Call for Abstracts – ASMBS 30th Annual Meeting at Obesity Week

Submission Deadline – May 1, 2013 @ 5:00pm, Eastern Time
Dates: November 11-16, 2013
Location: Atlanta, GA, at the Georgia World Congress Center

You are encouraged to begin your abstract submission process early, as all authors must submit disclosure information in order to complete the abstract submission. Even if you are not ready to submit your abstract, you can begin adding your authors into the system now so that they can enter in their disclosures right away. You will be able to enter the site indefinitely and access your abstracts through the deadline of May 1, 2013.

The American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery is the largest society for this specialty in the world. The annual meeting is the largest collective gathering of healthcare professionals involved in metabolic and bariatric surgery.

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

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

- **Video Session**
  The Video Session will include various bariatric surgery procedures.

- **Poster Session**
  Posters will be presented in a "grand rounds" format and will be on display in the Exhibit Hall.

- **Integrated Health Main Session**
  The Integrated Health Main 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**
Papers accepted for the Plenary Session with Medical Students, Residents or Fellows as first author at the time of the application are eligible for the 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. First author must also be the presenter.

**ASMBS ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:**

1. Abstracts must be original work.
2. No authors may be added or deleted after the abstract submission deadline.
3. Submitted abstract titles may not contain trade names.
4. All authors must disclose any relevant financial relationships. Abstracts will not be considered complete and available for selection until all financial disclosures are submitted.
5. 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 30th Annual Meeting at Obesity Week, it will be disqualified and the author will be banned from submission for the next two years.
6. 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.

**VIDEO SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:**

1. Videos submissions also require submission of an abstract. See abstract submission guidelines above.
2. Videos must include verbal narration. Narration must use generic terms and no use of commercial/proprietary names is allowed.
3. Videos must not exceed 7 minutes in length.
4. Videos cannot contain any evidence of commercial support.
5. 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 30th Annual Meeting at Obesity Week, it will be disqualified, and the author will be banned from submission for the next two years.
6. 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 ASMBS 30th Annual Meeting at Obesity Week, they are automatically excluded for video presentation at the Spring Event.
7. 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:
If the abstract is accepted for the Plenary Session, Video Session, or Integrated Health Main Session at the ASMBS 30th Annual Meeting at Obesity Week, a manuscript submission to “Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases (SOARD)”, the official journal of the ASMBS, will not be required unless the abstract is selected to have a discussant. In that case, the manuscript must be received by October 14, 2013. If the accepted abstract is to be considered for the John Halverson Young Investigator Award, the manuscript must be submitted by September 30, 2013.

- Please note: For the abstracts that are specifically chosen to have discussants, and therefore must be submitted to SOARD, all authors will not be considered for presentation at the ASMBS Annual Meeting for one year if a manuscript is not submitted by the stated deadline.

Manuscript Submission Exemption *
Plenary Session presenters with discussants 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 majority vote of the ASMBS Program Committee. If the exemption is approved, it will be with the stipulation that your manuscript is accepted by June 1, 2013, in a broad-based or higher impact journal. Failing this, you will be required to submit your manuscript to SOARD by January 30, 2012.

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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