



ANNUAL CLINICAL ASSEMBLY

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RULES AND GUIDELINES

The American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACOS) is proud to support the scientific research endeavors of our residents, fellows and students with osteopathic surgeons from around the country at the Annual Clinical Assembly of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACA)!

Presenting a poster at the ACA will qualify as a scholarly activity. Submit your abstract(s) today for consideration by the ACA Scientific Exhibits and Poster Sessions Committee. Each poster abstract has an application fee of \$25 and the deadline for the 2024 ACA is Sunday, June 30, 2022. Visit www.facos.org/acaposters for more information.

DISPLAY GUIDELINES:

Additional Information will be provided regarding the display guidelines upon confirmation of acceptance of research. A digital PDF file of the poster must also be submitted to ACOS staff in advance of the ACA by September 1, 2024.

Presentations Information:

Podium Presentations – Thursday 3:00pm – 4:00pm, the (10) minute time slot will be confirmed for those chosen for podium presentations.

ABSTRACT JUDGING CRITERIA:

After the submission deadline, all completed and eligible abstracts will be reviewed and judged for presentation consideration by the ACA Scientific Exhibits and Poster Sessions Committee. Research should be complete at the time of submission. Committee members will be evaluating abstracts for:

- Quality of Content
- Educational Value
- Quality of Written Abstract

ONSITE JUDGING CRITERIA:

At the ACA, the judging panel will be evaluating presentations on the criteria below. Authors will be assigned published times to be at present and field questions from judges and attendees.

- Content: Does the exhibit contain enough material to explain the hypothesis and support the conclusion(s)? Is your research full and complete? Your research should be complete at the time of your abstract submission.

- Organization: Is the material presented in a clear, legible, orderly and logical manner?
- Relevance: Is the subject presented relevant to the discipline and of a timely nature?
- Originality: Is the material presented original research or a new technique?
- Participation: Is the presenter knowledgeable of the research that was conducted and able to present the methodology and findings of the study in detail?

PODIUM PRESENTATIONS:

When submitting your abstract, you have the option to enter your scientific research to be considered for both a poster and podium presentation. If you elect to have your work judged for both presentations, the ACA Scientific Exhibits and Poster Sessions Committee will consider your abstract for both. The Committee may select up to six abstracts from each discipline for podium presentations. If selected to present both a poster and a podium presentation you must give both presentations. Podium presentations will be 10 minutes each (to include a PowerPoint presentation and Q&A). 1st and 2nd place awards *may* be given in each discipline.

If you DO NOT wish to have your abstract reviewed for a Podium Presentation, select the "Poster Presentation Only" application in the online submission portal. All podium presentations will be confirmed in the acceptance letter.

AWARDS:

A presentation is a scientific display accompanied by a researcher(s) that involves a discussion of the research with other colleagues attending the ACA. The primary presenter at the ACA is a researcher/author of the study and must be present to present the research judges and other conference attendees. Presenters should be present at their poster to answer questions and expand on their material during the judging by the ACA Scientific Exhibits and Poster Sessions Committee. Judging times will be communicated to those with accepted posters. Any presenter not in attendance during that time will not be eligible for an award. Judges *may* elect to give 1st and 2nd place awards in each surgical discipline. You must be an ACOS or AOCP member to be eligible for an award.

ACOS RESIDENT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS RECEPTION:

Awards will be given to the winning poster and podium presenters during the ACOS Scientific Research Presentations and Resident Awards Reception. All resident members are invited to this event.

Thank you for your interest in presenting your research. Best of Luck!

Please direct any questions to meetings@facos.org.

