



Requirements for Submission of Abstracts

59th Annual Meeting

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DEADLINE: Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 11:59 Eastern Time

Material submitted for presentation before the Eastern Cardiothoracic Surgical Society will have the following criterion:

- Original, new and significant scientific work.
- The submitted Abstract should not be similar to work submitted to, or under consideration by, other organizations and/or journals.
- Abstracts and surgical movies must summarize an original contribution and must not have been presented, published or accepted for presentation or publication elsewhere.

Submission Categories

To facilitate the review and selection process, abstracts are to be submitted in one of the listed categories. There are no quotas or caps on any of the categories; all complete submissions will be reviewed.

- Cardiac
- Thoracic

Presentation Format Definitions

Oral Presentation: Delivered in full Scientific Session, oral presentations will be 6 minutes in duration followed by an additional 3 minute question/answer period. Author is allowed six PowerPoint slides for the presentation.

Poster Board Presentation: Poster boards will be on display throughout the annual meeting. All posters will be considered for oral presentations Friday night before the President's reception. The poster board should be self-explanatory and require no electrical connections and have the capability of standing on an easel. The poster boards should be no larger than 46 inches wide by 34 inches high.

Surgical Video Presentation: Delivered in full Scientific Session, surgical video presentations will be presented during a one hour evening movie night with each movie lasting 6 minutes followed by 4 minutes for discussion. Detailed instructions for surgical video submissions are listed below.

Crazy Case Presentation: Delivered in full Scientific Session, oral presentations will be 10 minutes in duration followed by an additional 10 minute question/answer period. The crazy case is a challenging case that illustrates innovative techniques and pitfalls.

All abstracts that are not accepted for oral presentation or surgical video presentation qualify for poster board presentation.

Abstract Preparation & Submission Instructions

- Abstracts must be submitted electronically. Visit www.ectss.org to access the submission site. The submission deadline is Tuesday, June 11, 2021 at 11:59, Eastern Time.
- Total abstract word limit is 250. Titles, authors, institutions, tables and images will not be counted. There is a minimum word limit of 50 words. You are allowed to attach up to one image and one graphic to your abstract. Tables and images should appear at the end of the abstract.
- Abstracts may be submitted for any of the following presentation formats:
 - Oral presentation
 - Poster presentation
 - Video presentation (Must be submitted under the Video Abstract Submission Link)
- All abstracts must be structured using the following section headings or they will not be accepted:

Objective	A brief statement of the purpose of the study and the current state of research in the field.
Methods	The methods of study or experimental approach clearly, but briefly, defined.
Results	A summary of the results of the study, including sufficient details to support those conclusions. These may be presented in a brief table.
Conclusions	A statement concerning the significance of the work and its possible implications for future research.

- Type the abstract in English within the box provided. The abstract title must be in title case, flush with the left margin of the box. Use upper and lower case letters as appropriate for abbreviations in the title.
- **No reference should be made on or in the abstract to the names or institutions of the authors and no reference should be made to company/product names. Generic terms must be used when describing a single product.**
- All tables and figures **must** be titled and cited in the body of the abstract. All tables that include abbreviations must include a key to the abbreviations at the end of the table.
- Accepted abstracts will appear in the Program Book as submitted. Changes are allowed only to title and authors.

Surgical Video Submission Guidelines

- There is a separate submission link for Videos. Please be sure to submit your video under the VIDEO, New Submission link.
- A text abstract submission is required although it may be as few as 50 words. Text should include the key ideas from the movie, using all required section headings. **It is critical that your text abstract is linked to your actual movie.**
- Video submissions may feature only one technique or tip, and **no brand promotion of devices or products allowed.** Attribution for commercial support must be in the form of a movie credit in the beginning of the program. Whenever possible, generic product names should be used rather than proprietary or trade names. Non-FDA approved use of devices should also be indicated in the opening credits at the beginning of the movie.

- Duration of movie should be 6 minutes and include audio narration. Accepted movie must be personally moderated at the podium during the Scientific Session.
- Disclosure must indicate any industry involvement in production or funding of movie. The 'offlabel/ investigational' uses of any pharmaceuticals and/or medical devices must be specifically disclosed at the time of program development.
- Permission for all copyrighted material (drawings, illustrations, video footage) must be obtained with attribution of permissions included in the closing credits.
- ALL movies must be submitted as one of the following acceptable file types: MP3, MP4, MOV or WMV.

Disclosure Requirements

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- (5) The submitted work is original and has not been plagiarized.

Contact Information

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If you have questions regarding submission policies, presentation formats and author requirements please contact the ECTSS meeting department: meeting@ectss.org or 978-927-8330.