CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Academics, researchers, industry, government agencies, health care professionals, patient organizations, and other interested parties, such as students, that have conducted rare disease or orphan product research studies or public health projects relevant in rare disease are invited to submit an abstract for inclusion in the poster hall at the **National Organization for Rare Disorders'** Rare Disease and Orphan Products Breakthrough Summit taking place **October 17-18, 2022.** The NORD Summit Abstract Review Committee is interested in abstracts that highlight new research, change clinical practice, enhance patient care, or increase patient engagement or patient advocacy. The four (4) categories listed below are the focus areas for the event. Please use these as a guide as you develop your abstract for consideration of inclusion in the NORD Summit Poster Hall.

Categories

1. **Innovative Research in Rare Diseases and Orphan Products**
   Abstracts may cover any type of innovative rare disease or orphan products research, including preclinical models, clinical studies, case studies, patient-focused studies, technological, economic, or policy research as it relates to health and social issues. Also included in this theme are collaborative initiatives and centers of excellence that involve ground-breaking strategies or projects that could be useful to other groups, organizations, patients, government, academics or professionals in the rare disease and orphan product community.

2. **Medical Education Advancement in Rare Diseases and Orphan Products**
   Abstracts should cover public health awareness and education of healthcare professionals (HCPs); information exchange or training that leads to advancements in screening and/or diagnosis; or innovative models for medical education training.

3. **Patient Community Building in Rare Diseases**
   Abstracts in this theme should cover topics such as advancements in patient education; novel ways to increase patient engagement in the rare disease community; or successful models in increasing patient advocacy and awareness by leveraging technology or communications channels.

4. **Other Topics**
   These abstracts should still relate to the overall topic of rare diseases and orphan products but do not fit within the themes previously listed.

Eligibility

You may submit poster abstracts under one of the two submission groupings below:

1. Student (graduate or undergraduate)

   - Individuals submitting an abstract under the student category must be an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in a Bachelor's, Master's, PharmD or PhD (or equivalent) academic program at an accredited academic institution. *Individuals must be able to provide documentation of this enrollment upon request.*
   - The submitted research must have been conducted at an academic institution.
   - Individuals who completed a degree during the 2022 academic year may submit a student poster only if they are able to provide documentation that they were an eligible student (according to the guidelines) at the time of research.
   - All student scholarship recipients are required to submit an abstract. If you are unable to, please email education@rarediseases.org to explain.

2. Professional (post-doctoral scholars, medical residents/fellows/professionals, patient advocates/advocacy groups, government agencies and manufacturers.)

   All poster abstracts must be noncommercial and without inclusion of trade names or logo by any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing healthcare goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients. Any mention of specific products or and/or services must be limited to generic names, with no inclusion of trade names in any area of the poster, including poster titles.

Key Dates

Submission deadline via submission form	August 1, 2022
NORD notifies authors of acceptance	No later than September 1, 2022

General Requirements & Additional Information

1. All abstracts must be submitted by August 1, 2022 with no exceptions. Abstracts will only be accepted via this form.
2. Posters should include data for consideration. Preliminary and pilot data will be accepted.
3. Abstracts should be original in research, include appropriate empirical evidence, and not have been widely presented or circulated prior to the NORD conference.
4. Encore abstracts are welcome if the work does not infringe upon any copyright, proprietary or personal right of any third party.
5. Copyright issues: Speakers who use original work (pictures, charts, graphs, etc.) in their abstract must cite the original source. If authors draw heavily on another source, it is the author(s)'s

responsibility to seek and receive permission to use the material.

6. Referral to webpages or URLS may not be used in the abstract.
7. Author(s) may not submit the same abstract under more than one category. Duplicate submissions will not be accepted.
8. Author(s) may not present more than three abstracts during the NORD Summit, and each abstract must be different.

Format

Abstracts should be no more than one page, excluding space for tables and figures, and utilize the following specifications:

- Minimum font size 11
- Single-spaced rows
- One-inch margins

The following content is required:

- **Title of Abstract**

- **Authors, Institution, and Institution Location** (City, State or Province, and Country)

  o Provide all authors' names in the order in which they should be listed

- **Purpose**: Rationale of the study and/or the question addressed

- **Background**: Brief context around your study topic and why it is important

- **Methods**: Experimental approach, materials, and methods used in the study

- **Results**: Data and results obtained in the study

- **Conclusions**: Conclusions and/or implications of the results

Notification

Abstracts will be evaluated by the 2022 NORD Summit Abstract Review Committee. The main contact for each abstract will be notified by NORD staff about acceptance or non-acceptance no later than September 1, 2022. If an abstract is accepted, the main contact will be provided additional information about the poster presentation format and requirements.

Select abstracts will be chosen by the review committee for lightning presentations at the 2022 NORD Summit.

Submission of an abstract constitutes a commitment by the presenting author to present their work in the poster hall if the abstract is accepted. All additional abstract authors are encouraged to purchase a registration to attend the Summit.