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Call For Abstracts

RHCS 2026
Resilient Health Care Society
15th Annual Meeting
August 17-19, 2026
Leiden, The Netherlands

MAIN THEME
"Navigating Social Capital: team interactions and socio-technical infrastructures"

We invite the submission of abstracts for the Resilient Health Care Society's Annual Meeting 2026. In addition to the main RHC themes, this meeting will focus on resilience at the level of health care teams, examining how overall system functioning is affected by interactions within and between teams, as well as with their infrastructure. This applies to individual clinical teams as well as multi-team settings ('teams of teams') and team-based work related to resilience between organizations and in other parts of the healthcare system. Strong connections and networks at the micro, meso, and macro levels of healthcare organizations have the ability to amplify or dampen values, norms and behaviors, affecting work-as-done. Effectively leveraging these networks for everyday success, requires unraveling how social processes influence the performance adjustments and trade-offs that shape day-to-day work in health care. This raises important questions about how and which team behaviors contribute to resilient performance. What are key preconditions and drivers of team performances that support resilience, and what is the role of team dynamics (e.g. trust, cohesion and mutual understanding)? Do collective reflections on work, such as team huddles or reflection meetings, enhance a team's ability to adjust practices before, during, or after care delivery? How can such reflections be most effectively deployed during (un)planned operations or routinely embedded in everyday practice? *We specifically encourage abstracts addressing these topics and kindly ask authors to articulate how their submission relates to these topics (subthemes listed below).*

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES	SUBTHEMES

Submissions should be relevant to resilient health care (RHC) and may include, but are not limited to, case studies and practical applications, empirical or theoretical research, patient involvement, and conceptual or methodological contributions advancing knowledge on RHC.
 	
Format *(available as downloadable file)*
- Max. 300 words, excl. title, authors, affiliations
- Background, main objective, main text
- Relevance to RHC/related subtheme
- *For research projects, additional:*
  - Methods & Results
  - Implications for research & practice
  - *Optional*: 1 table or figure*
	1. Clinical teams & 'teams of teams'
	
	2. Patient centeredness & involvement
	
	3. Collective reflection, learning & education
	
	4. Leadership, management & governance
	
	5. Cultural, psychological & team dynamics
	
	6. Coordination of care (systems)
	
	7. Technical tools & infrastructure
	
	8. Advancing theory & analytical tools

Submission	In PDF-format via e-mail to rhcs2026@lumc.nl before March 1, 2026
Review committee	Kazue Nakajima, Axel Ros, Carl Horsley, Siri Wiig, Tarcisio Abreu Saurin, Ellen Deutsch of the *Resilient Health Care Society Executive Committee*

IMPORTANT DATES (2026)

Abstract submission deadline	Authors notified of review outcome	Registration closes (early bird/general)	Preconference & Main conference
March 1	*April 15 (approx.)*	*April 30/July 15*	*Aug 16 & 17-19*

More information: lumc.nl/rhcs2026