

Abstract Information

Interest Group:	Oral Health Interest Group
Submission Deadline:	Friday, February 27, 2026 by 5:00 pm Pacific Standard Time
IG Criteria for evaluating submissions:	<p>Eligibility & Scope Submissions should focus on oral health across research, delivery, policy, public health, equity, workforce, financing, technology, and dental–medical integration. Multidisciplinary projects are welcome. Student and early-career submissions are encouraged. There are no restrictions on submitting or presenting work already published elsewhere or under review.</p> <p>Review Criteria (Applied to Individual Abstracts) Reviewers assign one overall score guided by six criteria. Prepare your abstract to address each criterion clearly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quality of Research: Rigor, validity, methodological appropriateness, and credibility of findings.• Implications for Oral Health Services, Policy, or Practice: Potential to inform oral health delivery, systems, policy, workforce, financing, or equity.• New Insights or Contributions: Originality and innovation in question, method, theory, or empirical contribution to oral health research.• Completeness of Research: Analyses completed or near-complete with interpretable results (not 'analysis pending').• Clarity & Completeness of the Abstract: Clear objectives, methods, results, and conclusions; logical flow; sufficient detail.• Relevance to OHIG & Meeting Theme: Direct alignment with OHIG priorities and the annual meeting theme. <p>What Strong Abstracts Include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A specific, important oral health question with context and rationale.• Transparent methods (design, sample, measures, analytic approach).• Clear, interpretable results with appropriate statistics or qualitative evidence.• Balanced discussion of limitations and generalizability.• Explicit practice/policy implications for oral health stakeholders.

**Instructions for
Abstract
submissions:**

[Abstract Formatting Requirements](#)

Length: Up to 500 words (not including headings, title, or author details).

Structure: Required headings — Background/Objective; Methods; Results; Conclusions; Implications.

Title & Authors: Provide title, presenting author, affiliations, and contact email.

Keywords: 3–5 keywords (e.g., oral health equity, dental integration, Medicaid, prevention).

Abstracts submitted for this Call for Abstracts will be considered for **oral presentations only** during a 75-minute OHIG-specific session; no posters will be presented in this session. Oral presentations will be approximately 10-15 minutes each in length.

Please indicate in your submission email whether you submitted this **same** abstract to the overall AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (ARM) deadline of January 6, 2026. You are welcome to submit an abstract that has already been submitted for the 2026 ARM meeting. However, the OHIG Advisory Committee may choose to prioritize presentations for this 75-minute OHIG session that have not already been accepted for and being presented elsewhere in the 2026 meeting to give more individuals opportunity to present their work.

Please email Lisa Heaton at LHeaton@carequest.org with any questions.

Link to Google Form for submission: <https://forms.gle/4iakz43YCJ7XJBet8>