

In 2008 the Clinical Congress unveiled a new track system, which will evolve over the next few years. With these tracks come further opportunities to present original and scientific research at the Congress. Papers Sessions and Scientific Exhibits (posters) will be categorized by topic and placed in tracks. Therefore, please consider submitting your abstract for consideration to both programs. The abstract submission page will allow you to indicate whether you are interested in making your abstract available for consideration for both programs, or only one. Specific information regarding both of these programs is below.

Paper Sessions

The goal of the Paper Sessions program is to provide timely and innovative information and findings on scientific research, case studies, surgical procedures, practices, and approaches to practicing surgeons, residents, and medical students. These paper presentations may include clinical work that has not been previously presented or published elsewhere. The author will present a brief presentation and take questions from the audience. Historically, submitters of Paper Session abstracts have been Fellows of the American College of Surgeons or other, more senior, investigators.

Scientific Exhibits

Scientific Exhibits are poster presentations of timely, innovative information and findings on original scientific research, case studies, surgical procedures, practices, and approaches to practicing surgeons, residents, and medical students. Young investigators and trainees are strongly encouraged to apply. Submitted abstracts may not have been previously presented or published. The top abstracts will be selected to receive the distinction of Poster of Exceptional Merit. These posters are judged by the Committee on Scientific Exhibits at a special ceremony, during which the author gives a brief oral presentation, and the Best Scientific Exhibit is determined.

Another advancement brought about by the new track schedule is that poster authors will only be required to be available at their booth to interact with Congress attendees during the mid-day break on one day of the Clinical Congress week. No longer will the author be required to staff their booth for three days. The assigned day of the week will vary by topic, and will be based on the schedule of the track associated with the poster's topic.

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