MD-DCSAM 2027 Conference Abstract Guidelines (adapted from ASAM Conference Guidelines)

The following bullet points outline important requirements to consider when submitting your abstract:

- All accepted submissions will be presented in-person in Silver Spring, MD. Please do not submit an abstract if you already know you will not be able to present in-person on the **conference date (Saturday, February 20, 2027).**
- The abstract submission deadline is **December 18, 2026 at 5 pm.**
- Abstracts (text only, in Word or PDF format) must be **submitted by email to molly.poisant@md-dcsam.org**
- Abstracts must be original, new work, based on the latest evidence and data. Submissions should use evidence-based information with appropriate references. Minimize anecdotal information.
- Submitters, presenters, and authors must provide any commercial disclosures, BUT submissions must be free of commercial bias. Having a commercial interest will NOT disqualify a submission.
- Submissions cannot be used to advertise or advocate for a specific commercial interest.
- There is a limit of up to three (3) abstract submissions per submitter.
- The sections of a complete submission are:
    - Presenter/Author Information
    - Disclosure of Relevant Financial Relationships
    - Abstract & Details
    - Learning Objectives
    - Keywords
- Poster Submission "Abstract & Details" section may include the following:
    - Title – 12 words max.
    - Background or Introduction – 20-200 words
    - Methods – 20-200 words
    - Results – 20-400 words
    - Discussion Conclusions – 20-200 words
    - References – 3-5 scholarly or scientific publications that were used to create the abstract. 50-350 words
    - Health Equity (optional) – This describes how your submission will address health equity and health disparities. 20-200 words.
- Note: case study submissions may include a “case description” section in lieu of “methods” and “results” sections.
- Accepted abstracts may appear in full in several places, including but not limited to the event website and event materials. Submitters are responsible for ensuring that there are no conflicts with making the abstract information available, prior to the submission of the abstract.
- Upon review and acceptance of abstracts, all **presenters will be notified and required to submit a PDF of their poster**, which will be reviewed by members of the MD-DCSAM Education Committee.
- Please email molly.poisant@md-dcsam.org to withdraw submissions and for any further questions.