



SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION FOR VASCULAR SURGERY
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Atlantis • Paradise Island, Bahamas

Abstract/Video Submission Deadline: Friday, August 31, 2012 ~ 11:59 pm EDT

INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

SUBMISSION POLICY:

It is expected that all free papers presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Association for Vascular Surgery will be submitted for publication in the *Journal of Vascular Surgery*. Papers presented at the other sessions (e.g. Basic Science, Case Report, Special Topics, or Videos) do not have to be submitted to the Journal although the respective authors are strongly encouraged to do so. All papers presented at the Annual Meeting must be original and cannot have been previously published or presented at a national meeting. Authors may submit their manuscript for consideration of publication after its acceptance by the Program Committee although it should not actually be published until after the presentation. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in immediate rejection of the paper from the Annual Meeting and the forfeiture of the author's ability to present papers the following year.

Submitting authors will also be prompted to answer the following questions during the submission process:

- What quality gap (limitation or problem) with the practice of vascular surgery does this research address?
- In what way might the results of this project supplement or inform, our clinical or research knowledge or strategies?

NEW STEPS THIS YEAR:

Self-Assessment Questions

Because the ABS requires self-assessment to maintain your Board Certification and Maintenance of Certification (MOC), The SAVS is developing a self-assessment exam for SAVS attendees at the January Annual Meeting. To meet this need each submitting author will need to create two (2) pertinent questions to test the attendee's understanding of the main points of your presentation. For each question please provide one (1) correct answer (which will be supported by your data and presentation) and three (3) incorrect answers.

Resident Poster Competition

For abstracts to be considered as a part of the Resident Poster Competition, the author must meet all of the following criteria:

1. The author is a Resident, Fellow or Student at the time of submission
2. The Resident/Fellow/Student is the first author on the paper
3. The author will be present at the 37th Annual Meeting should the paper be accepted.

Abstracts not selected for the Resident Poster Competition Presentation are still eligible for inclusion within the general scientific program. Only one abstract submission is necessary.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

CASE REPORTS (For Panel Presentation)

Go to the “**New Abstract**” link. Next is the Presentation Preference Step. Be sure to select either a Case Report from the drop down menu. Do not paste any reference to the authors or institutions in the Abstract Body. Do not use footnotes or references. A maximum of two slides or angiographic films may be uploaded to accompany the Case Report. A maximum of 500 words will be allowed (with a minimum of 50).

FREE PAPERS

Go to the “**New Abstract**” link. Next is the Presentation Preference Step. Be sure to select Free Paper from the drop down menu. Do not paste any reference to the authors or institutions in the Abstract Body. Do not use footnotes or references. A maximum of 500 words will be allowed (with a minimum of 50). Each table, graphic or image uploaded will deduct 25 words from the total word count of the abstract.

VIDEOS

If submitting a video, you **MUST** submit an abstract via the abstract submission site. All submissions must include an abstract with a maximum of **500** words (minimum of 50). Go to the “**New Abstract**” link. Next is the Presentation Preference Step. Be sure to select Video from the drop down menu. Do not paste any reference to the authors or institutions in the Abstract Body. Do not use footnotes or references.

ALL videos must be submitted **by mail** (no later than **Friday, August 31, 2012**) using the following format. Videos may not exceed **5 minutes** in length.

- Quicktime (.mov) or MPEG4 (.mp4), both encoded with h.264 only or MPEG2 (.mpg) or Windows Media Video (.wmv), all at a minimum 640x480 resolution or 720x480 and minimum 700kb/s bitrate and 29.97 frame rate.
- Please include the presenting author’s name and the control number of the submission for reference.
- Please send two (2) copies to:
SAVS - Allison Swanson - 500 Cummings Center - Suite 4550 - Beverly, MA 01915

FOUNDERS’ AWARD

Go to the “**New Founders’ Abstract**” link. The Founders’ Award allows for an Extended Abstract not to exceed 1,500 words, represents original research on a basic science of clinical vascular subject and should be submitted by a Trainee (i.e. student, resident or fellow) currently in a program located in one of the states comprising the membership of the Southern Association for Vascular Surgery.

The material must concern peripheral arterial, venous or lymphatic disease and must not have been presented, submitted or published elsewhere. A manuscript suitable for publication in the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* will be required at the time of presentation. Judging will be based on the quality of the extended abstract, and authors will be notified prior to this year’s meeting.

Award

The 2013 award will consist of \$5,000 and will be presented at this year’s meeting in Paradise Island, Bahamas.

ABSTRACT NOTIFICATIONS

Notification of the Program Committee’s decision will be distributed in October (2012).