



GUIDELINES FOR RESIDENT/FELLOW ESSAY CONTEST May 7, 2024

Abstract Submission Deadline 11:59 pm March 31, 2024

ELIGIBILITY

Abstracts are welcome on any new subject in clinical and experimental surgery including patient series, case reports, new procedures, preliminary results, diagnostic techniques, etc.

Any medical student or surgical resident/fellow in training in Cuyahoga or Summit County may submit an abstract for consideration. Abstracts submitted by residents/fellows outside of these counties that are sponsored by a Cleveland Surgical Society member will be considered on an individual basis.

CRITERIA

Abstracts will be judged on originality, scientific or clinic merit, clarity of expression and presentation of data.

Abstracts are submitted with the understanding that the essential substance and data are original by the author. Originality does not prevent the data to be pending acceptance by any book, journal, or previously presented at/or being considered by any other national or regional meeting. However, the Society requires that the data not be part of any work previously published.

AUTHORSHIP

Credit for authorship implies substantial contributions to conception, design, analysis, and interpretation of data, and to writing and revising the abstract for intellectual content. The author is expected to present the abstract, and no individual is permitted to present more than one abstract at the meeting. Should two or more abstracts be accepted with the same author, he or she will be given a choice of the abstract he/she will present.

SPONSORSHIP

Each resident/fellow must identify a sponsor on the abstract form who is an active member (dues PAID for the current academic year) of the Cleveland Surgical Society and who will assume the quality and integrity of the work. The sponsor may assist in the preparation of the abstract and oral presentation and must be listed as one of authors.



SUBMISSION

Submissions will be entered using this online link: [Abstract Submission Form](#)

Submissions may also be made via the .docx submission form available on the CSS website [here](#).

The online form allows for a figure or table upload, and those who are unable to upload can email their figure or table to essay@clevelandsurgical.org. Those using the .docx submission form can attach a file along with their email.

The deadline for receipt of abstracts is 11:59 pm Monday April 1, 2024. The deadline will not be extended for any reason. The abstract section should not exceed 500 words.

All contact information must be completed on the form. Authors of the abstracts should indicate whether their study is clinical or experimental in nature. The committee respectfully requests that each presenter limit contributions to no more than 3 abstracts.

FORM AND CONSENT

The program committee will look with greatest favor on abstracts submitted in the purpose methods-results conclusion format. The purpose section should be a concise statement of the research data, etc., the control group should be described, and the number of experimental subjects or patients in groups along with the statistical method of significance. The results should be stated in enough detail to support the conclusion. The conclusion should state the findings related to the purpose with a minimum of suggestions or implications.

NOTIFICATION

The program committee will meet in late April 2024 and an acceptance or rejection letter will be sent via e-mail shortly after that meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

All presentations will be 8 minutes in length. Due to the complex nature of meetings this year, we will discuss with presenters the format after abstract selection to ensure a fair and transparent process. Presentations will be either in person with PowerPoint, or pre-recorded, and this determination will be made in discussion with the presenters.

QUESTIONS

For questions regarding the submission policy contact: essay@clevelandsurgical.org