and email address for all presenters' and moderators' email addresses when the abstract is submitted. NOHC is not responsible if speakers or moderators do not receive email communications as a result of an incorrect email address provided during the submission.

- Proposals must be submitted by ***11:45 pm EDT, September 19, 2025.*** No exceptions. Notification of selection will be made in October. Any questions may be directed to the NOHC office at abstracts@nationalhealthconference.com

- We recommend that you print a copy of your abstract for your records.

II. Educational Session Formats

60-minute Seminars

*A 60-minute seminar should **address one critical issue, technique, or model** in a clear and concise manner that is easy for the audience to understand. This seminar may present the topic in broad overview or focus in more detail on no more than three aspects of the topic. It should not attempt to cover "A to Z" for any subject. There should be no more than two (2) speakers. At least 10-15 minutes should be dedicated to Q&A from the participants. Introductions and Q and A will be facilitated by a moderator.*

Additional information for 60-minute seminars:

- No more than **two (2)** speakers and one (1) moderator are permitted per 60-minute seminar.

- The Abstract Submitter is responsible for making sure *all* slide sets are uploaded by the deadline (to be determined later) **and** that *all* slide sets are uploaded to the AV provider site in advance of the meeting.

- All sessions are required to have a "moderator" listed. **The moderator cannot also be a speaker.**

- The room will be set theater style and have a standard AV setup. If anything besides the standard AV set up is requested, requests must be received by January 15, 2026 and the presenters may be charged for any additional AV equipment they request.

90-minute Seminars

A 90-minute seminar provides the audience with an opportunity to delve more deeply into a topic than possible during a 60-minute seminar. The audience will learn about an issue (or a set of closely related issues) that is of immediate relevance and importance to the dental public health community. A 90-minute seminar should address the details of one or more solutions, techniques, or models that are innovative or based on current best practices. At least 15 minutes should be dedicated to Q&A from the participants. Introductions and Q & A will be facilitated by a moderator and administered using the NOHC App.

Additional information for 90-minute seminars:

- No more than **three (3)** speakers and one (1) moderator are permitted per 90-minute seminar.

- All sessions are required to have a "moderator" listed. **The moderator cannot also be a speaker.**

- The Abstract Submitter is responsible for making sure <u>all</u> slide sets are uploaded by the deadline <u>and</u> that <u>all</u> slide sets are uploaded to the AV provider site by the date it is due.

- The room will be set theater style and a standard AV set up. If anything besides the standard AV set up is requested, requests must be received by January 15, 2026 and the presenters may be charged for any additional AV equipment they request.

III. Components for Submissions

For all abstracts, the following tasks must be addressed for the submission to be considered complete:

1. **Title of overall session**. *Limit 100 characters not including spaces*. **Titles should be entered in title case format, i.e., the first letter of each word is capitalized unless it is an article or preposition. DO NOT USE all capital letters in the title.** (Title Case Converter)

2. **Abstract Submitter.** The *Abstract Submitter (AS)* is the person who submits the abstract and who will receive all correspondence regarding the online submission. This person is also responsible for ensuring speakers complete all tasks in a timely manner.

   Responsibilities include:

   - Working with all speakers involved in developing the sessions.
   - Communicating and sharing NOHC-related emails with all speakers involved in the session.
   - Must notify NOHC staff immediately, in writing, of any changes to the speaker lineup and provide appropriate contact information for the replacement speaker.
   - If the session is accepted, the Abstract Submitter (AS) is responsible for:
     - notifying all speakers of the date and time of the session and confirming their participation.
     - ensuring that all speakers are registered for the session by the required due date.
     - ensuring that each confirmed speaker completes the tasks required in Cadmium to be in compliance with ADA CERP and AGD Pace requirements by required due date; and
     - ensuring that <u>all</u> slide sets are uploaded to the AV provider, *Animatics*, by the required due date.

3. **Session Description.** *Limit 150 words.* This is a brief narrative of the proposed session and includes the purpose, goals, and content of the session.

4. **Learning objectives**. *Three to five educational learning objectives must be included*. Learning objectives should identify expected learner outcomes. Examples of types of learning objective verbs, provided by the American Dental Association in conjunction with the ADA CERP program, may include but not be limited to the following:

Recognize
Define
Describe
Identify
Demonstrate
Draw
Communicate
Explain
Discuss
Summarize
Use
Interpret

Speaker Contact Information. All speaker contact information must be completed in the Seminar abstract. For each speaker, please provide the following information:

- Speaker's name
- Job title
- Organization
- Street address, city, state, zip code
- Email address
- Cellular telephone number
- Credentials (e.g., professional degrees, clinical degrees). *Please limit to 3 credentials*. If speaker does not have any credentials, indicate "None"
- Has the speaker been contacted: Yes or No?

5. **Session Moderator.** The Session Moderator is the person who will introduce the speakers and moderate the questions and comments that come through the app's Audience Response System (ARS) during the session. **A Moderator CANNOT also be a Session Speaker**. **Moderators must register to attend the conference on at least the day they will be moderating**. Responsibilities include:

- Accessing the conference mobile app
- Introducing speakers and sharing room announcements with attendees
- Monitor questions as they are entered into the app by attendees.
- Monitor the speaker's time and keep the session on time.

Moderators will be provided with written instructions on how to do the tasks listed above using the tablet that will be on the podium, on the stage, in the room in which the session they are moderating will be held.

All moderator's contact information must be completed in the Seminar abstract:
- Moderator's name
- Job title
- Organization
- Street address, city, state, zip code
- Email address
- Cellular telephone number
- Credentials (e.g. professional degrees, clinical degrees). *Please limit to 3 credentials*. If speaker

does not have any credentials, indicate "None"
  - ○ Has the moderator been contacted: Yes or No?

6. **Selection of Primary and Secondary Track.** Please select a primary and secondary topic area: medical/dental integration; oral health programs/practices/health promotion; new and emerging research in oral health; policy/advocacy; surveillance/epidemiology; social determinants of oral health; diversity/equity/inclusion; global oral health, or none of the above. *Selection of "none of the above" does not have an impact on the selection process.*

7. **Approval**. Agree to the statement regarding notification to the speakers and moderator.

8. **Audio/Visual Information:**
   - Speakers must agree to work with NOHC's audio visual company, Animatic Media. The cost of adding A/V other than what NOHC provides may require sponsorship/financial support from the speaker or organization requesting additional A/V. For each session (concurrent seminar) NOHC will supply a standard AV package: one (1) stand up or table podium, one (1) lavalier or lapel type microphone, one (1) podium microphone, one (1) screen, one (1) laptop computer, one (1) LCD projector and one (1) table for materials.

   - Internet access for speakers is also available at no additional charge. Please note that wireless internet is not guaranteed for all attendees in session rooms. Each session room will have an audio-visual technician available to assist with sound and projection.

   - *Please note*: If other A/V is requested, you will need to contact Leticia Harnung at meeting@nationaloralhealthconference.com January 15, 2026 to determine availability and approximate cost.

IV. Conference Registration and Fees
- All speakers and moderators **MUST** register online for the conference and pay the appropriate conference registration fee, even if they are only attending the day of their presentation.

V. Scoring Criteria

Each abstract is reviewed and scored by a 12 member NOHC Program Committee comprised of six individuals representing ASTDD and 6 individuals representing AAPHD. Each reviewer will score every abstract on the following criteria. An average score is calculated for each submission and the reviewers then go through the scoresheet to make their final decision.

Q1: Importance/Relevance: How important/relevant is the presentation to the AAPHD and ASTDD memberships? Please choose a score from the list below:
5 - Excellent
4 - Good
3 - Average
2 - Poor
1 - Very poor
0 – Unacceptable

Q2: Conduct: How well-described is the research, program evaluation, community-based intervention, or partnership? Please choose a score from the list below:

5 - Excellent
4 - Good
3 - Average
2 - Poor
1 - Very poor
0 - Unacceptable

Q3: Innovation: How original or innovative is the research, program, evaluation, community-based intervention, or partnership? Please choose a score from the list below:

5 - Excellent
4 - Good
3 - Average
2 - Poor
1 - Very poor
0 – Unacceptable

VI. <u>Speaker Funding Guidelines</u>

Funds are **<u>not</u>** available through NOHC, ASTDD or AAPHD to support speaker's and moderator's travel unless a session is directly sponsored by one of the host organizations. The Abstract Submitter (AS) may solicit sponsorship to support speaker travel; however, acknowledgement for such sponsorship must be coordinated with NOHC staff to meet ADA CERP compliance standards.

VII. <u>Special consideration will be given to proposed sessions:</u>

- With speakers who have not presented at the two most recent NOHC's
- Featuring innovative models or ideas.