Submission Portal Open: May 12, 2020
Submission Portal Closes: Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020, 5 pm CT

How do you submit an abstract?
Visit: https://myaans.aans.org/MyAANS.aspx, and log in to MyAANS.
American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) Members: Log into the Abstract Center using your MyAANS account username and password.
Non-members: If you have previously submitted an abstract, you may already have a username and password. If you cannot remember your login information, click here for assistance.
If you are not a member and have not accessed the Abstract Center before, register to create an account here. For AANS Annual Scientific Meeting registration purposes, it is critical that you DO NOT create a duplicate record.

What is the submission deadline?
Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020, at 5 pm CT

What presentation formats are available?
Oral Presentations — The highest-ranked abstracts will be selected for presentation in one of three Plenary Sessions, seven Scientific Sessions or 10 Section Sessions. These sessions take place Monday through Wednesday of the meeting. When uploading slide presentations, the format should be 16:9.
Rapid-fire Oral Presentations — The Rapid-fire Oral Presentations are limited to three minutes and 10 slides. The sessions are organized by abstract category and take place during the meeting on Wednesday. When uploading slide presentations, the format should be 16:9.
E-posters — Abstracts are presented only through the AANS 360 App and displayed at kiosks in the E-poster area at the convention center. E-poster presentations are not given talk times, they are in electronic format only. E-posters can be viewed through the entirety of the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting and for one year on the AANS 360 App. The presenting authors have the opportunity to upload a supplemental PDF presentation to accompany the original submission on the AANS 360 App from Monday, February 22-Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Late submissions will not be accepted, with no exceptions.
What information is required in a submission?

1. **Presenting Author** — The individual submitting the abstract. All correspondence will be done with the presenting author. Abstract award choices are based on the presenting author’s information. Having others submit for you could jeopardize the ability to be chosen for certain abstract awards.

2. **Title** — Format your title by placing a capital letter on each word. As an example, a properly formatted title would read: “Neurosurgery Research Principles and Dynamics” not “Neurosurgery research principles and dynamics.”

3. **Abstract Body** (300 word limit)
   - **Introduction** — A brief statement regarding the purpose of the study and the current state of research in the field.
   - **Methods** — Defined method(s) of study or experimental approach.
   - **Results** — A summary of the study results, including sufficient details to support those conclusions.
   - **Conclusions** — A statement explaining the significance of the work and its implications for further research.

4. **List Authors** — Up to 11 authors can be listed. Their full names with credentials, city and state or country must be included.

5. **Presentation Preference** — Note whether the preferred format is an Oral Presentation, an E-poster or both. Select a secondary category and study design.

6. **Additional Information** — This includes elements such as previous submission of the abstract, previous presentation of the abstract, Food & Drug Administration (FDA) approval, advanced practice provider/medical student designation and senior author name with email.

   - **Please note:** Abstracts selected for the 2021 AANS Annual Scientific Meeting cannot contain advertising, trade names or a product-group messages. Please include generic names or terms in your abstract content. If the abstract includes trade names, names from several companies should be used — not just trade names from a single company — to present all available treatment options. If trade names or company names are included in your abstract, the AANS reserves the right to remove them to ensure all scientific content is free from commercial bias.

Can a submission be edited?

Presentations may be edited until the submission deadline on **Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020, at 5 pm CT**. Edits include changing the title, adding or deleting authors or changing the abstract body. Once the review process begins, no changes to the submissions are allowed; no exceptions. Please note that any typographical or spelling errors, improperly formatted titles, etc., will **NOT** be edited by anyone at the AANS. It is the responsibility of the submitter to review and verify all work submitted.

**Reminder:** After making changes or accessing the revise screen for any reason following the original submittal, the abstract must be **RESUBMITTED** even if submitted previously. The Abstract Submittal Status must read **COMPLETE** if it is to be reviewed.

Can charts, graphs and images be included in an abstract submission?

The AANS does not allow for any charts, graphs or images in the abstract submission process.
How will meeting attendee access the abstracts?

All Oral Presentations and E-posters will be available on the AANS App. They will be published exactly as they are submitted, with no exceptions. Please proofread your abstract before it is submitted to avoid errors.

If I select that I am a medical student or resident and would like my abstract considered for oral presentation in the Young Neurosurgeons Research Forum, does that mean my abstract will not be considered for the Plenary, Scientific or Section Sessions?

No, abstracts are placed in all of the sessions based on the grade they receive from the panel of reviewers. Indicating that you are interested in presenting during the Young Neurosurgeons Research Forum does not exclude your research from being considered in the sessions listed.

What is the review process?

Each submission is blindly reviewed by neurosurgeons whose specialty is within the category of submission. Last year, the committee of reviewers had more than 125 neurosurgeons participate in the review process.

**Important** Registration/Attendance Requirement

The presenting author of an Oral Presentation or E-poster must register and attend the 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting. **Registration must be completed by Tuesday, February 16, 2021.** If the presenting author does not complete registration by this date, all accepted abstracts submitted by the presenting author will be declined.

How do I change the presenting author for an abstract?

If the presenting author is unable to attend the 2021 AANS Annual Scientific Meeting, a Change of Presenting Author Form must be completed and submitted by the registration deadline, **Tuesday, February 16, 2021.** The new presenting author must then fulfill the registration requirement or the abstract will be declined.

Fill out the [Change of Presenting Author Form](#), and forward the completed form to rjm@aans.org. No changes will be made without receipt of the completed form, including updated disclosure information.

After the change, all correspondence will then be addressed and sent to the new presenting author.
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