



## Call for Abstracts

Academics, researchers, industry, government agencies, healthcare 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 **NORD's Rare Disease and Orphan Products Breakthrough Summit®** taking place **October 15-17, 2023**.

The NORD Summit Abstract Review Committee is interested in abstracts that highlight new research, change clinical practice, enhance patient care, address health disparities or increase patient engagement or patient advocacy. The five (5) 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. Health Equity in Rare Diseases

Abstracts in this category should include research or programming to address disparities in health as it relates to outcomes, access, and care for those living with rare diseases, particularly those from historically marginalized communities.

#### 5. 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. **Professional** (post-doctoral scholars, medical residents/fellows/professionals, patient advocates/advocacy groups, government agencies and manufacturers.)
2. **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, MD, DVM, 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 2023 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 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 <a href="#">submission form</a>	July 14, 2023
NORD Notifies Authors of Acceptance	August 15, 2023
Registration Deadline for Accepted Abstract Attendees	September 15, 2023
Deadline for Digital Version of Accepted Abstracts	September 28, 2023
NORD Summit Poster Hall Set Up	October 15, 2023

## General Requirements & Additional Information

1. All abstracts must be submitted by July 14, 2023, 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 Summit.
4. Encore abstracts are welcome if the work does not infringe upon any copyright, proprietary or personal right of any third party and so long as the data has been updated.
5. Copyright issues: Authors who use resources that are not their own (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

**Abstracts submitted with a length of longer than one page will not be reviewed and considered for inclusion in the NORD Summit poster hall.**

**The following content is required:**

- **Title of Abstract**
- **Authors, Institution, and Institution Location** (City, State or Province, and Country)
  - 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 2023 NORD Summit Abstract Review Committee. The main contact for each abstract will be notified by NORD staff about acceptance or nonacceptance **on** August 15, 2023. If an abstract is accepted, the main contact will be provided with additional information about the poster presentation format and requirements.

5 selected abstracts will be chosen by the review committee for Lightning Round oral presentations at the 2023 NORD Summit. This will afford the author 5 minutes on our main stage to share key findings of their research with our audience.

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.