

RULES & GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF PHYSICIAN SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACTS

All abstracts at the 2026 Annual Meeting will be a combination of both live and video oral abstracts. All abstracts submitted will be considered for both the live and video oral abstract category. The selection of abstracts will be at the discretion of the Annual Meeting Work Group. All abstracts accepted will consist of concise presentation research findings with a maximum presentation time of 5 minutes. The top 10 in Cosmetic Dermatologic Surgery and the top 10 in Skin Cancer and Reconstruction will be presented live and in-person in San Diego, CA. The remainder of selected abstracts will be placed under the video oral abstract category and consist of a 5-minute, pre-recorded presentation that will be available for viewing at the Annual Meeting.

WHO CAN SUBMIT

- a) an ASDS member in full-time private or academic practice; or
- b) an ASDS member in an approved dermatology fellowship program; or
- c) a resident/fellow in an approved dermatology training program (international residents will need to provide a letter from their program director); or
- d) a non-member dermatologist in full-time private or academic practice; or
- e) Medical Students can submit scientific abstracts on behalf of the primary author but cannot be the primary author or presenter.

Note: Co-Authors for scientific abstract submissions who are employees of industry must be scientific research clinicians and/or investigators.

WHO CAN BE PRIMARY AUTHOR

- a) an ASDS member in full-time private or academic practice; or
- b) an ASDS member in an approved dermatology fellowship program; or
- c) a resident/fellow in an approved dermatology training program (international residents will need to provide a letter from their program director); or
- d) a non-member dermatologist in a full-time private or academic practice.

Note: A dermatology research fellow must have their role verified by ASDS Membership and have an active ASDS account. *Verification from program director may be required.

Note: Medical students who have already matched in dermatology must have their match verified by ASDS Membership and have an active ASDS account. *Match letter and/or verification from program director may be required.

WHO CAN PRESENT

- a) The primary author must be the presenter of the abstract based on the selection category – live or video oral abstract.
- b) Medical Students cannot present on behalf of the primary author, unless verified by ASDS Membership as having already matched in an approved dermatology residency program.
- c) If an abstract is selected for a live or video oral abstract presentation, all communication is sent to the primary author, not the submitter. Once the abstract is selected, the primary author cannot be changed.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- The submission deadline is 11:59 pm Central Time on **Friday, July 31, 2026**. Edits and changes to abstract submissions can be made within the submission site up to the deadline. After this date/time, the submission site will close automatically and will no longer accept new submissions or edits to existing submissions. **There will be no exceptions to this policy.**
- **You must click "Submit" for your submission to be considered.** An email will be sent confirming your submission. If you do not receive a confirmation email, check back to the submission site to confirm your abstract was submitted successfully.
- Abstracts must be submitted via the online abstract system; no faxed or emailed entries will be considered.
- The primary author of each abstract selected will be the presenter. The primary author cannot be changed after the deadline has passed.
- All components of the online abstract submission must be completed for consideration. The body of the abstract should be organized into the following sections: (1) Title (2) Topic Area (3) Purpose (4) Design (5) Findings (6) Summary
- The abstract title and body **should not** include industry, trade or product names, i.e., use generic terms. The use of company or product names as a means for promotion/advertising is strictly prohibited. **Commercial involvement in the submission, production or presentation of an abstract is prohibited unless it has been submitted in the "Industry" category.**
- Encore abstracts (presented at another dermatology scientific meeting within the past 12 months) can be submitted but the author must indicate "yes" to the Encore Abstract Question within the Abstract Body Task.
- Published material should not be submitted, however material that has been submitted for publication but not actually published by the abstract submission deadline date is acceptable.
- Abstracts accepted for presentation at the ASDS Annual Meeting may be published electronically by the ASDS.
- Submissions will be reviewed and graded on the educational value of the abstract and the extent to which they present new and significant investigative work.
- Case studies will not be accepted for consideration.
- There is no word or character limit for Physical Abstract Submissions.
- Images, graphs, charts, etc. are unable to be submitted.
- **Only two submissions per primary author will be considered/accepted.**

Note: The ASDS welcomes abstract submissions from pharmaceutical, technology, cosmeceutical and dermatology companies, however there are different guidelines and criteria; industry abstracts must be submitted in the "Industry" category. (please refer to the Industry Abstract Guidelines).

GRADING

The selection of abstracts will be based on their grading by the Annual Meeting Work Group and Abstract Reviewer Task Force. The reviewers look especially favorably at abstracts that present information in an organized, coherent, well-thought-out, and complete manner.