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33rd Annual Meeting Call for Innovative Technology Presentations

Los Angeles, CA

September 26-29, 2018

NASS 2018 exhibitors are invited to submit abstracts on their new technologies.

Reviewed by the Program Committee, the highest-graded abstracts will be chosen for presentation during one of three non-CME sessions, on Wednesday and Thursday. Each presentation will be allowed a maximum of six (6) minutes and must be presented by an MD, DO or PhD. **Each accepted abstract will also be granted a physical poster in the exhibit hall (displayed during all Exhibit Hall hours during NASS 2018) (SPACE DEPENDENT).**

Submission opens: Saturday, February 3, 2018

Submission deadline: Thursday, June 28, 2018 (11:59 PM CDT)

Acceptance notifications sent on or before: Wednesday, August 1, 2018

Instructions for submission

- Visit the Submission Management System at <http://sms.spine.org>.
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- Access the Submissions tab and choose [My Submissions page](#).
- Click Create New Abstract Submission.
- Enter required information and click “submit” at the end of the process. Submitted proposals will be shown on the [My Submissions page](#) when completed.
- Contact the Education Department at ekruse@spine.org with questions. A “Contact Us” link is found at the top of the submission website.

Required Information for Abstracts

- Title
- Category
 - Basic Science/Biologics
 - Biomechanics
 - Complications
 - Diagnostics/Imaging
 - Epidemiology/Etiology
 - Exercise
 - Injections/Interventions
 - Interdisciplinary Care

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- Manual Therapy
- Motion Preservation
- Psychosocial/Behavioral
- Socioeconomics/Industrial/Ergonomics
- Spinal Deformity
- Surgery-Cervical
- Surgery-Thoracolumbar
- Trauma
- Keywords (Optional, Maximum of 3)
- FDA Device/Drug Status
 - If a device or drug requiring FDA approval is identified as an important component of your presentation, you must indicate the FDA status for the use as discussed in your presentation. You will be required to provide the name of the device(s) and/or drug(s) in your presentation requiring FDA approval, along with the status of Approved, Investigational/Not Approved for use as discussed in the presentation, or Study conducted outside the US/not intended for submission to the FDA. This information will be listed in the meeting's Final Program and mobile app.
- Prior/Future Presentation
 - Has this material been presented within the last 12 months or been accepted for publication within the next year? If yes, please note the meeting and the year during which it was or will be presented.
- Abstract Entry
 - The character limit cannot exceed 3,500. Punctuation and spaces count as characters.
 - Available Fields: Background Context, Purpose, Study Design/Setting, Patient Sample, Outcome Measures, Methods, Results, Conclusions
 - Figures and tables cannot be submitted with an abstract. Include relevant figures, tables and images with the final presentation if accepted.
- Authors
 - The presenting author must hold a degree of MD, DO or PhD.
 - An author must have a record in the NASS database to be added to an abstract. To create a record, visit any NASS log-in page and click "Sign Up as New Contact." **Each record must have a unique email address associated.**
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General Submission Policies

- This submission process is not an opportunity for previously rejected abstracts to be revised and resubmitted for consideration.
- The presenting author must hold a degree of MD, DO or PhD.
- **Each author must submit disclosure under his/her record within one year of the abstract submission deadline, using a unique email address/password. If disclosure is not possible by the deadline, please remove the author from your abstract and submit. Authors may be added after abstract acceptance, if disclosure has been submitted within the acceptable timeframe.**
- Prior to submitting your abstract(s), please ensure you and/or one of your team of authors has secured proper funding sources in order to present at the meeting. Presenting authors of all accepted abstracts must register for the meeting and are responsible for their own travel expenses as well as any applicable meeting registration fees.
- Exhibiting companies are permitted to promote/advertise this specific non-CME session.
- Abstracts will be removed from the program if the exhibiting company cancels its booth or exhibitor status.
- NASS reserves the right to withdraw an abstract at any time.

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