



23rd Annual Winter Symposium
January 12 – 15, 2023

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION & REVIEW PROCESS

All submissions will be done electronically through [ASTS.org](https://www.astsonline.org). You may submit as many abstracts as you wish. All abstracts are blinded for peer review and ranked based on scientific merit. The goal is to perform a scientifically rigorous review process to select abstracts that present strong, balanced, and evidence-based clinical content, without the perception of bias.

The submission of abstracts related to clinical or **basic** research, surgical technique, or surgical practice that is new, innovative, or visionary is encouraged. Abstracts that address basic but controversial aspects of surgical management are also encouraged. Select abstracts will be accepted for oral, mini-oral, or poster presentations.

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ABSTRACT ACCEPTANCE POLICIES

Each first author is limited to three (3) accepted posters. Accepted posters are in addition to the possibility of an oral abstract presentation.

Each first author is limited to one (1) accepted oral abstract presentation.

Each individual lab is limited to two (2) accepted oral abstract presentations.

ALL content authors are required to disclose any financial relationship(s) with an [ACCME-defined ineligible company](#) ("industry"). In accordance with ASTS CME policy, **all content authors are required to disclose** this year. According to the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), "An ineligible company is considered any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients." Click [here](#) for full definition and a list of all exceptions. No abstract will be accepted for the CME sessions if any of the content authors are employees or owners of a relevant ineligible company.

ORAL & MINI-ORAL ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

The Top Abstracts will be selected to present at the Mini-Oral Abstract Session or Oral Abstract Sessions during the Winter Symposium. Abstracts with a content author who is an employee or owner of an ACCME-defined ineligible company will NOT be considered for a Mini-Oral or Oral session.

VIDEO ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

ASTS is also accepting surgical video submissions for the annual surgical video presentation at the 2023 Winter Symposium. Videos that present innovative, unique, and scientifically rich surgical content are encouraged. Video abstracts can be with or without narration and must be no longer than 10 minutes in length. Submissions will be reviewed and selected on the basis of scientific merit and relevance. **Please do not use the online submission process to submit video abstracts. Video abstracts are submitted and reviewed via a separate process.** ASTS accepts video abstracts in an electronic format only. Video submissions received via mail will not be considered. [Please click here to submit a video abstract online.](#)

NOTIFICATION

All persons who submit abstracts will be notified by the beginning of November if their abstract has been selected for oral or poster. You will also be notified if your abstract is not selected for presentation at the 2023 Winter Symposium. All abstract presenters must register for and attend the ASTS 23rd Annual Winter Symposium. *Trainee members of ASTS will receive discounted registration for the Winter Symposium. You must be a member to receive the discounted registration rate.*

IMPORTANT ABSTRACT DATES

Online Submission Period Opens: **Wednesday July 11, 2022**

Abstract Submission Deadline: **Wednesday, September 12, 2022, by 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time***

Acceptance Notification Window: **early November 2022**

**The submission site will close at this date and time. Abstracts submitted after this date will not be reviewed or accepted.*

If you have any questions about the abstract submission process, abstract policies, abstract review process, or the Winter Symposium, please contact education@asts.org.