

Tips for Abstract Submission

Deadline to Submit is Wednesday, January 17, 2018 5:00 PM CST

To ensure that your abstract receives proper scientific consideration, be sure to submit to the appropriate category.

Abstract Categories for QCOR 2018

- Adherence
- Appropriateness/Efficiency of Care
- Behavioral/Psychosocial Factors
- Cardiac Arrest/CPR
- Cardiovascular Registries
- Clinical Trials – Main Results and Substudies
- Cost Effectiveness Analysis/Economic Assessment
- Disparities in Care
- Innovations of Care/Health IT/Technology Assessment
- International Research (Studies Outside the US)
- Late-Breaking Clinical Trials
- Methodology of Outcomes Research
- Patient experience/satisfaction (New for 2018)
- Pattern of Care Description
- Policy Research
- Quality Improvement Initiatives – Local Level
- Quality Improvement Initiatives – Regional/National Level
- Quality of Care Assessment
- Quality of Life/Functional Status Assessment
- Risk Factor Assessment and Treatment
- Risk Stratification and Prognosis
- Women and Cardiovascular Disease
- Other

Abstract Submissions:

- Submit all abstracts in English.
- Authors should not "split" data to create several abstracts from one. If splitting is judged to have occurred, priority scores of related abstracts will be reduced.
- Abstracts containing identical or nearly identical data submitted from the same institution and/or individuals will be disqualified.
- Proofread abstracts carefully to avoid errors before submission. **The abstract will be reviewed exactly as submitted. Edits cannot be made after submission.**
- An abstract must have a short, specific title (containing no abbreviations) that indicates the nature of the investigation.
- Describe briefly the objectives of the study unless they are contained in the title. Include a brief statement of methods if pertinent. State findings in detail sufficient to support conclusions. Abstracts should not describe research in which the chemical identity or source of the reagent is proprietary or cannot be revealed.
- Use generic drug names.
- Do not begin sentences with numerals.
- Standard abbreviations may be used without definition. Nonstandard abbreviations (kept to a minimum) must be placed in parentheses after the first use of the word or phrase abbreviated.
- Do not include references, credits or grant support.
- Do not include the names or personal information of any patient participating in the study or trial.
- **The body of the abstract must not exceed 2,500 characters (not including spaces). The addition of a graphic deducts 500 characters. Graphic files should only include one image per file.**

Acceptance

- Submitters will be notified of acceptance/non-acceptance status via e-mail by early-February 2018.
- Abstracts are reviewed in blinded fashion and selected on the basis of scientific merit. The conference Program Committees will determine whether the abstract is to be presented orally or by poster.
- Request oral or poster preferred presentation on the Presentation Preference tab of the Submitter

Site. The selection of one of these options will neither prejudice acceptance nor guarantee an oral or poster presentation because abstracts will be arranged to fit into a thematic group for presentation. Although every effort will be made to accommodate your presentation request, there is no guarantee that you will present in the mode of your preference unless you specify "poster only".

- Expenses associated with the submission and presentation of an abstract are the responsibility of the presenter.
- **Presenting/submitting authors must register and pay associated fees for attendance at the conference.**
- Abstracts selected will be posted on the AHA Web sites of the Council on Quality of Care and Outcomes Research.
- Accepted abstracts will not have been published (manuscript or abstract) prior to **the date and time of presentation** or presented at any national or international meeting prior to **April 6, 2018**. Abstracts are embargoed for release at date and time of presentation or time of AHA news event. Information may not be released before then. **Failure to honor embargo policies will result in the abstract being withdrawn and barred from presentation.**
- Submission of an abstract constitutes a commitment by the authors to present if accepted. Failure to present, if not justified, will jeopardize future acceptance of abstracts.
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There is no guarantee that your abstract will not be published in the final program unless the request for **withdrawal** is received in writing by **5:00 PM, February 15, 2018**.

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- Proofread abstracts carefully to avoid errors before submission. No proof pages will be sent to authors.

Presentation

- All presentations and question-and-answer sessions will be conducted in English. Presenters may request assistance from the moderator who will repeat or rephrase questions from the audience or may ask a colleague in the audience to assist with translation.
- References to work previously published by other authors must include citations at the bottom of the appropriate slides.
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