



## THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR HAND SURGERY 2026 ANNUAL MEETING ▪ JANUARY 13–17, 2026

### ▪ SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS ▪

**Electronic Submission of Abstracts Deadline:** Monday, July 7, 2025 @ 11:59pm  
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**Maximum Word Count:** 400  
**Minimum Word Count:** 20

All abstracts for the 2026 Annual Meeting must be submitted electronically via the official abstract submission website. To submit an abstract, please visit [www.meeting.handsurgery.org](http://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.) The criteria for consideration of abstracts by the Scientific Program Committees are presentation (organization, clarity), relevance/significance, study strategy/approach, results/outcomes (including proper use of statistical analysis), implications, and impact. Multiple entries of the same abstract to more than one program AAHS, ASPN, or ASRM are **NOT** allowed.
- 6.) This year's AAHS meeting will again feature brief, quick presentations. The layout will be similar to the 2026 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.
- 7.) All abstracts must be completely submitted, and all edits must be made by **Monday, July 7, 2025 @ 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.**

8.) 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 2026 Scientific Program. The presenting author of each abstract will be notified of the decision via email by late August.

9.) AAHS does not pay for any meeting related costs for presenting authors, including meeting registration, hotel or travel fees.

10.) If your abstract is chosen at least one author from the abstract must register and attend the AAHS 2026 Annual Meeting in Chula Vista, California from January 13-17, 2026.

#### **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION CATEGORIES**

- Arthritis
- Basic Science Research and Clinical Research/ Outcomes Research
- Congenital
- Elbow
- Microvascular
- Nerve
- Soft Tissue
- Tendon
- Trauma
- Tumor