

North American Cystic Fibrosis Conference Embargo Policy

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NACFC EMBARGO POLICY

This policy is intended to protect the scientific integrity of the information presented at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's ("the Foundation") North American Cystic Fibrosis Conference (NACFC). All submissions are considered preliminary until the time of presentation or authorized release.

The embargo policy covers all presenters, meeting attendees, members of the media, and other institutions and individuals. Failure to adhere to the policy may result in the removal of abstract(s) involved from the conference and may jeopardize participation in the current or future CF Foundation events.

Any scenarios not explicitly covered by the below policy must be reviewed prior to publishing by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation media relations department ("media relations department") at mediarelations@cff.org.

EMBARGO SPECIFICS

Abstracts

The abstract embargo will lift when abstracts publish online in the *Journal of Cystic Fibrosis*, scheduled for Sept. 16, 2026. Please note that all accepted NACFC abstracts are published in the *Journal of Cystic Fibrosis* and, if applicable, in the NACFC mobile app.

Posters and E-posters

Information included in posters and poster presentations is proprietary and confidential and cannot be shared publicly unless the poster's presenter provides written consent, and only after the embargo lifts.

All Other Presentations and NACFC Program Content

The embargo lifts at the start of the session in which content is being presented.

Once an abstract or presentation has been officially accepted, institutions may announce the title of the abstract, name and bios of presenters, that it will be presented at NACFC, and the date and time of the presentation. All other information falls under the embargo policy.

External Publication of Abstracts and Posters

- Aside from their publication in the *Journal of Cystic Fibrosis* publication noted above, abstracts (including related information appearing on posters or e-posters) may not be published by other parties, unless the embargo has lifted AND the presenters/authors provide written consent.

PITCHING UNDER EMBARGO

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If you wish to pitch media under embargo, reach out to the media relations department.

Presenters/authors and their institutions may reach out to media under embargo beginning the Friday prior to the conference, Oct. 2, 2026, at 12 a.m. ET. Media must provide written confirmation agreeing to honor the embargo to those pitching media and share it with the Foundation's media relations department.

PRESS RELEASES

All press releases, fact sheets, or any other NACFC-related materials for media outlets need to be reviewed and approved by the Foundation's media relations department at least three days prior to the scheduled release date, or the day before the start of the conference (Oct. 6, 2026), whichever date comes first. Once approved, all materials have to follow the embargo policy and may only be distributed after the start of the session in which the relevant study is presented or available to virtual attendees.

If multiple studies are addressed in one release, the release may only be distributed at the start time of the last presentation in which a study appears. If a presentation does not go forward, a multiple-study release would need to be modified to exclude the material that was not presented. To inquire about distributing un-presented materials, reach out to the media relations department.

OTHER PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

If an institution believes there is a need to communicate about a study prior to its presentation at NACFC (e.g., for reasons such as disclosure of material data or notification of study participants), they need to reach out to the media relations department for approval prior to any public communication.

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