

**Society for Vascular Surgery
Vascular Annual Meeting
June 17-20, 2015
McCormick Place West, Chicago, Illinois**

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES, POLICIES, AND INSTRUCTIONS

**Deadline: Tuesday, February 10, 2015
11:59 pm ET**

Abstract Guidelines and Policies

Electronic Submission

All abstracts must be submitted electronically via the official SVS abstract submission website at www.vsweb.org/2015abstracts. Paper abstract submissions will not be accepted.

Disclosure

Authors are required to complete the conflict of interest section when submitting an abstract.

Policy on Employees of Commercial Interests

Industry employees can be authors, but cannot be presenters if the content of the abstract relates to the business lines and products of its employer.

Policy on Redundant Publication/Withdrawal from Presentation

The work represented in the abstract must **NOT** have been presented, published or submitted to any other major meeting or journal with the exception of poster presentations at the Surgical Forum of the American College of Surgeons, the Vascular Research Initiatives Conference of the ATVB, or a regional or local meeting as a poster. It is the responsibility of the author(s) or sponsoring SVS member of the abstract to consult directly with the Program Committee prior to submission if there is any question regarding possible redundancy of the work to be presented.

Failure to comply with the above rules will result in the abstract being rejected or later withdrawn. In addition, the penalty for redundant publication or withdrawal from presentation will be a one-year ban from presentation at the Vascular Annual Meeting, subject to the discretion of the Program Committee. The only exception to dual submission is for the American Surgical Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, which will not have made decisions about abstracts until after the SVS abstract deadline of February 10, 2015. The same abstract(s) can be submitted to this meeting. If the abstract(s) is accepted for the ASA 2015 Annual Meeting, the author will need to notify SVS immediately to withdraw the abstract from the Vascular Annual Meeting.

Journal Publication

Manuscript submission to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery (JVS)* is mandatory only for papers presented at the Plenary and Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Society (VESS) sessions. Submission is encouraged but not required for the rapid paced, video, poster sessions, and International Forum. *JVS* manuscript submissions must conform to the Journal's policies on originality and conflict of interest disclosure. Manuscripts should be submitted electronically to the *JVS* by **June 16, 2015**. All accepted abstracts, except for "late breaking" and some VESS, will be published in a supplement of the *JVS* prior to the Vascular Annual Meeting. Basic science papers are exempt from this requirement.

Author Policy

It is an SVS policy that either the primary author or one of the co-authors of each abstract **must** be an SVS member. If neither the author nor the co-authors are SVS members, then a SVS member must sponsor the abstract. SVS sends all correspondence to the primary author or member sponsor regarding the submission. The first author is considered the primary author and expected to present the paper, except for invited basic science senior author presentations. **All papers presented by a student, resident, or fellow must have the senior author present at the podium during the discussion phase**

of the paper. The presenting author must have a command of English and be able to respond to questions in understandable English.

Please note: For VESS Session submissions, it is the policy of the VESS that either the primary author or one of the co-authors of each abstract **must** be a member of the VESS. If neither the author nor the co-authors are SVS members, then a VESS member must sponsor the abstract.

ABSTRACT

Abstracts will be considered for the Vascular Annual Meeting in one of six session types:

Please note: *Authors who submit abstracts may select the session/s in which s/he is willing to participate at the Vascular Annual Meeting. Once an abstract has been selected and assigned to one of the five sessions by the program committee, there will **NOT** be an option to withdraw the paper for another meeting. Authors who fail to fulfill their commitment may not present at the Vascular Annual Meeting for one year.*

Plenary Session

Sessions will be held on Thursday through Saturday at the Vascular Annual Meeting. Abstracts accepted for this session will be given seven minutes to present the paper and seven minutes for discussion. Manuscript submission to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* is mandatory. Manuscripts should be submitted electronically to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* no later than June 16, 2015. Up to five (5) basic science research poster submissions may be offered a seven-minute presentation at a plenary session relevant to their topic; selection for these presentations is made by the Research and Education Committee; no separate application for these presentations is available. If an investigator is offered and accepts such a presentation, then the presentation at the plenary session by the principal investigator is mandatory but submission of a paper to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* is not required.

Rapid Paced Paper Session

These podium presentations will be held on Saturday afternoon at the Vascular Annual Meeting. Abstracts accepted for this session will be given three minutes to present and two minutes for discussion. Although encouraged, submission of a manuscript to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* will not be required. Basic research abstracts will not be eligible for this session.

Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Society (VESS) Session

A session will be held Wednesday as part of the Vascular Annual Meeting. Abstracts accepted for this session will be given seven minutes to present the paper and seven minutes for discussion. Submission of a manuscript to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* will be required. Basic research abstracts will not be eligible for this session.

International Forum

This session will be held as a concurrent session on Wednesday. International authors are encouraged to consider this abstract selection opportunity in addition to the traditional options also listed here. Abstracts accepted for this session will be given five minutes to present and five minutes for discussion. Abstracts from around the world will be considered for this session, excluding those from the United States or Canada. Submission of a manuscript to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* will not be required.

International Poster Session

This session will be held prior to the International Forum session on Wednesday and is geared toward investigators/trainees under the age of 35 who are international members of SVS. It is similar to a poster session but with slides instead of posters. Each presentation will be three minutes with two-minute discussion. Submission of a manuscript to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* will not be required.

Poster Session

Posters will be grouped by category and placed on poster boards in the exhibit hall at the Vascular Annual Meeting. Poster presentations will be made by the primary author at a 90-minute session on Friday afternoon. Participation in the entire session is mandatory. Authors will be given three minutes to

present the abstract and two minutes for discussion. The presenting author will be judged by his/her peers. The winners from each category will proceed to the "Championship Round" and present their poster as a PowerPoint in the Plenary Session on Saturday morning. The winners will be selected for first, second, and third place cash prizes. Although encouraged, submission of a manuscript to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* is not required.

Note: An abstract submission accepted to the SVS poster session that has not been submitted as a paper to the Journal of Vascular Surgery does not preclude submission as an abstract to the following regional and national society meetings:

Eastern Vascular Society
New England Society for Vascular Surgery
Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery
Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Society
Western Vascular Society

The Eastern Vascular Society and Western Vascular Society preclude presentation at the Championship Round if a paper has also been accepted at their annual meeting. The poster may still be presented at the initial poster session of the Vascular Annual Meeting.

SURGICAL VIDEO

During each Plenary Session at the Vascular Annual Meeting, there will be a surgical video presentation of an open or endovascular procedure. Authors of proposed videos must submit an abstract describing the video and its relevance to vascular surgeons. A five-minute video (with narrative) may also be submitted and will enhance the likelihood of selection. However, if your video is selected for presentation, the video should be silent with the narrative presented live by the primary author. The video should have 8-15 FPS (frames per second) in the recommended file format of wmv, mpg, avi, or mov (QuickTime) with a 100 MB limit. Videos accepted for this session will be given five minutes to present and five minutes for discussion. Although encouraged, submission of a manuscript to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* is not required. For the accepted videos, presenters are required to provide live narration.

The topic categories for abstract and video submissions are as follows:

- Aortic Disease
- Cerebrovascular Including Great Vessels
- Complications
- Dialysis Access
- Educational/Training Credentialing
- Peripheral Arterial Disease
- Practice Management
- Renal/Visceral Disease
- Vascular Laboratory and Imaging
- Vascular Medicine
- Vascular Trauma: Aortic, Arterial, Venous
- Venous Disease
- Basic Research (Poster Only)
- Other

BASIC RESEARCH

Submission of abstracts describing basic science research or early translational research (under the topic "Basic Research") will be primarily evaluated for poster presentation although a limited number of basic research abstracts may also be selected for the Plenary Session. Investigators are **encouraged to**

consider submission to the SVS Vascular Research Initiatives Conference (VRIC), which is focused on state of the art basic vascular science. The VRIC will be held May 6, 2015 in San Francisco, CA, and abstracts can be submitted via the [Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology Web site](#). Presentation of basic science data at the VRIC **does not** preclude presentation at the VAM (poster session or senior author at Plenary Session). All submissions of basic science and early translational research will be evaluated by the SVS Research and Education Committee and can be presented at both meetings.

Abstract Instructions

Required Format and Style Guidelines

Abstracts must include the following parts:

- Objectives
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions

You are also required to answer the following questions:

- 1) What quality gap (limitation or problem) with the practice of vascular surgery does this research address?
- 2) In what way might the results of this project supplement or inform our clinical or research knowledge or strategies?

Your abstract body may have a maximum of 2,000 characters (approximately 250 words; spaces included) and include either one table, figure, graph, or image that may reduce the character limit by up to 560 characters (depending on the size) from the overall 2,000 characters. The title, authors or affiliations are not included in the overall character limit. **Submission of more than one table, figure, graph, or image may disqualify the submission from further review.**

Abstract Text

1. Do not include title or authors within the abstract text.
2. Options for getting text in the system:
 - Enter your abstract text in the text box.
 - Upload a Word file directly into the system.

Table

Options for getting your table in the system:

- Upload a Word file included with your abstract text file directly into the system. (Use this method if you will need to edit or include special symbols)

Graphic

1. The figure must have a resolution of at least 300 DPI at 3 inches (18 picas) wide and must be in a TIFF, EPS, PowerPoint, JPEG, or Microsoft Word format. An image in another format is unacceptable.
2. Graphic should be submitted separately from the abstract text.
3. Graphic may appear large on the screen, but will be adapted for publication.

Please note: Your table, figure, or image must be submitted as a separate file and labeled. We do not accept figures or tables that have been embedded in the text of the manuscript or compiled in one document.

ABSTRACT QUESTIONS

If you have questions regarding the abstract submission system, please email technical support at support@abstracts123.com.

For all other, non-technical, abstract questions please contact SVS Education at 800-258-7188 or education@vascularsociety.org. The SVS office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. CT.

SVS Foundation Resident Research Prize

Residents submitting an abstract under the "Basic Research" topic category may choose to be considered for the Resident Research Prize sponsored by the SVS Foundation. The Resident Research Prize consists of a \$5,000 award and one-year complimentary subscription to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery*. The prize-winning work will be presented by the resident at the Vascular Annual Meeting and will be considered for publication in *JVS*.

To be eligible for the Resident Research Prize, an abstract and a complete manuscript must be submitted electronically via the Vascular Annual Meeting abstract submission Web site by **February 10, 2015**. In addition, a letter from the SVS sponsoring member must also be submitted by February 10 to the Research and Education Committee via email (svsfoundation@vascularsociety.org). This letter should describe the sponsoring member's role in the project and the resident's status in the training program where the research is taking place.

Please read the complete award guidelines available at www.vsweb.org/residentprize before applying for the award. Residents are encouraged to consider submission of these abstracts for presentation at the Vascular Research Initiatives Conference (May 6, 2015), via the Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology website.

Questions regarding the Resident Research Prize should be directed to svsfoundation@vascularsociety.org, 800-258-7188 (phone) or 312-334-2320 (fax).

Notification

Notifications of abstract acceptance or rejection will be e-mailed to the first/presenting author by early March 2015