

## 2017 ILCA Conference Call for Abstracts

The International Lactation Consultant Association® (ILCA®) is seeking abstracts for 2017 ILCA Conference **concurrent and workshop sessions** in the following submission categories:

- Development and Nutrition
- Physiology and Endocrinology
- Pathology
- Pharmacology and Toxicology
- Psychology, Sociology, and Anthropology
- Techniques
- Clinical Skills
- Public Health and Community Support
- Professional Development and Education
- Diversity and Equity

We are particularly interested in abstracts for **concurrent, workshop, and poster sessions** that are intentionally designed to meet the needs of learners with a wide variety of social backgrounds and work settings around the world. For example, we are seeking abstracts for sessions on topics ***in all submission categories*** that:

- Are based on research from multiple countries and social groups, whenever available
- Highlight globally relevant knowledge, skills, and practices; such presentations may still include illustrative research, programs, and experience that are grounded in one or more particular communities
- Use language that is inclusive of diversity in the experience of lactation (e.g., direct breastfeeding/chestfeeding, exclusive pumping/hand expression, at-breast/chest supplementation, finger feeding, use of donor milk)
- Use language, content, and images that are inclusive of people of varied nationality, ethnicity, race, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, ability, marital status, etc.
- Acknowledge the ways in which the presentation is centered on the speaker's own nationality and social group membership and/or a particular nationality and social group membership

- Are submitted by individuals from social groups [disproportionately excluded](#) from the field of lactation and the role of lactation conference speaker
- Are submitted by Canadian lactation specialists who do not have equitable access to the role of ILCA Conference presenter when the conference is not held in Canada

We are also particularly interested in abstracts for **concurrent, workshop, and poster sessions** that are directly related to the 2017 ILCA Conference theme, *Knowledge, Diversity, Equity: Global Health Transformed through Skilled Lactation Care*, including but not limited to:

- Increasing equitable access to lactation support via policy change, program development, training of leadership and service providers, mentorship, advocacy, and cultural change
- Strategies and tools for systematically analyzing and dismantling institutional oppression (e.g., racism, ethnocentrism, sexism, classism, heterosexism, cisgenderism, ableism) in any lactation-related settings, including private practice, clinics, public health, hospital, and the community, as well as in clinical instruction sites, lactation education programs, and lactation-related institutions operating at the local, national, and global level
- The relationship between lactation, human milk, lactation support, and health care and the reduction of lactation-related health inequities at the local, national, and global level
- The experience and support of lactation in challenging contexts, including but not limited to Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies (IYCF-E), immigration, single parenting, parent-child health issues, systems of oppression (e.g., racism, ableism, cisgenderism), and receiving and providing lactation support across cultural and language barriers
- The Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative and its adaptations and the WHO International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes as issues of health equity and social justice
- Concepts, tools, and strategies useful for beginning and furthering individual anti-oppression development in the field of lactation regarding any system of privilege/oppression (e.g., racism, ethnocentrism, sexism, classism, heterosexism, cisgenderism, ableism)
- The impact of lactation, equitable access to lactation support, and advocacy for lactation on achieving the [United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals](#)

- Globally relevant issues that are also particularly useful for Canadian lactation specialists who do not have equitable access to in-person participation in the ILCA Conference when it is not held in Canada

2017 *Clinical Skills Session Guidelines* can be found [here](#).