



**THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR HAND SURGERY
2016 ANNUAL MEETING ▪ JANUARY 13-16, 2016
▪ SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS ▪**

Electronic Submission of Abstracts Deadline: Wednesday, July 1, 2015 @ 11:59 p.m. (EDT)
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Maximum Word Count: 400
Minimum Word Count: 20

All abstracts for the 2016 Annual Meeting must be submitted electronically via the official abstract submission website. To submit an abstract, please visit www.meeting.handsurgery.org. Please note that paper abstract submissions will not be accepted.

RULES FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

- 1.) Abstracts are to be submitted via the official electronic abstract submission website and should be limited to 400 words in length. You must have a minimum of 20 words in the abstract text. There will be a 25-word count penalty for each table and 25-word count penalty for each graph you include in your abstract.
- 2.) Abstract Format:
 - Introduction
 - Materials & Methods
 - Results
 - Conclusions
- 3.) The abstract text **MUST NOT** identify either the authors or institutions from which the work originated. There will be a separate area online in which to indicate all authors, including the presenting author.
- 4.) Disclosure information must be provided for each author listed in the author block.
- 5.) Every author for whom an email address is provided will be automatically informed of the unique ID numbers and passwords assigned to their abstracts. Abstracts may be viewed and modified at any time between submission and the deadline, using the assigned ID# and password.
- 6.) The general criteria for consideration of abstracts by the Scientific Program Committees are originality, clarity and concise presentation. Research papers will be additionally evaluated for purpose of study, methodology/design, results and conclusions. Multiple entries of the same abstract to more than one program AAHS, ASPN, or ASRM are **NOT** allowed.

7.) This year's AAHS meeting will again feature very brief 2 minute presentations. The layout will be similar to the 2015 program structure. All presentations will now be scheduled time for discussion as these brief presentations will be embedded within sessions covering specific topics. The idea is to be inclusive while providing context and promoting discussion. Our goal is to broaden participation amongst the AAHS membership.

8.) All abstracts must be completely submitted, and all edits must be made by **Wednesday, July 1, 2015 @ 11:59 p.m. (EDT)**. Please Note: Submissions and edits are automatically saved. There is no "submit" button. You will not be able to make edits to your abstract after the posted deadline. **Faxes and hardcopy abstracts will not be accepted.**

9.) The Program Committee for the AAHS will review all abstracts in a blinded format at the Program Committee Meeting. At that time, they will make their final selections for the 2016 Scientific Program. The presenting author of each abstract will be notified of the decision via email by late August.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

- Arthritis
- Basic Research
- Congenital
- Microvascular
- Nerve
- Replantation
- Tendon
- Trauma
- Tumor