

# Energy to Care Call for Papers

**Deadline: November 4, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. CT (NO EXTENSIONS, NO EXCEPTIONS)**

The COVID-19 pandemic has had large financial implications on the health care field. The American Hospital Association report titled, "[Hospital and Health Systems Continue to Face Unprecedented Financial Challenges due to COVID-19](#)" estimates that the total losses for U.S. hospitals and health systems will be at least \$323.1 billion in 2020. As a result, facility managers are being asked to cut budgets, cut staff and reduce expenses. These reductions demonstrate the need to move sustainability and operational excellence to the forefront. Now, more than ever, there is a focus on the field to cut BTUs and not FTEs.

ASHE is seeking case study papers related to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and how hospitals and health systems are moving to a new normal with sustainability and operational excellence at the forefront. Paper topics might include (but are not limited to):

- Altered control strategies
- Altered facility infrastructure
- Energy consumption impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Operations and asset management changes
- Maintenance strategies
- Sustainability in the new normal
- Effective strategies to cut BTUs and not FTEs

The papers will be distributed in the new *Energy to Care Quarterly Newsletter* and will also reside on the Energy to Care website.

## Tips for Selection

The abstract selection committee is looking for abstracts that include specific concepts throughout, regardless of topic or track, and will give preference to abstracts that:

- Are **thought-provoking**, demonstrating **forward thinking** for the health care field and **bring value** to readers, their organizations and their communities.
- Provide concrete **takeaways** such as checklists, tools or other resources for attendees to apply on the job.
- Motivate the pursuit of **excellence**.
- Share **critical and leading-edge information** to help readers stay ahead of health care changes.
- Bridge the gap between **where we are today and the envisioned future** — showing readers how we can work together to provide value to our organizations for years to come.

## Submission Guidelines

Abstract submissions are due on **11/4/2020** and should be **submitted electronically** to [energytocare@aha.org](mailto:energytocare@aha.org). Authors will be notified of abstract acceptance no later than **11/20/2020**.

Once accepted, papers will be due to ASHE on **12/31/2020**.

Authors agree to the following terms:

- Authors will follow all schedules and deadlines as requested.
- Authors will not submit their paper elsewhere within 90 days of posting without the written permission from the conference.
- Authors will not be compensated for their paper submission.
- Authors confirm that they will not discuss specific companies and products, thereby avoiding being perceived as a sales pitch.
- ASHE reserves the right to cancel paper submission if these terms and deadlines are NOT met.