

Owen H. Wangensteen Surgical Forum

"The Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems was instituted by the Board of Regents to provide an opportunity to the younger surgical group for the presentation of the results of original clinical and experimental research... The Surgical Forum affords a large surgical audience the opportunity to become acquainted with the work of investigators through the medium of the concise presentation; at the same time, it accords a number of young, well trained surgeons their first opportunity of hearing before a national surgery organization." Owen H. Wangensteen, MD, FACS, February 1947.

The Committee for the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems invites surgical residents and scientific investigators in-training, as well as associate professors, to submit their research (completed and in progress) in abstract form:

- 250-word maximum
- A concise summary of hypothesis-testing research
- Up to nine (9) co-authors may be listed on the abstract (Senior Authors **MUST** be added to the co-author section of the electronic abstract submission site)
- Title must be brief; body of abstract must include Introduction, Methods, Results and Conclusions
- **DO NOT** submit case studies
- Submitted abstracts may not have been previously published (in whole or in part)
- Abstracts that are discovered to have been published prior to the Clinical Congress meeting **will be disqualified and removed from the program**. There are no publication restraints after presentation at the Surgical Forum.

The Surgical Forum does not consider abstracts that have been presented at national or international meetings. Abstracts that have been presented locally (regional or state) at academic or specialty meetings, e.g., Midwest Plastic Surgeons Annual Meeting, Colorado ACS Chapter Meeting, Northwestern University Vascular Surgery Meeting, will be considered for presentation.

Categories for submission include:

Alimentary Tract (incl. liver, pancreas, biliary tract)
Biomarkers/Genetic Determinants
Cardiothoracic Surgery
Critical Care (incl. metabolism, infection, nutrition, blood, endocrine)
Geriatric Surgery/Palliative Care
Global Surgery
Neurosurgery
Obstetrics and Gynecology
Ophthalmology
Orthopaedic Surgery
Otolaryngology
Pediatric Surgery
Plastic Surgery (includes wound healing, burns)
Quality, Safety and Outcomes
Surgical Education
Surgical Oncology/Endocrine
Targeted and Cell-Based Therapies
Transplantation & Tissue Engineering
Urology/Reproductive Biology
Vascular Surgery

Table attachments:

A scientific table may be submitted **only** if text cannot provide adequate information. Follow the example of an acceptable table attachment, as provided on the abstract submission form. Authors will be prompted to attach their table directly after submitting the abstract.

- **ONE** table per abstract is permitted (illustrations are **not** acceptable)
- The table should not contain more than 5 columns and ten rows
- The maximum 250 word count **DOES NOT** include the table
- **Do not** include any identifying information in the table attachment
- **Do not** include the abstract text in the table attachment
- **Do not** include the table in the abstract text
- Table attachment will not appear in the confirmation e-mail that is generated and sent to the abstract authors

Decisions will be final by May 2014. The first-named author will be notified via e-mail. To ensure notification and subsequent correspondence is received in a timely manner, the Surgical Forum Coordinator must be notified of ALL changes to contact information after the abstract submission period and until the meeting in October 2014.

It is expected for the first-named author to make an 8-minute oral presentation. Whenever possible, an invited discussant will share their outside, expert opinion of the presented research.

Confirmation of submission/authorization/notification of acceptance:

- All authors will be sent notification of the abstract submission. It is the responsibility of each author identified on the abstract to verify their full, legal name and credentials are correct – as well as placed correctly in the co-author order.
Revisions cannot be made to the author order after the March 3 deadline.
- Each abstract submission **MUST** have an individual identified as the faculty member of the institution where the research was conducted (i.e., a laboratory or department Chair, etc.) and that they have, by way of the abstract submission, authorized the submission. If the faculty member is **ALSO** a co-author, their name **MUST** be entered into the appropriate placement in the co-author section of the submission form.
- Notification of acceptance is sent **ONLY** to the first-named author

Publication:

All accepted Surgical Forum abstracts will be published in a supplemental issue of the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons (JACS)* in September 2014. The Supplement will be distributed to the entire membership (70,000+), made available free of charge at the Clinical Congress, and is citable (*JACS* is a peer-reviewed publication).

Accepted Surgical Forum authors are encouraged to submit manuscripts to the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons (JACS)*. **Manuscript submission is NOT mandatory and there is NO deadline. All manuscript submissions are subject to review and not guaranteed to be selected.**

Excellence in Research Award Program:

The Excellence in Research Awards Program has been established by the Surgical Forum Committee to recognize excellence in research performed by surgical residents and fellows, further increase the visibility of the Surgical Forum as a venue for resident research presentation, facilitate and encourage attendance of residents and fellows at the Forum sessions, encourage residents and fellows to participate in research during their training period, and contribute to the overall quality of the Annual Meeting of the American College

of Surgeons. ***All accepted abstracts will be eligible for the Excellence in Research Award.*** Selection for the award is based upon the following criteria: originality of the concept, contribution to the field, quality of the methodology, and impact of the science. *Fifteen were given in the 2013 Surgical Forum program.*

For further information, contact surgicalforum@facs.org.