Scientific

- Advances hospice and palliative care knowledge or practice; represents a novel topic or an innovative approach.
  - Does the abstract address a relevant and significant problem?
  - Does the abstract present either a new or novel approach to a cutting-edge topic?
  - Are the findings likely to impact the practice or delivery of hospice and palliative care?
  - Does the abstract contain results?
- Research design and methodology are rigorous and appropriate for the study question.
  - Is the study question and/or hypothesis clearly and succinctly stated?
  - Is the study design appropriate for the study questions?
  - Is the sample appropriate for the study questions and methodology?
  - If the abstract is a systematic review, does it utilize rigorous methodology?
- Conclusions address the study question and are supported by appropriate analyses and the results obtained.
  - Is the analysis sound, appropriate and sufficiently described?
  - Are the results clearly presented, and if applicable, are measures of significance or association or effect sizes stated?
  - Are the conclusions substantiated by the results?
- Overall presentation
  - Is the abstract well-organized and clearly written?
  - Does the abstract reflect a thoughtful submission?

Quality Improvement Project

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- Advances QI-related hospice and palliative care knowledge or practice.
  - Does the abstract address a relevant and significant hospice and palliative care problem?
  - Does the abstract present a novel or innovative QI project or setting?
  - Does the abstract contain results?
- QI project design and methodology are rigorous and appropriate for the aim statement.
  - Does the abstract include a clearly stated project aim?
  - Is the context in which the QI project took place adequately described?
  - Are the measures and the data analysis plan adequately described and appropriate for the stated QI project aim?
  - Is the QI project described in sufficient detail?
Conclusions address the aim statement and are supported by appropriate analyses and the results obtained.
  o Are the QI project results clearly presented and if applicable, are measures of significance or association stated?
  o Conclusions address the impact of the QI project on the stated aim(s).
  o Are the conclusions substantiated by the results?
  o Are any implications for practice of the QI project discussed?

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