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Call for Abstracts

Saskatchewan Association of Naturopathic Doctors
Healing Skies Conference 2025
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan (Temple Gardens Hotel & Spa)
May 28 - May 30, 2027

The Saskatchewan Association of Naturopathic Doctors (SAND) Conference Committee would like to invite you to submit an abstract to be a speaker at the 6th Healing Skies Conference, to be held in beautiful Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

Participants have come to regard the Healing Skies Conference as something truly unique. This year, we intend to maintain this expectation, and create an exceptional experience for speakers, vendors, and participants by hosting the conference at the ***newly renovated Temple Gardens Hotel & Spa in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.***

Reviews of our previous conferences include such praise as "I loved the inclusion of honoring our elders, of the Native blessing to start and end our event, the lectures, everything… My heart was full at the end of each day", "Loved that most of the presentations were not facts, studies, protocols, memorization, etc. but discussions and topics that reminded us why we were here", and "This conference is by far the best conference I've been to!"

We sincerely hope that you will be a part of Healing Skies 2027!

Important note: Please read all guidelines before submitting. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. Thank you in advance for all applications.

Theme of the Conference

The guiding principle behind all past, present and future Healing Skies Conferences is "***Roots and Skies***", where we are always looking to honour our traditional roots, which anchor and guide us, while we attempt to reach new heights in cutting-edge naturopathic medicine! For our 6th Biennial Healing Skies Conference, we are excited to use this lens to explore the following topic: **"Heart to Heart: "Exploring an expanding clinical understanding of the heart and cardiovascular health in an era of social isolation, conflict, and confusion."** We are especially interested in presentations that would include a hands-on, practical component.

Important Dates

October 15, 2026 - Abstract submissions due
December 10, 2026 - Notification date
March 10, 2027 - Final presentation submission deadline

Selection Process

The Conference Committee will review all abstracts and make selections based on content, objectives, relevance to the conference theme, significance and originality of material, clarity of the abstract, and speaker experience/quality [if known].

Abstract submissions are due no later than **October 15, 2026**. Late submissions may not be considered due to necessary lead times for preparation and marketing of the conference. All successful contributors will be contacted by **December 10, 2026**.

If you are chosen to present at the conference, the deadline for the final presentation submission is **March 10, 2027**, which is necessary to allow adequate time to have the program evaluated for CEUs. All presenters are required to submit materials for the proceedings by the due date.

By submitting an abstract, you are agreeing to these deadlines.

Types of Presentations

Healing Skies 2027 will be a hybrid (in-person/virtual) event, although we heavily encourage in-person attendance. Speakers will also have the option to present live and in-person, or if necessary, virtually. Again, in-person presentations are preferred.

The convention will host the following types of presentations:

1. Oral presentations of either 60, 90 or 120 minutes in length,
2. Practical sessions of 60 or 90 minutes in length, or
3. Online oral presentations of either 90 or 120 minutes in length

Please indicate if your presentation will not fit these parameters.

Instructions for Abstract Submissions

General Policies and Requirements

- Abstracts should be factual and report significant research findings, clinical procedures and results, techniques, topics or products.
  *Note on AI usage: We appreciate the utility of using AI tools, and also assume that any submission reflects the knowledge, experience, and ability of the doctor submitting, and not their ability to use an AI prompt interface. All presenters will receive an honorarium to be paid by the SAND or a sponsoring company, conference

attendance with applicable CEUs, and any other recompense as agreed upon. All other expenses are the sole responsibility of the individual presenter.
- Submitters, whether presenting in-person or virtually, should be available to do so during any of the three days of the conference, May 28 - May 30, 2027.
- Accepted abstracts may be published in the Healing Skies or SAND websites, and other SAND print or electronic publications.
- All speakers must provide information on any conflict of interest and make aware any affiliation or financial interest that may affect the speaker's presentation. To qualify for CE credits, there cannot be any specific product/brand endorsements or mentions in the presentations, either on paper or verbally.

Submission Specifications

All the following must be included in your submission. Incomplete abstracts will not be reviewed.

1. Contact Information
   a. Presenter's full name and academic credentials
   b. Contact name
   c. Address: City, Province/State, Postal Code/Zip Code
   d. Day time telephone
   e. E-mail address

2. Title of Presentation

3. Short Description (maximum 100 words)

4. Abstract (maximum 500 words)
   a. Presentation overview

5. Learning Outcomes
   a. Outline the learning objectives in point form

6. Presentation Outline
   a. Length of time
   b. Number of CE credits: Pharmacy, General and Ethics
   c. Please note that a 1.5 hour presentation will qualify for 1.5 CE Credits

7. Short Bio with photo

8. Preference for an in-person or virtual presentation.

The Healing Skies Committee would like to thank you in advance for submitting your abstract for consideration. We look forward to working with you in creating another unforgettable Healing Skies Conference!

Please direct all enquiries to healingskies@gmail.com