



Call for Posters

The Coalition for Compassionate Care of California (CCCC) invites those interested in presenting at CCCC's 2026 Annual Summit to submit poster proposals.

Foundations & Futures

October 15–16, 2026
DoubleTree by Hilton San Jose

The Coalition for Compassionate Care of California (CCCC) is a statewide collaboration of healthcare providers, consumers, government agencies, and others working to improve the experience of serious illness. CCCC brings together societal, professional, and institutional aspects of our culture to make improvements in the delivery of health care to people with advanced illness.

You are invited to submit a poster proposal to present at the upcoming CCCC Annual Summit. The submission deadline for poster proposals is **Friday, July 31, 2026**. *(PLEASE NOTE: Only the abstract is due by July 31st. The poster is not needed until onsite at the Summit.)*

Poster Session Description

Poster topics should focus on programs and projects that increase access to or quality of palliative care or advance care planning.

Posters that reflect the conference theme of “Foundations & Futures” will be given preference.

We will prioritize posters that

- Offer new perspectives, innovative program designs, and creative approaches
- Dismantle systemic, societal, cultural, or psychological barriers to accessing palliative care
- Forge new partnerships, cross boundaries, incentivize or demonstrate collaboration
- Creatively advance the goals of whole person care
- Include a strong “how-to” component for immediate replication or application

Posters should include a program description, solutions that address the topic, and a description of the results or impact (outcomes/data).

Posters will be viewed during a session where conference attendees will have an opportunity to talk with you and learn from your work.

Here are some topic ideas, but feel free to move beyond them:

- Creative approaches to cultural diversity, equity, and inclusion related to serious illness care, palliative care workforce, and public outreach
- Innovative and effective approaches to advance care planning and goals of care conversations
- Recognition and resolution of ethical challenges related to serious illness
- Incorporation of social determinants of health into serious illness care
- Programs and resources directed toward supporting family caregivers

- Emerging palliative care practices for pediatric, adolescent, and young adult patients, including transitions to adult care
- Technology advances and trends related to serious illness (e.g., uses and potential misuses of artificial intelligence and machine learning, increased data demands and use, data security, telehealth, remote care)
- New medications and new uses of old medications to relieve suffering
- Partnerships and clinical practice to support caregivers
- Novel modalities to address existential, spiritual, and psychological suffering (e.g., psychedelics, emotion-focused therapy, dignity therapy, acceptance therapy, etc.)
- Ethical, legal, and practical challenges of research in palliative care; novel study designs
- Innovations in patient and family engagement and effective connections between communities and health systems to promote palliative care and advance care planning
- Strategies for building the serious illness care workforce
- Pre-professional and interprofessional training of clinicians in palliative care
- Integration of palliative care and advance care planning into primary care, specialty practice, and long-term care
- Successful models of palliative care across the continuum (e.g., hospital-based, home-based, clinic-based)
- New payment models or creative funding for palliative care programs and services
- Impact of trauma, PTSD, or ACEs (adverse childhood experiences) on serious illness
- Grief and bereavement
- Intersection of mental illness and palliative care; psychiatric advance directives
- POLST quality improvement
- Self-medication and alternative treatments
- Implementation of palliative care for adult and pediatric Medi-Cal enrollees and dual eligibles
- Self-care and self-compassion for clinicians/managing burnout; organizational supports to prevent burnout; successful work/life balance approaches

ALL health professionals are eligible! Posters are intended to be educational; any submissions that promote or advertise a commercial or proprietary product or service will not be considered.

Poster Submission Guidelines

- **Posters must be placed on foam board backing no larger than 40" X 60"**. Easels will be provided for display.
- Lettering should be large enough to be legible from a distance of 4–6 feet.
- Only use generic names for any pharmaceuticals.
- **Poster presenter(s) must register and attend the CCCC conference to present their poster. One presenter per poster is required to attend.**

A **written abstract of no more than 250 words** (not including title, names and affiliations) describing your poster must be submitted by end of business **Friday, July 31, 2026**.

The abstract should include the following information:

1. **Poster Title:** [Click here to enter title.](#)



2. **Background/Objective/Research Question:** State the objective, question, or purpose of project. [Click here to enter narrative.](#)
3. **Names and Affiliations of authors/presenters:**
First Name: [Click here to enter first name.](#)
Last Name: [Click here to enter last name.](#)
Email Address: [Click here to enter email address.](#)
Job Title: [Click here to enter job title.](#)
4. **Methods/Study Design:** Short description of study design or project process.
[Click or tap here to enter methods/study design.](#)
5. **Results/Analysis:** Provide the main outcomes, results, and statistics (if used).
[Click or tap here to enter results/analysis.](#)
6. **Conclusions/Interpretations:** Discussion, conclusions found by the study or project.
[Click or tap here to enter conclusions/interpretations.](#)

Presenter Reimbursement and Registration Policy: Accepted posters are eligible for a \$50 discounted registration for one (1) presenter per poster. CCCC does not pay honorarium, travel, per diem, or other costs for poster session presenters. They are responsible for all expenses incurred in the development and implementation of their poster, including reproduction, shipment, and delivery of materials. In addition, **presenters MUST register to attend the conference for at least the day of the Poster Session (October 16, 2026).** Poster and Presenter discounts are NOT cumulative.

PLEASE NOTE: Submission of the Poster Application constitutes agreement with the Presenter Reimbursement and Registration Policy.

Please read and attest below: Unattested submissions will not be considered!

By checking the box below, I certify that **I understand the Presenter Reimbursement and Registration Policy** noted above and have notified any other presenters for this poster who will be present to offer the poster of these requirements. I also certify that my/our poster is substantially my/our own work, I/we have credited the contributions of others to the work, and that I/we have obtained permission to include any other copyrighted material in the presentation. My printed name and checked box below represents the agreement of these requirements by all presenters of the proposed poster.



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Please submit to: E-mail: kwallach@coalitionccc.org
Email subject line: Annual Summit Poster Submission

If you have any questions, please call Kristine Wallach at 916-779-7501.