



Guidelines & Frequently Asked Questions

2021 ASCRS Annual Scientific Meeting
April 24 – 28, 2021
San Diego, CA

For any questions not addressed below, please contact the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS) office ascrs@fascrs.org.

Deadline for Abstract Submission

Sunday, October 11, 2020, 11:59 pm EST. Extensions will not be granted.

Manuscript submission is mandatory for Oral presentations only (excluding Oral presentations in the Research Forum, General Surgery Forum, New Technologies Symposium, Quick Shots (non- distinction) and Video Session). However, you are encouraged to submit all complete manuscript for ePoster and Quick Shots.

Submit my Abstract

The submission site can be accessed at <https://ascrs2021.abstractcentral.com> or through the ASCRS website at www.fascrs.org under Education and click on the 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting.

Abstract Submission Fee

Non-refundable submission fee of \$40 per abstract.

Character Limit

3,000 characters, including spaces for the text of your entire abstract submission. This **includes the title** and abstract body.

Abstract Format

- Title
- Purpose/Background
- Methods/Interventions
- Results/Outcomes
- Conclusion/Discussion

Presentation Formats

- **Oral, Quick Shot or ePoster:** Abstracts submitted to this category will be competitively evaluated by the Program Committee for presentation in the oral, quick shot or ePoster format. Presentations selected will be eligible for annual awards including best overall, basic science or clinical paper presented from the podium or as an ePoster.
- **Oral Only:** Abstracts submitted to this category will be competitively evaluated by the Program Committee for presentation in the oral format ONLY (Podium and Quick Shot). Abstracts will NOT be considered for ePoster presentation. Presentations selected will be eligible for annual awards including best overall, basic science or clinical paper presented from the podium.

- **ePoster Only:** Abstracts submitted to this category will be evaluated for ePoster presentation only. Presentations selected will be eligible for best basic science or clinical e-poster.
- **Video:** Abstracts submitted to this category will be competitively evaluated by the Video-Based Education Committee for presentation during the video abstract symposium and the Ongoing Video Room. Videos selected will be eligible for the best video award.
- **Case Study:** Abstracts submitted to this category will be evaluated for ePoster presentation only.
- **Research Forum:** Abstracts submitted to this category will be competitively evaluated by the Young Researchers Committee for oral presentation during the Research Forum. This session highlights developing areas of research that have clinical relevance for the care of patients with colorectal diseases. Presentations selected will be eligible for the Research in Progress award. If not accepted for Oral presentation the abstract will be considered for ePoster presentation.
- **New Technology:** Abstracts submitted to this category will be competitively evaluated by the Program Committee in conjunction with the New Technologies Committee for oral presentation during the New Technology Symposium. This symposium highlights the development, integration, evaluation and dissemination of new technology in the practice of colon and rectal surgery. If not accepted for Oral presentation the abstract will be considered for ePoster presentation.

*** Abstracts submitted by General Surgery Residents will be considered for the General Surgery Forum and other oral abstract sessions. The General Surgery Forum highlights work completed by General Surgery residents and is aimed at increasing experience and participation at the ASCRS annual meeting.

Categories/Topics

Benign Anorectal Disease: Hemorrhoids, Anal fissure, Abscess, Fistula, Rectovaginal fistula, Anal Stricture, Pilonidal disease, Pruritis ani, Sexually transmitted infections (excluding HPV)

Basic and Translational Science: Projects aimed at the fundamental understanding of colorectal disease development and treatment

Benign Abdominal Disease: Diverticular disease, Large bowel obstruction from causes other than malignancy, Volvulus, Lower gastrointestinal bleeding, Endometriosis, Trauma, Hernias, Intestinal stomas, Colitis (infectious, ischemic, microscopic, radiation induced, and C. difficile related), Anastomotic complications and assessments

Education, Training Assessment, and Practice Management: Patient education, Physician Education (medical student, Resident, Fellow, and in-practice), Technical Skills assessment, Practice Management and Maintenance of Certification

Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Inflammatory bowel disease, Ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, Indeterminate colitis, Anorectal Crohn's disease, Ileal pouch anal anastomosis

Rectal Cancer: Adenocarcinoma rectum, Neoadjuvant and Adjuvant treatment, Non-operative management, Proctectomy, Functional outcomes following treatment for rectal cancer, Low anterior resection syndrome, Local Recurrence, Local excision, MRI and staging

Colon and Colorectal Cancer: Colon or colorectal cancer, Adjuvant treatment, Recurrence, Surveillance, Hereditary Colorectal Cancer Syndromes

Other Neoplasia and Endoscopy: Anal cancer, Anal dysplasia, Condyloma, HPV infection, Colon polyps, Colonoscopy, Advanced Polypectomy techniques, Neuroendocrine tumors, Polyposis syndromes, Presacral tumors, Appendiceal Neoplasms, Carcinoid, GIST, Lymphoma

Pelvic Floor: Pelvic pain, Anal Pain, Fecal incontinence, Constipation, Obstructed defecation, Rectal prolapse, Pelvic floor prolapse, Sacral Nerve Stimulation and incontinence surgery, Functional Bowel Disorders, Irritable Bowel Syndrome

Quality and Cost: Enhanced recovery after surgery, Administrative databases, Clinical registries, Observational studies, Health care economics, Preoperative assessment, Quality and safety issues, Ethical Considerations

Authors

Abstracts are limited to a maximum of eight (8) authors per abstract. Please enter all authors and their institutions. The presenter's name must be listed first and will receive all communication related to the abstract. If you have more than 8 authors, you can add their names to your presentation.

You do not have to be a member to submit an abstract to the ASCRS 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting.

Required Disclosures

In compliance with the standards of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and the ASCRS, it is mandatory that all authors on the abstract complete the Disclosure of Significant Financial Relationship. All authors and co-authors must disclose any financial relationships and acknowledge any support from commercial interests for studies relating to the abstract during the submission process. All authors and co-authors must agree with the abstract content to be considered for presentation. All perceived conflicts of interest must be resolved prior to presentation.

Completing the Disclosures for Each Co-author

You can complete and sign the disclosure form for each co-author on the abstract provided you have permission from each co-author to do so. Otherwise, you must provide your ScholarOne site login information to all co-authors for them to complete and sign their own disclosures for the abstract(s).

Table and/or Images

You may add one figure or table to your abstract. Characters will not be deducted from the overall total character count. Images and tables can be easily edited or deleted at any time before the submission deadline. We recommend using TIFF format for all images, however other acceptable formats are: GIF, PNG and JPEG.

Editing My Abstract Once Submitted

You may edit your abstract prior to the submission deadline date. However, once you edit a submitted abstract it becomes a draft. You **must resubmit** your abstract, or **it will not be reviewed or considered for presentation**.

Requirements for Video Abstracts

- You must submit your video through the ScholarOne (Abstract Online Submission Site). The video must be no less than 3 minutes and 30 seconds and no more than 4 minutes and include voice guidance. The video must be in one of the following formats: .mov, .mp4, .mpeg, .mpg, .wmv and no larger than 500 MB.
- Submissions require audio narration/voiceover. Videos accepted for podium presentation (oral), the audio narration/voiceover is muted so the presenter can present/speak. If a video abstract submission is accepted as a video in the Ongoing Video Room, the audio narration/voiceover will play.
- A written abstract is required as well.

Replacement Presenter

If the primary author or scheduled presenter is unable to attend the meeting, they may name a substitute presenter. Please provide all substitutions in writing to Kristi AR Conley, ASCRS Education Manager, at kconley@fascrs.org.

Please note: All program changes must be received by January 1, 2021 to be included in printed and website listings.

Withdrawing Abstract after Accepting Invitation to Present

If the first author wishes to withdraw his/her abstract from the program, a written request must be submitted to the Program Chair via email to Kristi AR Conley, ASCRS Senior Education Manager, at kconley@fascrs.org. Any author who withdraws their abstract after acceptance for an oral presentation will be banned from submitting an abstract to the ASCRS or an article to the *Diseases of the Colon and Rectum* for a period of two years.

Editing the Original Abstract Submitted for the Conference or DC&R

The abstract that you submit will be the abstract that is on the mobile app and in the DC&R. If you have updated information that you would like to present, you may do that during your oral presentation and/or ePoster.

Registration for the Meeting is Required

Authors of accepted abstracts, oral presentations **and** ePosters, are expected to register for the meeting and pay the meeting registration fee and any related costs including housing and transportation. We recommend that you register and make your travel arrangements in December 2020 to ensure availability.

Abstracts Previously Presented or Published

Previously published abstracts in any medium (excluding ACS Surgical Forum) or presented at a national or international society meeting will not be accepted. No abstract will be accepted which is under agreement to be published. If your abstract is accepted and has been/will be presented/printed before the ASCRS Annual Scientific Meeting, you must withdraw your ASCRS abstract submission and all the authors will be banned from submitting abstracts to the ASCRS or an article to the *Diseases of the Colon and Rectum (DC&R)* for a 2-year period.

Prior presentation is acceptable **ONLY** on an informal basis before local or small special interest groups without publication. Continuation or further development of previously published work is welcomed when this represents significant progress or presents clear, substantive differences from the previous work.

Submitting my Abstract for Presentation to another Organization

By submitting your abstract for the ASCRS meeting, all authors represent and warrant that the abstract and video submissions are not under submission/consideration/review by another national/international society.

DC&R Manuscript Submission Based Abstract

All abstracts accepted must submit a manuscript to the *DC&R*, **unless** it was accepted for **one of the following** presentations:

- General Surgery Forum
- Research Forum
- New Technologies
- Quick Shots (non distinction)
- ePosters

Abstract Submission Completed

Submitted abstracts will be acknowledged by email. Print and keep a copy of the acknowledgement, which includes your abstract **Control ID Number**. If you do not receive an email confirmation upon final submission of your abstract, then your abstract was not successfully submitted.

Notification Regarding the Status of my Abstract

Email notifications regarding acceptance or rejection of an abstract will be sent Lead Author/Presenter by Mid-December 2020. Please distribute all relevant information to your co-authors upon receipt. The decisions regarding abstract acceptance or rejection are final.

Question regarding the content of my abstract submission.

Contact ASCRS office at ascrs@fascrs.org.

Technical Difficulty

Technical questions or problems with the system should be directed to the ScholarOne Customer Care Team. They can be reached by clicking the "**Help**" link in the top right-hand corner of the screen or by emailing ts.acsupport@clarivate.com. Please include your name, phone, email and an explanation of the problem in all support correspondence. **ScholarOne Tech Support is available Sunday 12:00 am through Friday 8:30 pm EST at (434) 964-4100 (US) or (888) 503-1050 (International).**