



2025 Syndromic Surveillance Symposium Abstract Requirements

Thank you for your interest in submitting an abstract to the 2025 Syndromic Surveillance Symposium! The Call for Abstracts is now open and will close on **Friday, December 20, 2024 at 11:59 pm ET**.

Requirements for abstract submissions are included below. If you have any questions, please email syndromic@cste.org.

Each submission must be classified under a single topic area relating to the content of the abstract. Abstracts will be divided into topics for review and programming purposes based on these subject areas. The topic areas in the 2025 Syndromic Surveillance Symposium include:

- Analytic Tools and Methods: What analytic tools and methods do you apply in your syndromic surveillance work? Tools and methods include those that are new and emerging, as well as those tried and tested.
- Health Equity: How are you analyzing or using data to promote health equity? How are you engaging with partners to share and ensure equitable access to syndromic surveillance information and resources?
- Optimizing Use and Establishing Processes: What are syndromic surveillance best practices or recommendations that you want to share and discuss with other jurisdictions? (ex. Approaches to data quality, refining syndrome definitions, etc.)
- Partnerships and Collaboration: How are you engaging with staff at participating facilities, vendors and contractors, NSSP collaborators, and other public health practitioners to advance syndromic surveillance?
- Using Data for Public Health Action: Share your successes in using syndromic surveillance data for public health action!
- Other

For abstracts classified under 'Other,' the submitter must submit a unique topic area classification for the abstract.

Note: The 2025 Syndromic Surveillance Symposium Planning Team reserves the right to reassign your abstract to another topic area.

Each submission must have an abstract title. Abstract title guidelines include:

- Must be concise and summarize the content of the abstract
- Does not exceed 185 characters
- Does not begin with 'The'
- Does not end with a period
- Does not use abbreviations unless they are widely accepted by the field (for example, HIV/AIDS is acceptable in place of Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome)

Each submission is allowed up to three keywords that are most relevant to the abstract's content.

These keywords will be used to assist with programming. Keywords ARE NOT required.

Example keywords include: emergency preparedness, hurricanes, completeness, DMI

Each submission may have up to five authors The following information is required of all attributing authors:

- Name
- Credentials (i.e., degrees)
- Email address
- Place of employment
- Phone number
- Indication whether a presenting author

Each submission must meet the following requirements.

- Abstracts are limited to 3,000 characters (including spaces)
- All information should be reviewed prior to submission to ensure completeness. Requests to revise abstracts after submission should be directed to syndromic@cste.org
- Abstracts can fall into three categories:
 - Roundtable: A guided or moderated group discussion on a topic where community input or discourse is desired. Abstracts submitted as roundtables will not be considered for other presentation types. Roundtable abstract requirements include a list of key objectives and a brief summary. Abstract submitters will assume role of moderating the group discussion.
 - Breakout: Information-based presentation followed by time for Q&A. Time allotted for the presentation will be determined during event programming. Breakout abstract requirements include a background, methods, results, and conclusion.
 - Training/Demonstration: Step-by-step demonstration or activity to strengthen participants' understanding of syndromic surveillance method(s). Training abstract requirements include a list of key objectives and a brief summary. A demonstration will be similar to the training format, but less formal and could be used to showcase code, a dashboard, or other product. There could be a grouping of demonstrations into one session.