

The American Ophthalmological Society



148th Annual Meeting of the AOS The Charleston Place | Charleston, South Carolina

Call for Abstracts

Opens: November 29, 2011

Deadline: January 6, 2012

We are pleased to announce that we will begin accepting paper and poster abstracts for the 148th Annual Meeting of the AOS on Tuesday, November 29. All members are encouraged to submit an abstract for consideration this year. We hope to receive your best and newest material to ensure the continued success of our unique scientific program. Your Committee on Programs includes Drs. Mark Johnson, Chair, Stephen McLeod, Carol Shields and Ed Buckley.

A Reminder About Recent Changes:

1. Papers will NOT be published in *The Transactions* so members may prepare new and exciting information without constraints or requirements of publication. Only the abstracts of the papers will be published in *The Transactions*.
2. Newest members of the AOS may present portions of their theses that were accepted last year.

AOS Symposia

The subject of the 2012 AOS-Knapp Symposium is “*Nanotechnology in Ophthalmology*.” A second symposium, “*Health Care Reform: Update & Impact on Ophthalmology*,” a continuation of the popular symposium from the 146th Annual Meeting, is also being planned. The Committee on Programs encourages those of you with an interest in these or related topics to submit an abstract on a subject that might complement the presentations and discussions of the symposia.

Abstract Format and Content

To assist AOS in securing Continuing Medical Education (CME) for the 2012 Annual Meeting, the abstract form will request that submitting authors choose a topic from a predetermined list and describe current practices and preferred practices in relation to the chosen topic. This information will be used to

establish a gap in knowledge for the intended audience, thus identifying a need for presentation of the work in question. References will also be required.

Abstract Submission – Online Submission Form

Please carefully review the [Abstract Guidelines](#) located on the [AOS website](#). Details concerning completion of the online abstract form, deadlines, financial disclosure, IRB status, and off-label use of product information, are included. It also includes more details on recent changes to the process due to CME.

All abstracts must be submitted using the online abstract and financial disclosure form on the AOS website by the **January 6, 2012** deadline. Completion of all information at the time of abstract submission is **required** for consideration by the Committee on Programs. The abstracts will be published in *The Transactions*.

In addition to the online abstract form, the IRB status, financial disclosure and off-label use of product information for the submitting author/presenter, please note that **all secondary authors must also complete a financial disclosure form** by January 6th for an abstract to be considered complete and to be reviewed by the Committee on Programs. The submitting author is responsible for directing all secondary authors to the AOS website to complete a financial disclosure form, and they will be given a tool to track financial disclosure submission by their co-authors. The form is available as a [separate link](#) located on the AOS website in the [Annual Meeting](#) section.

It is essential that IRB documentation, if applicable, be confirmed. If proper IRB documentation is applicable and has not been obtained the Committee on Programs will not accept the abstract for presentation at the meeting.

All authors should be aware of the following requirements before submitting an abstract:

- Seek objectivity and use of best available evidence
- Present original new scientific content that will enhance patient care
- Draw conclusions based on the content presented; delineate personal opinion
- Avoid using commercial slides
- This educational activity will be evaluated by learners
- Every evaluation will ask if commercial bias was present
- Individuals who have no financial interests to disclose must so declare, and an individual who refuses to disclose relevant financial relationships will be disqualified from being a planning committee member, a presenter, or an author and cannot have control of, or responsibility for, the development, management, presentation or evaluation of this educational activity

The order of receipt of abstracts influences decisions made about the order of

presentation in the Scientific Program. This means you should submit your abstract as soon as possible if you would like to present earlier in the meeting. Exact presentation dates cannot be guaranteed.

Posters

Please note that all poster presenters must attend the meeting and must be present with their poster at a specifically designated poster discussion time. The discussion time will be confirmed in the acceptance letter. During this designated time, meeting attendees will be encouraged to visit the posters to discuss details of the study. Please note that only the abstracts of the posters will be published in *The Transactions*.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the significant increase in the number of high quality submissions in recent years, the chance that an abstract submitted for paper presentation will be offered a poster presentation has also increased. The members of the Committee on Programs hope that all Society members understand the important role played by poster sessions in facilitating scientific exchange and expanding the number of presentations that can be included in the annual meeting program.

Paper Selection

If your abstract is selected for podium presentation, a list of your talking points and your PowerPoint will be due to your assigned primary discussant 45 days prior to the meeting; no exceptions will be made.

I look forward to receiving your abstract, and to seeing you May 17–20, 2012 at the Charleston Place in Charleston, South Carolina.

Sincerely,

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Chair Committee on Programs

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