



ACS CLINICAL CONGRESS 2023 | OCTOBER 22-26 / BOSTON, MA
Call for Abstracts Scientific Forum

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Abstract Submission Guidelines

The Scientific Forum offers researchers the opportunity to present their research at Clinical Congress 2023 in Boston, MA.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 11:59 PM Central Time

KEY DATES

- Wednesday, March 1, 2023 - Submission Deadline
 - Revisions and late submissions are not accepted after the deadline
- May 2023 - Notification of Acceptance
- July 1 – August 1, 2023 – Call for Clinical Trials/Late-Breaking Abstracts
- October 22– 26, 2023 – Clinical Congress 2023 in Boston, MA (In person)

If you have any technical issues or questions, please contact Technical Support at 217-398-1792 or acs@support.ctimeetingtech.com. Technical Support is available Monday through Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm Central Time.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Surgeons, Surgery Residents, Medical Students, and Scientific Investigators of all levels are invited to submit an abstract containing a concise summary of original research in the categories listed below. All abstracts submitted must be original works and first presented and published at ACS Clinical Congress 2023.

Bariatric/Foregut	Obstetrics and Gynecology
Breast	Ophthalmic Surgery
Cardiac Surgery	Orthopaedic Surgery
Colon and Rectal Surgery	Otolaryngology
Endocrine	Pediatric Surgery
Ethics	Plastic & Maxillofacial Surgery
General Surgery	Surgical Education
Geriatric/Palliative Care	Surgical Oncology
Global Surgery & Humanitarian Outreach	Thoracic Surgery
Health Services Research	Transplantation & Tissue Engineering
Hepatobiliary and Pancreas	Trauma/Burn/Critical Care
Military	Urological Surgery
Neurosurgery	Vascular Surgery

There is no limit to the number of abstracts you may submit and no fee for submission.

Abstract Specifications

1. **Maximum number of authors:** 10 (including the lead author)
2. **Word limit:** 250 words for entire abstract, **not** including the title, author string, or table/figure.
3. **Structure:** Introduction, Methods, Results, and Conclusions
4. **Table or figure criteria:**
 - One table or figure per abstract
 - No identifying information for authors or institutions
 - Tables must not contain more than five columns or ten rows
 - Figures must be BMP, GIF, JPG, or PNG.

5. No identifying information should be included in the abstract title, body, or attached tables/figures, as all abstracts are reviewed on a blind basis.
6. Case reports will not be accepted.

Disclosures

In accordance with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) guidelines, all named authors must complete an ACS Conflict of Interest statement during the submission process to disclose all financial relationships with any commercial interest.

All authors are required to log in to the submission platform to complete the disclosure statement by the submission deadline: March 1, 2023. Submitters may not submit disclosures on their co-authors' behalf.

PRESENTATION

The Scientific Forum Committee will decide the appropriate presentation format for each accepted abstract; however, submitters can indicate their preferred format for consideration. Presentation formats are as follows:

- **Oral presentation:** 8-minute presentation within Scientific Forum sessions
- **Quick-shot presentation:** 3-minute presentation within Scientific Forum sessions
- **e-Poster:** 3-minute presentation within the e-Poster sessions

If accepted, you are expected to be present at the Clinical Congress at the time assigned to you by the Scientific Forum Committee. The Scientific Forum Committee does not reschedule presentations after acceptance notifications are sent. If any conflicts arise, please alert us if a co-author will be presenting on your behalf, as we will need to extend an invitation to them. If no co-authors are available to present at the assigned time, the abstract must be withdrawn.

Presenting Author

Only authors listed in the string of co-authors at the time of submission are eligible to present. Authors may not be added after the submission deadline of March 1. Individuals not on the author string that attempt to present at Clinical Congress will be denied access to the presentation upload platform and will not be allowed to present within the assigned session. Only one presenter is permitted per each accepted abstract.

Presenter changes must be communicated to ACS at scientificforum@facs.org.

Registration & Reimbursement

Presenters are required to register themselves for the meeting. Registration will open in late May. Due to the size and scope of the meeting, ACS does not provide reimbursement for airfare, hotel honorarium, etc. to session faculty.

We appreciate your willingness to share your research and contribute to the continuing education of surgeons in the field.

Withdrawing

Before March 1:

You may edit or delete your abstract within the submission site. Deleting the submission will withdraw it from consideration.

After March 1:

Your abstract cannot be altered after it has been submitted. There is no penalty for withdrawing your abstract from being presented; however, please let us know as soon as possible. If you do withdraw, your abstract will be removed from the supplemental issue of *JACS* (see below).

If your abstract will be published or presented *on a national or international platform* prior to Clinical Congress 2023, October 22 –26, you must withdraw your abstract.

Withdrawal requests should be submitted to scientificforum@facs.org.

PUBLICATION

Accepted abstracts by scientific researchers in training (Medical Students, Surgery Residents, and Research Fellows) will be published in a supplemental issue of the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons (JACS)* to be available at Clinical Congress 2023. Accepted abstracts by non-trainees and those accepted as e-Posters will be published electronically in *JACS Online*. Table attachments that do not meet, or exceed, the criteria as established by *JACS* will not be included in the Supplemental issue. *JACS* does not include table/image attachments in any electronic abstract publications.

There is no penalty for withdrawing your abstract from being presented at Clinical Congress. However, if you do so, your abstract will be removed from the supplemental issue of *JACS*.

Manuscript Submission

All accepted abstract authors are encouraged to submit a manuscript for standard review to *JACS* at any time. However, top-scoring abstracts **will be invited via email** to submit a full manuscript to *JACS* for **expedited review**. Manuscripts accepted during the expedited review process will be published in a special edition of *JACS*. If you are invited to submit a manuscript for expedited review, you will receive an invitation in May with a submission deadline of July 1.

AWARDS

Excellence in Research Awards

Accepted abstracts authored by a resident or medical student are eligible for an Excellence in Research Award. The Scientific Forum Committee will identify authors for their outstanding research, and notifications will be sent to recipients in May 2023.

e-Posters of Exceptional Merit (e-POEMs)

All abstracts accepted as e-Posters are eligible to receive a designation of e-Posters of Exceptional Merit (e-POEMs). Notifications will be sent to recipients in May 2023.

There is no separate application method for either award.

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Any other questions can be sent to Shelby Thordarson, Scientific Forum Administrator at scientificforum@facs.org