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Rules and Guidelines for Abstract Submission

**Submission deadline: June 2, 2021 at 6:00 PM Central Standard Time (CST)**

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

## **Abstract Submission:**

The presenting author of an accepted abstract must pay the registration fee to attend BCVS 2021. Additional information about registration and fees will be available on the [BCVS 2021](#) website in June.

All other expenses associated with the submission and presentation of an abstract are the responsibility of the presenter.

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Submission of an abstract constitutes a commitment by the author(s) to present it if accepted. Failure to present, if not justified, will jeopardize future acceptance of abstracts for the American Heart Association.

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Submit abstract withdrawal requests in writing by June 9, 2021.

### **Abstract Acceptance**

Abstract grading is blinded, and abstracts are selected based on scientific merit and are allocated to oral or poster presentations.

Notification of abstract acceptance status will be emailed to presenting authors in late-June 2021. Please ensure that the email provided is accurate as all correspondences will be sent via email.

Accepted abstracts will be published in the online *Circulation Research* journal after the conference.

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Guidelines for presentations will be provided to authors of accepted abstracts.

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