

# Scientific Sessions Program Participant Guidelines

## High-level Overview

This is a high-level overview for program participants to prepare for their role on the program. This content will be updated throughout the year on the [Presenters and Moderator webpage](#) as the program continues to develop; this will be the best resource for program participants. You may also contact [programparticipant@heart.org](mailto:programparticipant@heart.org). Complete details for your participation will be sent via email.

### Health and Safety Protocols

The health and well-being of our attendees is a priority for the American Heart Association. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, we will monitor the external environment and Center for Disease Control guidance. As the event date draws near, we will share our health protocols in advance so that our guests can plan accordingly. These measures may include proof of vaccination, mask requirements and/or COVID-19 testing. We will share more definitive health and safety protocols in advance of the meeting. Thank you for your understanding and support.

### Conflict of Interest

All participants must complete their [conflict of interest in the online system](#). If the disclosure information is not entered, you will not be allowed to participate.

### Release for Recording

#### Release for Recording Agreement Overview

In order to present at the AHA Scientific Sessions 2022 you must give the AHA/ASA permission to record and use your name, likeness, image, voice, appearance and performance, as well as the images or files that may include posters and presentation slides that are a part of your presentation. This will allow us to include your presentation on the virtual platform and all other channels the event is presented.

If you have concerns about the presentation and capture of unpublished data, please reach out to AHA staff at [programparticipant@heart.org](mailto:programparticipant@heart.org) in order to discuss options for your presentation.

#### Release for Recording Agreement

The American Heart Association, Inc. ("AHA"), a New York not-for-profit corporation, located at 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231, and Author(s) enter into this Agreement and hereby agree as follows:

In order to present at AHA Scientific Sessions 2022 you must give the AHA/ASA permission to record and use your name, likeness, image, voice, appearance and performance, as well as the images or files that may include posters and presentation slides that are a part of your presentation. This will allow us to put your presentation on the virtual platform for registered attendees to access. Author(s) understands that the AHA plans to record and videotape and/or duplicate selected presentations or video interviews from AHA Scientific Sessions 2022, at which the Author(s) will be a speaker, abstract presenter or volunteer participant. Author(s) agrees that AHA may record Author(s) in both audiotape and videotape during this event, and may use Author(s) name, likeness, image, voice, appearance and performance, as well as the

images or files that may include posters and presentation slides that are a part of Author(s) presentation (hereafter "Recorded Presentation"), in such recording and in any media.

Author(s) hereby assigns all rights, title and interest and copyright ownership in and to the Recorded Presentation, to the AHA to use, reproduce, edit, alter, copy, exhibit, sell, distribute, and display for any purpose and Author(s) waive any right to inspect or approve the Recorded Presentation in which Author(s) likeness may be used or reproduced or to claim any rights to any income realized by AHA or others.

Further, Author hereby grants a non-exclusive, non-transferable, license in and to Author's presentation slides and posters to the AHA to use, reproduce, edit, alter, copy, exhibit, sell, distribute, and display for any purpose and Author(s) waive any right to inspect or approve the Recorded Presentation in which Author(s) likeness may be used or reproduced or to claim any rights to any income realized by AHA or others.

This Agreement must be executed as is without revision or substitution of its terms. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the United States of America.

### PowerPoint Slides

All Invited Presenters and Oral Abstract Presenters must upload slide decks to the Orchestra system before the start of the event.

- All oral presentations must be in electronic slide form. We encourage use of the Scientific Sessions 2022 slide template to develop presentations. The template will be available soon on the [Presenters and Moderator webpage](#). IMPORTANT: All presenters must include a slide listing any conflict of interest disclosures. This should be the first or second slide of your PowerPoint.
- In October, you will receive an email directing you to go to the Orchestra presentation management website to upload your presentation in advance. This site will remain open during the meeting, but we strongly recommend uploading your presentation in advance.

### Session Format

If you have any questions or need clarification regarding the session format or flow, we recommend contacting the moderators of your session. Moderators will be in contact with all presenters prior to the meeting to touch base and confirm all presentations.

### Conference Registration & Housing

All participants must register for the conference and obtain housing online. Conference registration and housing will open in the Summer.