What do reviewers consider when reviewing an abstract for poster or podium presentation at the WellSpan Health Collaborative EBP and Nursing Research Conference?

Abstracts not meeting the required word count (maximum of 300 words) or the required headings will NOT be reviewed or accepted.

All EBP abstracts **must** have the following headings:

1. **Background**: What patient population will be affected? Why is your question important? What is the overall state of this problem?
2. **Practice question**: State the question guiding the evidence search
3. **EBP model**: What EBP model did you use to critically appraise and synthesize evidence?
4. **Evidence synthesis**: What key words and sources of evidence were used to identify evidence? What is the level/strength and quality of the evidence?
5. **Practice recommendations**: What does the evidence suggest should be done to address the problem?
6. **Practice changes planned/made (if applicable)**: What translation model did you use? How will you or how did you put the evidence into action to benefit patient/staff/institution?
7. **Results (if applicable)**: Describe the outcomes/metrics that informed the success of your project. How will you sustain these results and spread the practice change?

All research abstracts **must** have the following headings:

1. **Background**: Describe the problem and why it is important to study
2. **Purpose**: Describe your study in relation to the overall problem, include your research question(s) or aim(s)
3. **Theoretical framework:** Describe the theoretical framework that guides the study (when appropriate)
4. **Methods**: Succinctly describes the project's design, setting, sample, procedure, measures, and analysis
5. **Results**: What did your study show? Use only information introduced in the Methods section. This section is all fact - no interpretation.
6. **Conclusions/implications**: What does your study mean? Were you able to support your hypothesis? What is the next step? How does this new knowledge inform nursing practice?

Word limit for the abstract is **300 words**. If you exceed the word limit your abstract will **not** be considered for presentation. Do NOT identify your organization by name in the abstract.

Originality
- Is the abstract novel and interesting?
- Will the information add to current body of knowledge?
- Is the EBP or research question important?
- Are the results useful to nurses or nursing academia?

Structure
- Are the key elements/headings included (background, methods, results, etc.)?
- Does the content of the abstract reflect the title?
- Does the introduction/background provide relevant information?
- Are the methods adequately described?
    - Is the method an appropriate one to collect the data needed to address the objectives?
    - Are the design and sampling plan, or units of data collected appropriate?
    - Is the analysis plan cogent and accurate?
    - Are the results explained clearly and logically?
- Are the author's conclusions supported by the results?

Language
- Is the abstract well written, grammatically correct?