ANAC2025 GLOBAL MEMBER FAQ



Conference Dates: November 5-8, 2025

Location: Loews Philadelphia Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

TRAVEL AND VISA INFORMATION

Do I need a visa to attend ANAC2025 in the U.S.?

Yes. Most international attendees will require a **B-1 Business Visa** or attend under the <u>Visa Waiver Program</u> (<u>ESTA</u>), depending on your country of citizenship. Check your visa requirements <u>here</u>.

When should I apply for my visa?

Apply as soon as you register. Visa processing times vary by country.

How do I get an invitation letter?

Once you register, our administrative team will send you an official invitation letter to support your visa application.

If you do not receive your letter or experience any issues, please contact: lwileman@anacnet.org

What should I do if my visa is denied?

Unfortunately, we cannot assist with visa appeals; however, if you need any additional documentation related to the conference, we are happy to provide it.

Do I need travel insurance?

We highly recommend purchasing travel and health insurance for your trip, as U.S. healthcare costs are high and not covered for visitors.

Which airport should I fly into?

Fly into Philadelphia International Airport (PHL). Ground transport includes:

- SEPTA Airport Line (train to Jefferson Station- this is one block to hotel)
- Uber, Lyft, taxi

Travel time to the hotel is approximately **20–30 minutes**.

Will there be airport transportation provided by ANAC?

No, ANAC does not provide transportation from the airport. However, Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) is well connected by public transit, ride shares, and taxis.

How do I get from the airport to the hotel?

Take the SEPTA Airport Line train directly to Center City (exit at Jefferson Station- one block to hotel, runs every 30 mins (\$8 one-way), or use Uber, Lyft, (about 20 mins @ \$35-\$50) or a taxi (about 20 mins @ \$35).

Official Conference Hotel

Loews Philadelphia Hotel

1200 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19107

Room Rate: \$239 per night plus tax (15.5%)= \$276 total per night for single or double occupancy.

Cancellation Policy: Rooms must be cancelled more than 48 hours prior to arrival to avoid a one-night cancellation fee. The group rate is available until **October 8, 2025**, after which regular hotel rates apply.

Important Note: Upon check-in, a personal or business credit card is required for incidentals. We do not recommend using a debit card, as monetary holds may be placed and could take 5–10 business days to release after checkout.

For hotel questions, contact **Debbie Cooke**.

About the Hotel:

The historic Loews Philadelphia Hotel occupies the landmark Philadelphia Savings Fund Society (PSFS) building, one of the country's first modern skyscrapers. It is directly across from the Pennsylvania Convention Center and within walking distance of Reading Terminal Market, Independence Hall, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Barnes Foundation. For more information click here.

Is there a special rate for conference attendees?

Yes, the ANAC group rate is \$239/night + tax= \$276/night. A booking link is available here.

Can I share a room with another attendee to save costs?

Yes- but ANAC does not coordinate roommate matching, but we encourage members to connect through our portal or social media.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Can ANAC sponsor my travel to the conference?

Unfortunately, **ANAC** does not have funding to provide individual sponsorships or cover travel expenses for attendees. While we do offer a limited number of scholarships and awards each year to support participation, applications for ANAC2025 scholarships and the Global HIV Nurse Award are now closed.

Are scholarships available for global members?

Yes. Global members are eligible to apply for scholarships; however, applications for ANAC2025 are now closed.

What about the Global HIV Nurse Award?

This biannual award provides a fully funded trip and cash prize. Applications for 2025 are closed.

Meals and Dietary Needs

What meals are included with registration?

Most meals will be provided, including select breakfasts, lunches, and evening receptions. Please check the conference agenda for details.

Language and Accessibility

What is the primary language of the conference?

All sessions and materials are presented in English. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide live translation services at this time.

Will the venue be accessible?

Yes, the Loews Hotel is fully ADA-compliant. For specific needs, contact **Debbie Cooke**.

Communication and Connectivity

Will I have access to Wi-Fi?

Yes, complimentary Wi-Fi will be available in the conference areas of the hotel.

Can I use my phone in the U.S.?

Check with your mobile provider to ensure international roaming is available. You can also purchase a local SIM card or eSIM plan for use during your stay.

Local Information and Safety

What is the weather like in Philadelphia in November?

Expect cool fall weather, with temperatures ranging from 45°F to 60°F (7°C to 15°C). We recommend packing layers and a light coat.

Is Philadelphia safe?

Philadelphia is generally safe, especially in the downtown area where the conference is located. As in any large city, use common-sense precautions and avoid walking alone late at night.

All sessions are subject to change. Check the <u>ANAC website</u> for the most up to date information.

Wednesday, November 5: Pre-Conference Day

(Included in conference fee, but pre-registration required. Pre-registration will open in September)

- 2:00 5:00 p.m.: Content TBA
- 5:30-7:30 Pre-conference dinner registration required.

Thursday, November 6

- 7:30 9:00 a.m.: Symposium Breakfast
- 9:00 10:00 a.m.: Committee Meetings
- 9:00 10:00 a.m.: New to ANAC Meeting
- 10:15 11:30 a.m.: Opening Plenary
- 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.: Posters Open
- 12:00 1:00 p.m.: Symposium Lunch
- 1:30 3:00 p.m.: Movie with Panel Discussion
- 3:00 4:00 p.m.: Break / Posters Open
- 4:15 5:15 p.m.: Invited Speakers
- 5:30 6:30 p.m.: Afternoon Plenary
- 7:30 9:30 p.m.: Awards Dinner

Friday, November 7

- 7:30 9:00 a.m.: Symposium Breakfast
- 8:00 9:00 a.m.: Committee Meetings
- 8:00 9:15 a.m.: Exhibits / Posters Open
- 9:15 10:15 a.m.: Morning Plenary
- 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.: Concurrent Abstract Sessions
- 12:45 2:00 p.m.: Symposium Lunch
- 2:00 2:30 p.m.: Snack Break in Exhibit Hall (Poster Winner Announced at 2:15 p.m.)
- 2:30 3:30 p.m.: Afternoon Plenary
- 3:45 5:45 p.m.: Concurrent Abstract Sessions
- 5:45 7:00 p.m.: Informal Mingle & Town Hall

Saturday, November 8

- 7:30 8:30 a.m.: Light Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 9:30 a.m.: Committee Meetings
- 8:30 9:30 a.m.: HANCB Session
- 9:45 10:45 a.m.: Morning Plenary
- 10:45 11:30 a.m.: Break and Drawings in Exhibit Hall
- 11:45 a.m. 12:45 p.m.: Invited Speakers
- 1:00 2:15 p.m.: Symposium Lunch
- 2:30 3:30 p.m.: Invited Speakers
- 3:45 5:00 p.m.: Closing Plenary
- 5:15 6:15 p.m.: Celebration of Life
- 6:30 10:00 p.m.: ANAC Dinner Celebration & Gala