



American Academy of
Healthcare Interior Designers

AAHID Abstract Submission Guidelines

Purpose

To ensure high-quality, impactful presentations that elevate AAHID's mission and visibility within the healthcare design community.

AAHID will not be financially responsible for conference registration or any hotel/travel related expenses.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. **Project Timing** (if applicable): Must be completed within the last three (3) years.
2. **Content Focus:** Must be a deep dive (small group activity), research study or case study within the healthcare market sector.
3. **Presenter Requirement:** At least one (1) CHID must be a panelist or presenter.
4. **Financial/Support Information:**
 - All presenters are responsible for meeting applicable conference deadlines, including abstract submission, draft presentation, and final presentation due dates.
 - If selected, AAHID unfortunately cannot financially support conference registration fees or any hotel, travel, or other related expenses.
 - AAHID staff will be available to provide limited logistical support up to 3 hours prior to the scheduled presentation.
 - Members of the AAHID Education & Events (E&E) Committee are available to offer guidance, as needed. Please contact info@aahid.org for a list of E&E Committee members if needed.
 - Speakers agree to follow the conference rules/expectations related to using AI to develop any portion of their presentation.
5. **Design Firm Partner (DFP) Benefit:**
 - Acceptance is not guaranteed, but DFPs receive additional points in the scoring rubric.
 - Non-DFPs may still submit but will not receive bonus points.



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Submission/Application Requirements

- **Submitter's Contact Information/Role with AAHID** (i.e. a CHID, a DFP employee, etc.)
- **Which conference you are hoping to present for:**
 - PDC 2027 (Abstract deadline: May 31, 2026)
 - EFA 2027 (Abstract deadline: July 2026)
 - HCD 2027 (Abstract deadline: January 2027)
 - I would be willing to present during an AAHID Summer Community Connections for CEUs.
- **Abstract Topic Areas:** (suggested, but not required)
 - Acute Care Hospitals
 - Ambulatory/Outpatient Care
 - Behavioral and Mental Health Environments
 - Cancer and Specialty Treatment Centers
 - Rehabilitation and Post-Acute Care
 - Senior Living and Long-Term Care
 - Women's and Children's Health
 - Patient Experience and Human-Centered Design
 - Staff Experience, Safety, and Well-Being
 - Evidence-Based Design and Research
 - Sustainable and Resilient Design Strategies
 - Universal Design and Accessibility
 - Infection Prevention and Control
 - Wellness, Healing, and Therapeutic Environments
 - Programming and Pre-Design Planning
 - Interdisciplinary Collaboration Across Design, Clinical, and Operations Teams
 - Codes, Guidelines, and Regulatory Considerations
 - Technology Integration in Healthcare Environments
 - Equity, Inclusion, and Cultural Responsiveness in Healthcare Design
 - Lessons Learned from Built Healthcare Projects
 - Other
- **Session Title:** Clearly defined and relevant to healthcare design.
- **Abstract:** Up to 1,200 words
- **Learning Objectives:** Minimum of four (4), aligned with CEU standards.
 - Sample [PDC Abstract Submission Information](#)
 - Sample [EFA Abstract Submission Information](#)
 - Sample [HCD Abstract Submission Information](#)



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- **Speaker(s):** Must include at least one CHID. *Information for at least two (2) speakers is required for submission. Please leave a note if you are still working on finalizing additional speakers.*
 - Title/Credentials
 - Employer
 - Position
- **Session Format:** Choose one.
 - **Panel Discussion**
 - **Case Study Presentation**
 - **Deep Dive** (Provides attendees with the opportunity to delve deeper into an array of topics including new initiatives, case studies, and innovative processes. Attendees will enjoy in-depth presentations and participate in interactive dialogue with workshop speakers and fellow workshop attendees.)
 - **Interactive Roundtable** (Offers a focused yet fun and informal programming experience on an array of topics and interest areas. Through a roundtable format, session leaders will share the latest information about the topic at hand and set the stage for facilitated dialogue with participants. Plan to listen, ask questions, and share your own thoughts and ideas.)
- **Knowledge Level: Select one:**
 - **Foundational** – For learners who are new to the topic and seeking to learn or review the basics.
 - **Exploratory** – For learners seeking new ideas, updates, or approaches in specific topics.
 - **Applied** – For learners seeking workplace solutions that can be implemented upon their return to work.
 - **Strategic** – For learners seeking discussions, inspiration, or trends that will impact strategic approaches to given needs or challenges.
- **Target Audience:** May include.
 - Architects
 - Interior Designers
 - Clinicians
 - Contractors



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- Engineers
- Facility Directors/Managers
- Healthcare Administrators



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Review & Selection Process

1. **Initial Review:** Submissions are reviewed by the AAHID Executive Committee within 1-month of submission.
2. **Scoring Criteria:**
 - Relevance to healthcare design
 - Quality of research or case study
 - Inclusion of CHID speaker
 - Innovation and impact
 - Design Firm Partner (DFP) status (bonus points)
3. **Final Selection:** Highest scoring submissions are selected for conference presentation slots. (2 for PDC, 1 for EFA, 2 for HCD per calendar year.)



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Post-Selection Benefits

- AAHID Staff will help get your abstract submitted to the appropriate conference so that it is slotted as an AAHID session.
 - Staff will NOT have access to the speaker portal so speakers MUST keep track of their own deadlines and presentation within the speaker portals.
 - Staff can help set-up a kick-off call for speakers and a final call before the session. Intermittent planning calls must be scheduled by the speakers.
 - Staff will provide speakers a slide with information about AAHID to be included at the beginning and end of the presentation.
- Cross-Promotion:
 - AAHID will promote the session and presenters via:
 - Social media (LinkedIn and Instagram)
 - Emails
 - AAHID website
 - DFPs will be highlighted as part of the promotional content.
 - We ask that the DFP also re-post AAHID's social media posts.

Alternative Opportunities

If not selected for a conference slot:

- Presenters may be invited to deliver a virtual, accredited CEU session through AAHID.
- Must meet IDCEC requirements for CEU accreditation.