

Call for Proposals

ACRM 
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& EXPO

**PROGRESS IN
REHABILITATION
RESEARCH**

TRANSLATION TO
CLINICAL PRACTICE

#ACRM2026

2026
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TAKE YOUR WORK
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TAKE YOUR CAREER
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TAKE YOURSELF
FURTHER

PRESENTER BENEFITS

Reach the world with your research & your work

- 1) Washington, DC — world-class city
- 2) Boost your career — NETWORK
- 3) ACRM Conference publicity
- 4) GET PUBLISHED in the ARCHIVES of PM&R
- 5) SAVE MONEY on conference registration
- 6) Best-in-class — presenter technology platform



All abstracts of accepted oral and poster presentations of scientific papers will be published (fully searchable and citable) in the online pages of the ARCHIVES of PM&R.

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The **ACRM Annual FALL Conference & EXPO: Progress in Rehabilitation Research** is the premier educational conference for evidence-based learning in rehabilitation medicine. The ACRM Program Committee invites proposals focused on research evidence and its translation into clinical practice.

ACRM IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- Aging Research & Geriatric Rehabilitation
- Artificial Intelligence
- Arts & Neuroscience
- Athlete Development & Sports Rehabilitation
- Behavioral Health Sciences
- Big Data
- Brain Injury
- Burn Rehabilitation
- Cancer Rehabilitation
- Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation
- Caregiver Needs & Related Research
- Clinical Practice (assessment, diagnosis, treatment, knowledge translation/EBP, implementation science, program development)
- Complementary Integrative Rehabilitation Medicine
- COVID-19 and Long Covid (Post-Acute Sequelae SARS-CoV-2 infection, PASC)
- Early Mobilization/Rehabilitation in the Intensive Care Unit; Health Services Research
- International
- Leadership
- Lifestyle Medicine
- Limb Care
- Measurement
- Machine Learning
- Military and Veterans Affairs
- Neurodegenerative Disease (e.g. MS, Parkinson's disease)
- Neuroplasticity (includes neuroscience)
- Pain Rehabilitation
- Pediatric Rehabilitation
- Rehabilitation Treatment Specification System
- Skin Management
- Spasticity
- Spatial Neglect
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Strengthening Opportunities and Accessibility in Rehabilitation (SOAR)
- Stroke
- Technology (e.g. robotics, assistive technology, mHealth)
- Telehealth
- Translational Care
- Trauma
- Writing Grants & Getting Funded

ACRM especially encourages proposals that are:

- interdisciplinary in nature
- include international topics / are from international applicants
- from students and early career professionals
- from those who identify with groups that are traditionally underrepresented in science.

Sample topic areas of interest to conference participants include:

- Evidence-based approaches to diagnosis, treatment, and overall care of individuals with acquired brain injury, spinal cord injury, stroke, neurodegenerative diseases, pain, and cancer
- Applications of technology in rehabilitation research and practice (prosthetics, orthotics, assistive technology, implantable devices, robotic devices)
- Evidence-based approaches for remediation of cognitive impairment, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, sleep disturbances, and pain
- Role of exercise and activity-based therapy in neuro-recovery
- Use of innovative information and communications technology in rehabilitation (telehealth, telerehabilitation, Internet and social media)
- Use of neuro-imaging in diagnosis and treatment
- Methods for translation of evidence into clinical practice
- Alternatives to randomized clinical trials (RCTs) for validating treatment effectiveness and application of RCT findings into clinical practice
- Application of biomechanics, motor control, and learning perspectives in rehabilitation.

For the full guidelines and worksheets, please see [ACRM.org/call](https://www.acrm.org/call)

RESEARCH TO PRACTICE. *FASTER*

- Conclusions
- Author(s) Disclosures

Systematic/Meta-analytic Reviews must have these sections:

- Research Objective(s)
- Data Sources
- Study Selection
- Data Extraction
- Data Synthesis
- Conclusions
- Author(s) Disclosures

The total length of all sections in the submission must not exceed 400 words. Tables or other graphics are not permitted. Submission must include three to five continuing education learning objectives. This is required whether the abstract is eventually selected for CE/CME or not.

Submission must indicate all participants in the abstract, listing the lead investigator first, followed by all other participants in the order in which they should appear in print. The submitter has the ability to complete all information for each participant, though we recommend that participants log in to the system to complete the information themselves.

Selection Criteria

Each complete submission received by the published due date will be independently peer reviewed. Poster/Paper proposals will be reviewed for the following elements:

CRITERIA

Contribution to state of the art of rehabilitation science

- Timeliness
- Novelty
- Potential for impact on field

Pertinent to the interests of the ACRM membership

Expertise and qualifications of the presenters

Overall impact and quality

Abstract Publication & Poster Awards

All abstracts of accepted papers and posters will be published in the online pages of the ACRM journal *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, where they will be fully searchable and citable. ARCHIVES is the most-cited journal in rehabilitation.

Accepted posters will have the opportunity to be considered for the ACRM Poster Awards. Further, a subset of the poster award winners will have the opportunity to present their poster in a Poster Spotlight session. Digital poster abstracts must be uploaded by the due date as well as registered for the conference to be considered for an award.

4) LAUNCHPAD

Developed by the ACRM Technology Networking Group, LaunchPad is a rehabilitation technology innovation competition for early-stage health technology companies and rehabilitation research labs/researchers working on technology-based solutions. This is an exciting opportunity to pitch a company or idea to a panel of experts and an audience of clinicians, researchers, engineers, and decision-makers and receive market feedback. For details and application guidelines: ACRM.org/LaunchPad.

“LaunchPad offers a unique opportunity for startups and R&D labs to receive feedback on their rehabilitation technology solutions directly from experts with deep knowledge of health technology R&D, rehabilitation services and technology acquisition” —Tracey Wallace, CCC-SLP, Past Chair of the LaunchPad Task Force

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If you do too, please join us.

As a presenter, as a member & in Washington, D.C. for #ACRM2026

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