

SIREN 2025 National Research Meeting: Advancing the Science of Social Care

Call for Abstracts

KEY DATES

Deadline for abstract submission: August 5, 2024

Notice of acceptance: September 13, 2024

Registration opens: September 2024

Deadline for registration for conference presenters: October 15, 2024

Conference: February 2-4, 2025

Introduction

With support from Kaiser Permanente and other sponsors (see below for list), the [Social Interventions Research and Evaluation Network \(SIREN\)](#), a research and research translation center focused on social care at the University of California, San Francisco, will host our third national research conference, “[Advancing the Science of Social Care](#)” in San Diego, California on February 2-4, 2025. We invite people to submit relevant research abstracts and workshop proposals using the information below.

For this conference, the term “social care” refers to ways healthcare institutions and healthcare-partnered institutions (e.g., organizations that primarily provide social services) a) identify patient- and population-level social assets, risks, or needs such as those related to food, housing, and safety; and b) use social information to improve patient health, patient healthcare experiences, and population health. Social care examples include efforts by healthcare systems to facilitate access to social services or tailor medical care for patients based on information about social conditions; other examples include ways that healthcare systems influence population health through advocacy or other investments in community-level resources.

Meeting Objectives

As a research translation center, our primary purpose is to accelerate the adoption of evidence-based social care practices. The “SIREN 2025 National Research Meeting: Advancing the Science of Social Care” will bring together social care researchers, practitioners, community members, advocates, and policymakers to foster shared learning about the healthcare sector’s investments in social care programs and policies. The conference’s primary goals are to:

- a) Share and examine recent research on social and medical care integration and alignment;
- b) Identify and prioritize filling persistent research gaps in this field; and
- c) Foster new collaborations to deepen effectiveness and implementation research, community-engaged research, and the translation of research to practice.

Content Areas/Themes

Under this Call for Abstracts, we invite research submissions focused on the implementation or effectiveness of healthcare policies and practices associated with a) collecting data about social conditions (sometimes referred to as social determinants, social drivers, social risks, social assets, social needs, or health-related social needs) such as food security, housing stability, and safety; and b) interventions informed by the data about those social conditions.

These healthcare policies and practices may be targeted at the patient, system, or community level.

We are particularly interested in implementation and effectiveness research that examines equity-related outcomes. This may include equity across dimensions such as race/ethnicity, language, culture, age, health literacy, gender identity, sexuality, or immigration status. We also encourage submissions about research that has been conducted in partnership with healthcare consumers and community-engaged partners.

Submissions can include but are not limited to research that explores the mechanisms described in the [SIREN Conceptual Model for Social Care](#).

Examples of conference-relevant research (not exhaustive!):

- **Effectiveness and comparative effectiveness of social care policies and programs.** Relevant policies include Medicaid 1115 waivers and demonstrations as well as other federal and state healthcare policies that encourage social determinants-related data collection and interventions. Relevant programs could focus on the social care workforce, workflows, and/or technology supports. Examples of conference-relevant effectiveness outcomes include patient and household-level social assets and social risks; patient and caregiver experiences of social care; patient, caregiver, and clinical team relationships; patient and population health and healthcare utilization; and equity in all these outcomes.
- **Reach, adoption, implementation, sustainability, and scalability of social care policies and programs** such as those mentioned above. Relevant studies might examine the facilitators and barriers of approaches undertaken in different settings. Examples include studies comparing different screening modalities, staff, technology, payment, policy, or implementation supports aiming to increase social screening or interventions in select populations.
- **Roles and impacts of community-led/community-partnered social care programs.** Examples include evaluations that are co-designed with individuals with lived experience of social needs or studies examining the development, function, and sustainability of community partnerships.

- **Studies elevating unexpected positive and/or negative consequences of social care approaches.**
- **Studies advancing our understanding of and/or developing guidelines on ethics in social care** (e.g., related to screening, data privacy, or technology).
- **Novel research methods** for assessing the impacts of social care policies and/or programs.

We also welcome proposals for **workshops designed to help people strengthen skills or deepen conversations relevant to the conference objectives.** For instance, relevant workshops might focus on partnerships with consumers and community members, issues related to study design or methods, or multi-site study proposal development. Workshops that foster “deeper dive” conversations, such as the ethics of social care, will also be considered.

Selection Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated by a multidisciplinary review panel, which will use the following evaluation criteria in assessing proposals:

Responsiveness / Relevance: Extent to which the submission relates to and helps advance the three meeting goals described above.

Equity: Extent to which the submission applies an equity lens (whether racial equity or other dimensions) to the research team composition, research question development, study design and methods, and interpretation of results. As examples, equity-informed abstracts would explain the use of demographic variables and demonstrate meaningful engagement of individuals/communities with lived experience.

Actionability: Extent to which the submission provides information that can be used to improve social care practice, policy, and/or research. We will not consider submissions that only describe associations between social determinants of health and health outcomes unless they also assess specific interventions related to policy or practice.

Innovation: Extent to which the submission provides unique information, data, or perspectives that help advance the goals of the meeting by elevating important and timely issues related to social care.

Rigor: Extent to which the research uses valid and appropriate quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods study design and analysis methods.

Final selection will be based on reviewer scores on the above criteria as well as overall topic area representation. We also will prioritize proposals from junior faculty and individuals from communities historically underrepresented in medicine and research.

Submission Logistics

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- To submit an abstract for consideration as a podium or poster presentation, please use the online abstract submission portal: <https://horizonmeetings.eventsair.com/siren-2025/ppabstracts>
- To submit a workshop proposal for consideration, please use the online workshop proposal submission portal: <https://horizonmeetings.eventsair.com/siren-2025/workshops>
- By submitting an abstract or proposal, at least one co-author is committing to register and attend the in-person conference in February 2025.
- Research abstracts that most closely match the stated criteria will be invited to either podium or poster presentations. Workshop proposals will be evaluated separately based on similar criteria.
- Podium presenters will receive a 25% discount on registration (limit 1 per presentation). Workshop presenters will receive a 10% discount on registration (limit 4 per workshop).
- Conference organizers will design panels of relevant podium presentations. If you are part of a group submitting multiple abstracts on a similar theme, you are welcome to recommend co-panelists in the designated section of the submission portal. We cannot guarantee that recommendations will be accepted.

Podium or Poster Abstract Submission Requirements:

1. Proposed title (up to 15 words)
2. Preferred presentation format (choose one)
 - a. Poster
 - b. Podium (15 min) (some podium abstracts may be accepted as posters)
3. Presenter and co-author information (1 presenter and up to 5 co-authors)
 - a. Name (all authors)
 - b. Pronouns (all authors)
 - c. Email address (all authors)
 - d. Organization
 - e. Position
 - f. City, State
 - g. Brief bio (50 words max) (presenter only)
 - h. Presenter junior faculty status (≤ 5 years) Yes/No (presenter only)
 - i. Presenter historically underrepresented in research or medicine status Yes/No, (with space to provide additional comments) (presenter only)
4. Abstract (File upload)
 - a. Abstracts may not exceed 300 words
 - b. Abstracts must use the [provided template](#)
5. Special fields
 - a. Indicate, by title, any other podium presentation(s) that you request be considered for the same panel

Workshop Submission Requirements:

6. Proposed title (Up to 15 words)
7. Presenter information (Up to 4 presenters)

a. All presenters:

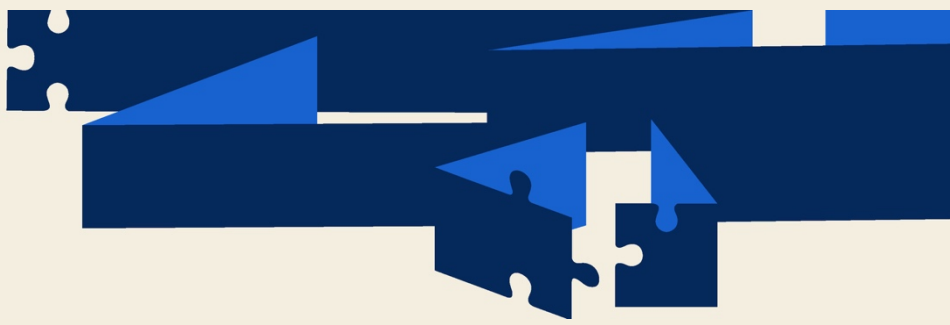
- i. Name
- ii. Pronouns
- iii. Email address
- iv. Organization
- v. Position
- vi. City, State

b. In addition, the submitting presenter will be asked to submit the following information in the portal at time of submission. Other presenters will be asked for this information by email.

- i. Brief bio (50 words max)
- ii. Presenter junior faculty status (≤ 5 years) Yes/No
- iii. Presenter historically underrepresented in research or medicine status Yes/No, (with space to provide additional comments)

8. Proposal (File upload)

- a. Workshop proposals may not exceed 500 words.
- b. Proposals must be submitted on our [workshop proposal template](#)



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