American Academy of
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2011 Special Interest Group (SIG) Symposia – New Process

The first call for 2011 Annual Assembly abstracts, which includes the SIG Symposia, opens March 15, 2010 and will remain open until May 3, 2010.

The call will include instructions on how to have the abstract reviewed as a SIG symposium. There will be one primary contact (author) from each abstract that is responsible to make sure all requested information is submitted with the abstract.
For 2011, SIG Chairs need to endorse all submitted SIG Symposia abstracts. There will be contact info in the submission instruction for members to reach their SIG Chairs, a check box that indicates endorsement by the SIG, and a drop down menu to indicate which SIG is endorsing the abstract.

Each SIG can decide to endorse up to three (3) of the submissions. If the check box is not checked or endorsed by the SIG Chair, the abstract will be reviewed as a concurrent session.

SIG Chair Information:
AAHPM asks each SIG chair to contact Terrie McKissack, AAHPM Administrator, at tmckissak@aahpm.org or by phone at 847.375.4784 with the name of each abstract submitted for endorsement and whether or not it has been endorsed. Terrie will also check in with SIG chairs while the call is open to assure communication about abstract endorsement is up to date.

Assembly Planning Committee Selection Criteria:
Proposals will be reviewed by members of the Annual Assembly Committee based on the following criteria:

1. Adds to existing knowledge; presents an innovative/cutting-edge topic
2. Has significance/importance/relevance to hospice and palliative care
3. Scientific/clinical content is valid and supports the conclusions
4. Is well written and clearly communicated
5. Met one or several of the objectives for the 2011 Annual Assembly