

# 2027 National Orthopaedic Symposium – Driving Change in an Evolving Era – Montreal, Canada

## Call for abstract – Oral, Poster Presentations and Courses

Location : Montréal, Québec, Canada

Dates : April 23-25, 2027

### Symposium overview

The 2027 National Orthopaedic Symposium is a national conference dedicated to advancing orthopaedic physiotherapy practice, education, and research in Canada. The symposium will bring together clinicians, researchers, educators, trainees, and decision-makers to share innovation, evidence, and best practices in musculoskeletal and orthopaedic physiotherapy.

### Symposium content

The symposium will highlight research, clinical practice, education, and professional issues related to musculoskeletal and orthopaedic physiotherapy, including professional issue and management of musculoskeletal and orthopaedic conditions, cross-cutting expertise such as pain science and sports medicine, special populations, and professional practice.

### Types of presentations

#### 1. Oral or poster presentation with explicit practice implications

Format (choose your preference of format) :

- a. **Poster** : if my abstract is selected as a poster, I agree to make a very short (3 min) oral presentation of my poster
- b. **Oral presentation** : between 7 and 15 minutes with Q&A

\*Please note that the scientific committee reserves the right to assign you the type and duration of your presentation

\*You will have the choice to present in french or English

Content should focus on :

- The problem
- The key findings or innovation
- The clinical relevance
- The practical take home points

Abstract format can be either in a scientific format or for profession-focused topics. For either of these presentations, we ask that you submit a long version of abstract as follows :

This long version of the abstract (500 words max.) will be reviewed by the abstract selection committee and will address these elements explicitly

- Background / rationale
- Objective
- Methods or approach
- Key results
- 2–3 take-home messages for clinicians
- Maximum of 10 references outside the 500-word count

\*Please note that if your abstract is selected, you must provide the Scientific Committee with an abbreviated version (maximum 200 words) for display in the symposium app. There is no restriction on style or content, but it is strongly recommended to include the purpose/learning objectives, methods/approach, and key results/conclusions/outcomes.

- Types of submissions that would « fit » this format could include:
  - completed research studies
  - implementation or KT projects
  - quality improvement initiatives
  - development of clinical tools
  - educational innovations with clear clinical relevance
  - mixed-methods or feasibility work
  - evidence synthesis with clinical relevance
  - Case study

## **2. Integrated podium/panel presentation (clinician-researcher-patient format)**

Panel presentation will involve 2-3 speakers and will be of 45 minutes total, including the period of Q&A from the audience

Content should focus on :

- An important clinical or professional issue viewed from > 1 perspective
- The integration of current evidence, new findings, and/or implementation experience

- Practical implications for clinicians, educators, or services
- **Abstract format : 500 words that address these elements explicitly**
  - Background / rationale
  - Overall objective and theme of the podium/panel
  - Description of each presentation component or speaker contribution
  - Key messages
  - Relevance to clinical practice and knowledge mobilization

Types of submissions that would « fit » this format could include multi-speaker sessions on a shared clinical theme, clinician-researcher collaborations around a practice issue, updates linked to implementation in practice, panels on controversies; barriers; or challenges in orthopaedic physiotherapy; integrated presentations combining research evidence, clinical expertise, and knowledge user perspectives

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#### Submission review criteria

Domain evaluated	Weighting
<b>Scientific:</b> Background/rational and relevance for orthopaedic practice <b>Other:</b> Originality, rationale, relevance to orthopaedic practice	10%
<b>Scientific:</b> Research objectives/purposes <b>Other:</b> Aims and learning objectives	10%
<b>Scientific:</b> Design and methods <b>Other:</b> Approach and methods for audience engagement	15%
<b>Scientific:</b> Results and conclusions <b>Other:</b> Outcomes and key messages	35%
<b>Scientific:</b> Potential impact and key messages for practice <b>Other:</b> Potential impact, sustainability and knowledge uptake	30%

#### Key Dates

Call for abstract submission portals open June 20th 2026  
 Abstract Submission Deadline: Friday, September 25, 2026 (23:59 ET)  
 Decision Notification: Early November 2026  
 Speaker acceptance and agreement deadline December 20<sup>th</sup> 2026  
 Speaker bios, headshots and short version of the abstract deadline January 6<sup>th</sup> 2027  
 Speaker registration deadline March 15<sup>th</sup> 2027  
 Power point presentation and poster visual due April 17<sup>th</sup> 2027  
 Symposium Dates: April 23–25, 2027

### **3. Pre- and post- symposium courses (half-day or full day)**

We invite proposals for pre-symposium and post-symposium courses focused on advanced clinical skills, educational methods, implementation, or systems topics relevant to orthopaedic physiotherapy. Courses should provide practical, interactive learning with clear take-aways for clinicians, educators, or trainees.

#### **Course formats**

- a. Half-day workshops (3-4 hours)** : focused skills training, workshops, or interactive seminars.
- b. Full-day courses (6-8 hours)** : in-depth skills mastery, blended lectures and hands-on practice, or multi-module sessions.

Formats may include hands-on labs, simulation, small-group practicums, case-based learning, or assessment training.

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#### **Submission requirements for courses**

Submit a single PFD including :

- Course title (max. 20 words)
- Short abstract for the program (max. 200 words) summarizing content
- Detailed course description (max 500 words) addressing : background/rationale, learning objectives (3-5), session outline/timing, teaching methods, and expected outcomes
- Targeted audience and prerequisites (if any)
- Duration requested : half-day or full-day and preferred scheduling (pre or post symposium)
- Faculty names, affiliations, short bios (max 150 words each) and disclosure of any conflicts of interest
- Technical and room requirements (AV, simulation equipment, manikins, room set-up, participant materials)
- Maximum and minimum participant numbers and any associated fees
- Brief statement of educational evidence or references supporting the approach

#### **Review criteria**

Submission will be evaluated on relevance to orthopaedic physiotherapy, clarity and quality of learning objectives, practicality and interactivity of the format, instructor expertise, feasibility given required resources, and potential for knowledge uptake

## Key dates

Course proposals due : Friday, August 21, 2026 (23:59 ET)

Decision notification : Early november 2026

Acceptance and agreement deadline: December 20, 2026

## Students' abstract category and awards

A dedicated student abstract category is available for undergraduate, master's, and doctoral students. Awards will be presented for best student presentations