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High-Impact Clinical Trials & Studies Submission Guidelines

Accepted abstracts will be presented during a special Scientific Forum session at the Clinical Congress 2023

SUBMISSION DEADLINE
Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 12:00 PM CT

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

The High-Impact Clinical Trials & Studies session is designed to highlight important clinical trials and studies from all surgical disciplines, emphasizing research that will directly impact surgical science and practice.

Both original research and research presented at other meetings within the past 6 months may be submitted. Work that is currently under review or accepted for publication may be submitted. Electronically or physically published research is not eligible for submission.

Medical students, non-trainee surgeons, scientific investigators, surgical/clinical fellows, and surgical/clinical residents of all levels are invited to submit an abstract.

ABSTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

1. Maximum number of authors: 10 (including the first author)
2. Word limit: 250 words (not including spaces)
   - Limit applies only to abstract body – not to titles, author blocks, or figures
3. Structure: Introduction, Methods, Results, and Conclusions
4. Optional figure
   - Include only one figure per abstract
   - Upload as a BMP, GIF, JPG, or PNG file
5. No author names and/or affiliations in abstract title, body, or figure
   - Abstracts which reference authors and/or affiliations will not be reviewed

DISCLOSURE MANAGEMENT

In accordance with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) guidelines, all named authors must complete an ACS Disclosure, listing any financial relationships with commercial interest. Submitting authors may not complete/submit disclosures for their co-authors.

Please ensure all authors complete their disclosure forms before the submission deadline of August 1, 2023, at 12:00 PM CT. Abstracts will not be reviewed if authors have not completed disclosure forms.
**ABSTRACT EDITS & WITHDRAWALS**

Prior to the submission deadline, abstracts may be edited or deleted via the [Submission Portal](#). **After final submission, abstracts cannot be altered.** If circumstances change, abstracts may be withdrawn without penalty. Withdrawal requests should be submitted to the [Scientific Forum Administrator](#).

**PRESENTATION**

Accepted abstracts will be presented during the High-Impact Clinical Trials & Studies session at Clinical Congress (Monday, October 23, 2023, from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM ET). Presentations for this session will all be in-person oral presentations.

Designate only one author as the “Presenting Author.” **Only authors included in the author block may present the abstract. No authors may be added to the author block after final submission.**

Please notify the [Scientific Forum Administrator](#) of any Presenting Author changes.

**PUBLICATION**

Though not required, authors of accepted abstracts are encouraged to submit a full manuscript to the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons (JACS)* at any time. All manuscript submissions will undergo a standard review process.

**REGISTRATION & REIMBURSEMENT**

Authors are required to [register for the meeting](#). Due to the size and scope of the meeting, ACS is unable to provide registration fee reimbursement to presenting authors. Please visit the [Clinical Congress 2023 page](#) for more information.

We appreciate all Presenting Authors’ willingness to contribute to the continuing education of surgeons in the field.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

For any technical issues or questions, please contact Technical Support at (217) 398-1792 or [acs@support.ctimeetingtech.com](mailto:acs@support.ctimeetingtech.com). Technical Support is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM CT.

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