



Abstract Submission Information

Abstracts are now being accepted for presentation consideration at the STS 59th Annual Meeting, taking place January 21-23, 2023, in San Diego, California. Abstracts will be accepted until Friday, July 22, 2022.

Important

- Submission types include scientific abstracts, surgical videos, and late-breaking promissory abstracts.
- Only unpublished work that has not previously been presented is allowed. The submitting author must attest that the material has not been presented or published elsewhere, will not be presented or published after submission and prior to notification of acceptance or rejection, will not be presented elsewhere if accepted for the scientific program, and—subject to any waiver granted pursuant to the terms of this policy—will not be published elsewhere if accepted for publication in *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*.
- For each abstract that is presented orally during the STS Annual Meeting, a corresponding manuscript must also be submitted to *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery* for publication consideration before or at the time of the meeting.
- All submitters must agree to abide by the [Policy on STS Educational Activities for Presenters and Moderators](#).
- **Abstract Deadline: Friday, July 22, 2022**

Submission Instructions

- Visit sts.org/abstracts to access the abstract submission site. If you have trouble logging in, contact STS Member Services at membership@sts.org.
- If you are a current or former STS member, or if you attended a prior STS Annual Meeting and provided STS with an email address, an account for you already exists.

Abstract Specifications

- Title: An abstract should have a short, specific title.
- Abstract maximum word length: Purpose: 50 words, Methods: 150 words, Results: 200 words, Conclusions: 100 words
- All abstracts must be submitted and presented in English.
- There should be no reference to the institutions involved in the body of the text.
- All abstracts must be structured using the following section headings:
 - **Purpose** - Include a brief statement on the intent of the study and the current state of research in the field. Specifically, describe the quality gap (limitation or problem) within the practice of cardiothoracic surgery that this research addresses. (50-word maximum)
 - **Methods** - The methods of the study or experimental approach should be clearly and briefly defined. (150-word maximum)
 - **Results** - Provide a summary of the study findings, including sufficient details to support those conclusions. These may be presented in a brief table (no more than five columns of data). (200-word maximum)
 - **Conclusions** - Include a statement concerning the significance of the work and its implications for further research. In what way might the results of this project supplement or inform clinical or research knowledge or strategies? (50-word maximum)

- Tables: Up to one (1) table allowed. Files should be in one of the following formats: .jpg, .tif, or .png. (PowerPoint, Excel, and Word documents are not permitted.)
- Images: Up to one (1) image allowed. Images should be between 300 and 600 dpi at 3"x5". Files should be in one of the following formats: .jpg, .tif, or .png. (PowerPoint, Excel, and Word documents are not permitted.)
- Abstracts cannot contain product names; generic terms must be used when describing a single product.
- When percentages are used, the absolute numbers of derivation must be stated.
- Each submission requires a minimum of two bibliographic references related to the abstract.

Awards

President's Award: This award will be selected from abstracts submitted by residents or young investigators who have completed their cardiothoracic surgery training in the past 5 years. These abstracts will be assessed based on quality and potential impact on the field of cardiothoracic surgery. The President's Award recipient will be recognized during the plenary session at the Annual Meeting.

Thoracic Surgery Directors Association (TSDA) Benson R. Wilcox Resident Award: Potential award abstracts must represent original work by a cardiothoracic surgery resident enrolled in a US-based, ACGME-accredited cardiothoracic surgery residency program at the time the research was conducted. General surgery residents and previous TSDA Wilcox Award recipients are not eligible. Residents enrolled in their first 4 years of a 4/3 track are not eligible to apply; residents enrolled in their last 3 years of a 4/3 track are eligible to apply. The resident must be the first author and abstract presenter. Those who wish to be considered for this award should check the designated box when applying through the online abstract submission system. Poster abstracts and surgical video submissions are not eligible for the Wilcox Award. Wilcox Award abstracts may be accepted for presentation in the STS Annual Meeting General Session or Parallel Sessions. The Wilcox Award recipient will be recognized at the TSDA General Session and during the plenary session at the Annual Meeting.

Abstract Review Process

To ensure fairness, abstracts are read and graded in a blinded fashion with no references to authors or institutions. The STS Annual Meeting scientific program will include oral presentations, scientific posters, and surgical videos. Submissions are reviewed by peer reviewers based on scientific merit, originality, and practice gaps identified. STS members have been selected by the Workforce on Annual Meeting to serve as reviewers for the STS 59th Annual Meeting.

Disclosure Information

Conflict of interest and FDA disclosure are required before an abstract will be accepted for consideration. If a potential conflict of interest exists, be sure to include the name of the organization/company and the nature of the potential conflict.

- Each author must submit her/his individual disclosure when completing the abstract submission.
- It is the responsibility of the submitting author to identify each coauthor on the abstract. Upon submission of the abstract, an email will be sent to each coauthor, who will then be responsible for submitting her/his individual disclosure.
- If the presenter has any relationship posing a conflict or potential conflict relevant to his or her session, he or she may not make any recommendations regarding relevant products or services as part of that session.
- If commercial relationships information and FDA disclosures are not received from all coauthors by the abstract submission deadline, the abstract will not be considered for review.
- For live presentations, all relationships with commercial interests and FDA disclosures, as defined in the [STS Education Disclosure Policy](#), must be stated orally to the audience at the beginning of each presentation. In addition, a slide at the beginning of the PowerPoint presentation must be used to reveal the nature of the disclosure(s). This commercial relationship and FDA disclosure information will be noted in published materials. Speakers are required to communicate that they have nothing to disclose, if that is the case.

- For scientific poster presentations, all financial relationships with ineligible companies, as defined in the [STS Education Disclosure Policy](#), must be displayed on each scientific poster along with any FDA disclosures. This disclosure information also will be provided in the STS mobile app.

Withdrawal of an Abstract or Surgical Video

To withdraw an abstract or surgical video, the submitter must notify STS in writing 60 days in advance of the Annual Meeting. Email education@sts.org and include the title of the abstract and/or surgical video and the abstract control number.

Abstract/Surgical Video Disposition Notification

At the time of submission, ensure all author and coauthor email addresses are accurate as this is the only way that you can be contacted regarding the status of your abstract and/or surgical video submission(s).

On or after October 3, 2022, STS will send peer-reviewed selection results to the presenting author listed on the abstract via email only. Only the presenting author will be notified. We kindly ask that the presenting author communicate this information with all co-authors.

If you move to another location or change your email address, contact STS at education@sts.org or 312-202- 5800 to update your contact information.