Call for Abstracts – ASMBS 32nd Annual Meeting at ObesityWeek℠

**Submission Dates:** March 1 – May 1, 2015  May 4, 2015
**Submission Deadline:** Extended to Monday, May 4, 9:00am EASTERN
**Meeting Dates:** November 2-7, 2015
**Location:** Los Angeles, CA, at the Los Angeles Convention Center

**Introduction:** Please read the information below and then select “My Abstracts” from the menu above. Complete the fields for abstract submission then upload any tables, pictures or videos. You will then be directed to complete author information.

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES (COI):** You are encouraged to begin your abstract submission process early, as financial disclosures for all authors are to be submitted by the May 4 deadline. Abstract submission site will be available for accessing and editing your submissions through the deadline of May 4, 2015.

- The abstract submitter holds the final responsibility of ensuring all authors submit financial disclosures.
- **NEW DISCLOSURE RULE FOR 2015:** Within two weeks of notification of acceptance of abstract for the meeting (whether for oral presentation, video or poster), any papers with missing co-author disclosures MUST be completed. **Acceptance notifications will be rescinded** for all abstracts with incomplete disclosure information at the end of this two-week grace period.

**Five Opportunities for Presentation!**
Abstracts may be submitted for any of the following formats:

- **Scientific Sessions**
  The Scientific Sessions incorporates the wide range of disciplines involved in bariatric surgery with oral papers and discussions from the floor.

- **Video Session**
  The Video Session, within the Scientific Sessions, will include demonstrations of various bariatric surgery procedures, techniques and complications.

- **Poster Session**
  Posters will be presented in a "grand rounds" format and will be on display in the Exhibit Hall.
The IH Scientific Sessions Abstract Session covers a variety of topics related to the overall care of the bariatric surgery patient involving the entire multidisciplinary team.

- **Behavioral Health Session**
  The Behavioral Health Session covers a variety of topics related to the pre- and post-operative psychological care of the bariatric surgery patient.

**AWARD OPPORTUNITIES**

**John Halverson Young Investigator Award:** The recipient of this award demonstrates excellence in bariatric surgery research, presentation of their findings and fielding of questions during the presentation. The recipient is awarded a monetary gift and a plaque of recognition.

**Eligibility requirements:** First author must be a Medical Student, Resident or Fellow AND must be the first author on the paper.

_Only the top 5 highest-scoring abstracts will be included for consideration._

**ASMBS ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:**

1. Abstracts must be original work.
2. No authors may be added or deleted after the abstract submission deadline.
3. A new feature for 2015 will allow you to copy/paste from Word. The entire abstract body will be entered as a single field.
4. **NEW FOR 2015:** At the time of abstract submission, you will be required to develop and submit four self-assessment test questions for Maintenance of Certification. These questions must directly address the content of your abstract, and must include a rationale for the right answer.
5. Submitted abstract titles must NOT contain trade names.
6. All authors must disclose any relevant financial relationships. Abstracts will not be considered complete and available for selection until all financial disclosures are submitted.
7. If you submit an abstract to ASMBS, you **must not** submit to another conference until you have received a response.
8. Abstracts are not to have been presented at any other prior major meeting or event. If an accepted abstract is presented nationally, or is published, prior to the **ASMBS 32nd Annual Meeting at ObesityWeek**, it will be disqualified, and the author will be banned from submission for the next two years.
9. If the author fails to show for a presentation of an accepted abstract, that author will be banned from submission for the next two years.
1. Videos submissions also require submission of an abstract. See abstract submission guidelines above.
2. If you submit a video to ASMBS, you must not submit to another conference until you have received a response.
3. Videos must include verbal narration. Narration must use generic terms, and no use of commercial/proprietary names is allowed.
4. Videos must not exceed 7 minutes in length.
5. Videos cannot contain any evidence of commercial support.
6. Videos are not to have been presented at any other prior major meeting or event. If an accepted video is presented nationally, or is published, prior to the ASMBS 32nd Annual Meeting at ObesityWeek, it will be disqualified, and the author will be banned from submission for the next two years.
7. If a video is accepted for podium presentation, the authors give ASMBS the rights to publish the video in the ASMBS BMI library. This will be done AFTER the annual meeting. If videos are submitted to the BMI Video Library PRIOR to the annual meeting for which they were accepted, they are automatically excluded for video presentation at that year's annual meeting.
8. If the author fails to show for a presentation of an accepted video, that author will be banned from submission for the next two years.

POLICY ON MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION:

1. If the abstract is accepted for the Top Papers session, or is under consideration for the John Halverson Young Investigator Award, a manuscript submission to Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases (SOARD), the official journal of the ASMBS, is required.

Deadline for manuscript submission: October 2, 2015.

PLEASE NOTE: If the deadline for manuscript submission is not met, all authors will be prohibited from presenting at the ASMBS Annual Meeting for one year.

During the submission process, you will be required to attest to the following:
As a presenter of this paper, either selected for presentation in the Top Ten Papers Session or being considered for the Halverson award, I acknowledge that I am required to submit full manuscript to the Journal, Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases (SOARD), by October 2, 2015. If applicable, information regarding where a clinical trial was registered (National Institutes of Health web site or one of the equivalent web sites) will be stated in both the Cover Letter and the Materials and Methods section of the abstract manuscript.
Manuscript Submission Exemption*

Presenters of either a paper in the Top Papers session or one being considered for the Halverson award, who feel their manuscripts should be exempted from submission to SOARD, are provided the opportunity to request an exemption. This exemption will require approval by the ASMBS Program Committee.

- If the exemption is approved, it will be with the stipulation that your manuscript is accepted by **May 1, 2016**, in a **broad-based, high impact medical/non-surgical journal** (e.g. NEJM, JAMA, Lancet, Diabetes or Diabetes Research).
- If an exemption is not approved, you will be required to submit your manuscript to SOARD by **May 30, 2016**.

If you request a manuscript exemption, you will be asked to attest to the following:

I am requesting the option of an exemption from submitting my manuscript to SOARD because I believe this study would be more appropriate in a higher impact, non-surgical journal or one with a with a broader impact on the medical community than if it were published in SOARD.

You will also be required to submit the name of the Journal to whom you plan to submit your manuscript.

**IMPORTANT PUBLISHING REQUIREMENTS: MANDATORY CLINICAL TRIAL REGISTRATION:**

All clinical trials must be registered in the National Institutes of Health web site: www.clinicaltrials.gov or one of the equivalent web sites such as: www.anzctr.org.au; www.isrctn.org; www.trialregister.nl/trialreg/index.asp; www.umin.ac.jp/ctr/. This information must be stated in both the Cover Letter and the Materials and Methods section of the manuscript.

As of January 1, 2010, articles which enter a patient into any prospective clinical trial, randomized or not, but not including retrospective reviews, will automatically be rejected if this requirement has not been met.

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