

PATIENTS R WAITING, INC

10th Annual Diversity in Medicine Conference

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Health Equity Research Symposium

10th Annual Diversity in Medicine Conference *"It Takes a Decade to Make a Doctor"* Kick-off
Friday, September 25, 2026 | Black Doctor Factory Lancaster, PA

About the Symposium

The Patients R Waiting Health Equity Research Symposium is the premier poster session dedicated to research that advances diversity in medicine and eliminates health disparities. Now in its 10th year, Patients R Waiting has grown from a single speaking engagement to a national movement—and this symposium is where the next generation of physician-scientists and health equity advocates bring their scholarship to the forefront.

We invite researchers, medical and nursing students, residents, fellows, faculty, community health workers, and public health professionals to submit abstracts reflecting original work that advances our collective understanding of and commitment to health equity.

Eligibility Requirements

- Open to high school students, nursing students, medical students, residents, fellows, faculty, community health workers, and public health professionals at all career stages
- One author must be available to present in person during the symposium (September 25, 2026)
- Work must be original and not previously published in a peer-reviewed journal at the time of submission
- Community-engaged and practice-based work is strongly encouraged alongside traditional research
- Abstracts previously presented at other conferences or regional symposia are eligible
- Presenters must register for the entire 10th Annual Diversity in Medicine Conference (September 25-27, 2026) to submit abstract

Abstract Categories

Select the category that best reflects your work. Reviewers are assigned by category expertise.

Health Disparities & Social Determinants	Community-Based Participatory Research
Pipeline & Workforce Diversity	Medical Education & Curriculum
Structural Racism in Healthcare	Maternal Health Equity

Formatting Requirements

Word Count	350 words maximum (not including title or authors)
Title Length	20 words maximum — no all caps, no underlining
File Format	PDF (single page, 8.5" x 11")
Font	Times New Roman or Arial, 11pt minimum
Figures/Tables	Up to 2 permitted, must fit within page limit

Required Abstract Structure

Background/Objectives: State the problem, the health equity issue being addressed, and your research question or aim.

Methods: Describe your study design, population, setting, data sources, and analytic approach. Community-engaged research should describe partnership structure and community involvement.

Results: Present key findings with specific data. Abstracts that state 'results will be presented' without data are not eligible for awards consideration. Preliminary data is acceptable.

Conclusions: Interpret your findings and articulate their implications for clinical practice, health equity policy, medical education, or community impact.

Scoring Criteria

35%	Health Equity Impact	Does the research directly address disparities, structural barriers, or actionable solutions?
25%	Scientific Rigor	Soundness of methodology, data analysis, and conclusions
20%	Originality	Novel contribution to health equity knowledge or practice
20%	Clarity & Communication	Clear articulation of problem, methods, findings, and implications

Poster Awards

Award recipients are recognized at the 10th Annual Diversity in Medicine Conference Gala Saturday evening, September 26th, 2026. Awards are presented by the PRW Scientific Committee following final poster presentations.

Important Deadlines

SUBMISSION OPENS	August 20, 2026	SUBMISSION DEADLINE	August 3, 2026 at 11:59 PM EST
ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATIONS	August 31, 2026		

Late submissions will not be accepted. All deadlines are firm.

Poster Presentation Specifications

- Standard poster board size: 48" wide × 36" tall (landscape) or 36" wide × 48" tall (portrait)
- Poster printing is the responsibility of the presenter; on-site printing is not available
- Presenters must be at their poster board during the designated poster session time block
- A brief oral summary (2–3 minutes) may be requested for award-eligible presentations

How to Submit

Abstracts are submitted electronically via the PRW Conference submission portal. Paper submissions are not accepted.

- Complete the online submission form at: www.patientsrwaiting.com/dim10-call-for-abstracts
- You will receive a confirmation email within 48 hours of submission

Questions? Contact the PRW Research Symposium Committee at
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