

**CHECKLIST** (prior to Conference)

**NOTE: It is recommended to print the blank submission form to review prior to completing. Once you have started the application it cannot be saved. All information entered will be deleted.**

1. Each author must provide **Conflict of Interest information** to be included as part of the abstract submission. The PRIMARY submitting author is responsible for gathering this information **before** starting the submission process.

Information that is important to disclose includes:

- Relationships with any commercial interest of the individual's spouse/partner.
  - Evidence of a relevant relationship with a commercial interest may include, but is not limited to, receiving a salary, royalty, intellectual property rights, consulting fee, honoraria, ownership interest (stock and stock options, excluding diversified mutual funds), grants, contracts, or other financial benefit directly or indirectly from the commercial interest.
  - Financial benefits may be associated with employment, management positions, independent contractor relationships, other contractual relationships, consulting, speaking, teaching, membership on an advisory committee or review panel, board membership, and other activities from which remuneration is received or expected from the commercial interest.
  - If the research, or costs of producing the content to be used in this activity, was partially or fully funded by a commercial interest. This includes in-kind donations, travel expenses, production of posters, handouts, etc.
2. Complete and submit the online **Abstract Submission Form** on the SER of the WOCN® website by **midnight EDT of May 23, 2023**. For successful submission of your abstract, please ensure that your abstract meets the following qualifications:
- Poster / abstract may have been previously presented at other conferences, however **not** at any SER of the WOCN® Society conferences.
  - Limited to 300 words or less.
  - Contains no brand names within the body of the document. Brand names may, however, be referenced in the footnotes.
  - Contains no references to your place of employment or location by name. Only generic language is acceptable. For example:
    - **Incorrect:** Spring Valley Veteran's Association (VA) Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina
    - **Correct:** A large VA system in the Southeast
  - No company product information may be displayed or disseminated in conjunction with the abstract or poster presentation. If the cost of a presentation has been underwritten to any extent, a disclosure stating the support and identifying the source will be required at the time of the abstract submission and will be required with the poster presentation (e.g., "The support of [Corporation or Institution] for this project is gratefully acknowledged.").
  - Copyrights/Patents & Attribution: Please provide appropriate symbols and references and secure all permissions if dealing with copyrighted material and/or patents. This is solely the author(s) responsibility to secure these permissions. The SER of the WOCN® has no responsibility whatsoever in securing these permissions. Please give credit to all references used in the development of the abstract/poster. Oversight of reference may result in abstract/poster rejection.
  - Abstracts must reflect COMPLETED work, not anticipated work. Incomplete results would result in rejection. Content of the abstract should include only information that is vital to describe the project.

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- The Case Series category requires at least 3 cases but could include more. It would be considered RARE to submit a one case scenario unless the condition or research is especially unique. This would indicate the condition is so very rare, or the solution so groundbreaking, it has not been previously discussed.
  - Use appropriate and standardized terms. For example, use “WOC nurse” in lieu of “CWOCN” or “WOCN”, “SER of the WOCN®” or “WOCN®” in lieu of “SER” or “WOCN”.
- 3. For an abstract to be considered ready for committee review, ensure the following are complete:
- All final edits have been completed. We will not accept multiple revisions.
  - Proper credentialing must be supplied for all authors. Correct credentialing order is: name, highest educational degree, national certifications followed by national honors: For example: Janet Smith, MSN, RN, CWOCN
  - All contributing authors are listed upon initial submission. Once the abstract is submitted, no other authors may be added, and no edits may be made unless requested by the committee.
  - Before submitting the abstract, ask someone to independently review it for grammar, spelling, and clarity of communication of the information. Be concise - the abstract is an eagle’s eye overview of the work. It is the commercial to make the reader understand what is included and what the topic is about.
  - Once received, the abstract and disclosure information will be blinded in preparation for committee review.
  - Anticipate your abstract will be accepted and complete your conference registration early. One of the authors will be expected to register and pay for the full conference (pre-conference is not required) upon notification of acceptance of the abstract. Paid registration serves to confirm your attendance and ability to present a poster.
- 4. You will be contacted via email by the Director of Special Projects, Amy Armstrong, MSN, RN, CWOCN, CNL with notification of acceptance, rejection, or if revisions are needed. You will be notified within approximately two weeks of abstract submission receipt. ***(These timelines will shrink substantially for posters submitted near the deadline.)***
- If/when your abstract is accepted: Proceed to Step 5 below.
  - If your abstract was returned to you for revisions: Repeat Steps 2 and 3 above. Your final revision must be submitted by **midnight EDT, June 11, 2023** for committee consideration of the abstract. Updates /corrections submitted after this date will **not** be considered.
  - Approved abstracts will be printed in the Conference Program book.
- 5. Submit a PDF (or PowerPoint) copy of your poster to [manager@serwocn.org](mailto:manager@serwocn.org) by **midnight EDT of July 2, 2023**. If you have any problems submitting your file, please contact Cathy Womack at [manager@serwocn.org](mailto:manager@serwocn.org). Files received after this date will be ineligible for judging and potential cash awards, however may still be presented.

### REQUIREMENTS AT CONFERENCE:

- 6. The opening day of conference:
- Posters will be displayed outside of general sessions area in the lobby.
  - Hang your poster no earlier than 3:00 PM the afternoon of Thursday, August 24, 2023 and no later than 4:00 PM that afternoon.
  - Place your poster on the assigned poster board. Poster assignments will be on the individual boards so look for your assigned board. Boards are assigned in the order of abstract receipt.
  - Your poster should not be any larger than 3.5 x 7.5 feet.
  - Pushpins will be provided to hang your poster. If you prefer another method, you will need to supply it.

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- Handouts are neither required nor recommended. All posters will be available online for attendees to download and/or print during and after conference.
  - A member of the Poster Committee will be available to assist you with locating your board and hanging your poster.
  - We do not have space to store your poster tubes – keep them in your hotel room.
- 7. Bring only one poster per abstract submission. Cash prizes and certificates of awards will be presented to poster winners at the Awards Meeting so plan to attend! For any award of \$600 or greater, you will need to complete a W-9 form before the award is paid. This is an IRS requirement, and we will provide the form onsite.
- Cash awards available as follows:
- **First Place: \$1000**
  - **Second Place: \$500**
  - **Third Place: \$250**
- 8. Posters are to be taken down on **Friday, August 25, 2023 by 6:15 PM.**
- You are responsible for the removal of your own poster.
  - Posters which are left up after the date/time specified above, will be discarded.
  - Please leave the pushpins on your assigned board.
- 9. Now is the time to start planning for next year:
- Do you have ideas for new research that might generate another presentation next year?
  - Consider submitting your current abstract/poster for next year's National WOCN conference, SAWC, or other professional conference.
  - Consider submitting your research in the form of an article to the JWOCN.
  - Consider submitting your research in the form of an educational presentation for the SER of the WOCN® Society website. Please contact the Director of Special Projects for more information about this option.

For questions, please use the contact forms found at: [www.serwocn.org/contactforms/contact-posters.html](http://www.serwocn.org/contactforms/contact-posters.html)

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Adapted, in part, from "WOCN Society and CAET Joint Conference Abstract Submission Instructions"