



ASPHO Late-Breaking Call for Papers and Posters FAQs

➤ What is meant by the term late-breaking?

Abstracts detailing highly significant and timely findings in the pediatric hematology and oncology subspecialty that were not available at the time of the general ASPHO Conference abstract deadline will be considered for presentation at the 2026 Conference. Late-breaking abstracts highlight novel and practice-changing studies and a select number of abstracts that are deemed to be of high scientific priority will be accepted. The research must be new (data collected between July 1, 2025, and January 30, 2026) and of sufficient scientific importance to merit special consideration after the standard abstract deadline. Case reports and case series are generally not appropriate late-breaking submissions. **Submission of the same or an updated version of an abstract that was submitted in the regular ASPHO Conference call for abstracts is not permitted.** This is not to be considered an extension of the regular call for abstracts deadline, but rather an opportunity for extremely important results that can't wait to be shared with our community. Rationale for when the study and results were developed will be required in the submission to justify it as 'late-breaking'. This information will be available to reviewers and late-breaking abstracts will be peer-reviewed for scientific rigor and importance.

➤ Is there a fee to submit a late-breaking abstract?

Yes, there is a \$50.00 USD non-refundable fee for ASPHO members and a \$75.00 USD non-refundable fee for non-members for each late-breaking abstract submission, to be paid by credit card through PayPal. The fee will be collected at the end of the submission process, before the abstract can be submitted. Payment must be completed online within the system during the time of submission (payment will not be taken in any other form such as by phone or check). NOTE: Payment of the abstract fee is not the final step of submission. Once payment has been submitted there is a final "submit for review" step to complete. Your submission will not be considered 'complete/submitted for review' until the payment is processed AND the proposal is submitted, so please take this step into consideration when you submit your proposal.

➤ Will the 2026 ASPHO Conference occur in-person?

Yes, the conference will occur in-person, and all accepted late-breaking abstract presenters will be expected to deliver their paper or poster presentation in-person live in Minneapolis, MN, April 29 – May 2, 2026.

➤ What does the 400-word count include?

You are limited to 400 words total for the background, objectives, design/method, results and conclusion. It does not include title, author names, and geographical information.

➤ Should the required components of the late-breaking abstract (background, objectives, design/method, results, conclusion) be labeled with headings?

No, they will automatically fill in.

➤ Should acknowledgement of support be included in the late-breaking abstract and does it count in the word limit of 400?

Acknowledgement of support should be included, and it does count toward the 400-word limit.

➤ **Do I need to add references to my late-breaking abstract?**

References only need to be included if pertinent to the body of the late-breaking abstract itself, not for other information that might be included in the poster presentation.

➤ **Can I include any figures, graphs, or tables with my abstract?**

Yes, up to one optional figure, graph, or table (limit one) may be uploaded as an attachment as part of the abstract submission. This is not a requirement.

➤ **Are run charts required for late-breaking abstract submission or just for the final poster?**

Run charts are not required for late-breaking abstract submission, but you may include them on the final poster if it is accepted.

➤ **Is there a limit to the number of authors who can be included on a late-breaking abstract?**

No.

➤ **Is there a limit to the number of late-breaking abstracts an author may submit?**

No. There will be a \$50.00 USD non-refundable fee for ASPHO members and \$75.00 USD non-refundable fee for non-members for each late-breaking abstract submission.

➤ **Do all co-authors need to submit a conflict-of-interest form?**

No. Co-authors do not have to submit disclosures at the time of submission. The submission will be considered complete as long as it is submitted on time and the primary author/submitter completed a disclosure form.

➤ **Are encore late-breaking abstracts accepted?**

Yes, as long as the information has been updated or modified in some way from the original submission. We do not, however, accept abstracts if the material has been or is expected to be published in manuscript form before the ASPHO Conference.

➤ **Are 'trials in progress' late-breaking abstracts accepted?**

Yes, however, ASPHO does not accept late-breaking abstracts without data, therefore it is required to provide at least some data, as this is what the review committee will be assessing when ranking the late-breaking abstract. As long as the required fields (background, objectives, design/method, results, and conclusion) are completed the late-breaking abstract will be reviewed.

➤ **Can I submit the same late-breaking abstract to multiple meetings?**

As long as the other meetings occur after the ASPHO Conference, ASPHO allows you to submit to both. We recommend checking with the other organization as well to determine if they allow you to submit to multiple meetings. Previously presented or published data may be submitted; however, the late-breaking abstract should be updated or modified in some way.

➤ **When will the late-breaking abstracts for the ASPHO Conference will be published in *Pediatric Blood & Cancer*?**

They will be posted online in April.

➤ **Could someone other than one of the authors present the poster/paper at the conference?**

At least one of the authors must agree to present the poster/paper in-person at the ASPHO meeting. If you cannot guarantee one of the authors will be able to present the poster/paper, we will not accept the submission.

➤ **When will I receive notification of the committee's accept/reject decision?**

The late-breaking abstract submitter will receive notification of the committee's decision no later than March 16, 2026.