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CALL FOR ORIGINAL PAPERS IN SIMULATION-BASED SURGICAL EDUCATION

ABSTRACT INFORMATION

The American College of Surgeons' Program for Accreditation of Education Institutes is offering the opportunity for presentations of results of original research in simulation-based surgical education and implementation of innovative simulation-based surgical education methods at the Annual Meeting of the Consortium in March 2010. Topics may include: curriculum development, teaching methods, learner evaluations, program evaluations, patient safety, surgical outcomes. The research should not have previously been published or presented in any forum. All abstract submissions will undergo blind peer review. **Abstracts are due on or before Tuesday, January 19, 2010. Presenters will be notified no later than Friday, February 12, 2010.**

Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by an independent committee and decisions made regarding their selection for oral or poster presentations. Authors whose abstracts for oral or poster presentations are accepted will be invited to submit a full length manuscript which will be bundled with other accepted manuscripts and sent for consideration for publication in *Surgery*.

CALL FOR PAPERS:

- Both quantitative and qualitative research will be considered.
- Evaluation criteria: (1) quality and originality; (2) potential significance to disciplinary theory or application to health services management, policy, or clinical practice; (3) timeliness; (4) clarity of writing and presentation; (5) completed or nearly completed research; and (6) relevance to theme.

ABSTRACT CONTENT & FORMAT

ABSTRACT LIMIT: There are no restrictions on the number of abstracts you may submit, nor the topic of your abstract. If more than two abstracts are accepted from one investigator, one of the co-authors must make any additional presentation.

ABSTRACT FORMAT: The abstract should be submitted as a MS Word document (*.doc).

ABSTRACT BODY: The abstract should contain: (a) the purpose of the study; (b) description of the study methods; (c) a summary of results with data and supporting statistics; and (d) a statement of conclusions. Scientific abstracts that do not describe research methods and present study results will not be considered for presentation. Statements such as "data will be presented" or "results will be shown" should not be included in submitted abstracts. Abstracts should include only generic names, which should be written in lowercase letters.

WORD LIMIT: There is a limit of 250 words for the text of your abstract submission. This includes title, authors, institutions, references and abstract body.

TABLES and GRAPHICS: You may elect to submit either a table or an image, but not both. If you choose to submit a table, each row in the table will count as 50 characters. Image character count deduction is based on image size. The maximum deduction for an image is approximately 1200 characters. Images and tables can be easily edited or deleted any time before the submission deadline.

TITLE: The title should be brief and indicate clearly the nature of the investigation. The title should be entered in mixed case. PLEASE DO NOT enter the title in all capital letters.

AUTHORS: Enter all authors in the order they should appear in the heading of the abstract. Include the email address for the lead author to receive notification.

INSTITUTIONS: Enter all institutional affiliations. Only two institutional affiliations will be allowed per author. You do not need to enter institutions in a particular order to be able to designate author affiliations.

ABSTRACT PROOF: Proofing your abstract carefully is your responsibility. If accepted, the abstract will be published exactly as it is submitted - changes to the abstract will not be allowed once it has been submitted. Make sure all special characters and formatting display properly in your proof.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:

Please submit abstracts electronically by 12:00 Midnight, CST on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 to Emily Langerak (elangerak@facs.org). Abstracts submitted after this time will not be accepted.

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CALL FOR DESCRIPTIVE PAPERS, WORK-IN-PROGRESS OUTLINES & RESEARCH IDEAS

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The American College of Surgeons' Program for Accreditation of Education Institutes is offering opportunities for presentations of Descriptive Papers, Work-In-Progress Outlines, & Research Ideas, in addition to the original papers for which a Call has been announced. The descriptive papers may include the best previously presented research in simulation-based surgical education or description of innovative teaching methods in simulation-based surgical education. Work-In-Progress presentations may include pilot studies and preliminary work in simulation-based surgical education. Research ideas may be submitted for presentations in an open forum within the large community of Accredited Education Institutes. **Abstracts are due on or before Tuesday, January 19, 2010. Presenters will be notified no later than Friday, February 12, 2010.**

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