

ISC 2010 Abstract Submission Guidelines

Acceptance

1. Abstracts selected will be published online in February 2010 on the *Stroke* Journal web site.
2. Accepted abstracts cannot be published prior to date and time of presentation and may not be presented at any meeting held prior to February 26, 2010. Any data contained is embargoed for release at the date and time of presentation or time of AHA news event and no information may be released before then. **Failure to honor embargo policies will result in the abstract being withdrawn and barred from presentation.**
3. Abstract grading is blinded. Abstracts are selected on the basis of scientific merit and are allocated to oral or poster presentations.
4. Guidelines for presentations will be provided to authors of accepted abstracts.
5. Abstract acceptance/non-acceptance status will be available on this web site and will be e-mailed in mid-late October.

Presentation

1. Request oral or poster preferred presentation on the Presentation Preference tab of the Submitter Site. The selection of one of these options will neither prejudice acceptance nor guarantee an oral or poster presentation because abstracts must be arranged to fit into a thematic group for presentation. However, the ASA will make every effort to accommodate your presentation request.
2. All presentations and question-and-answer sessions will be conducted in English. Presenters may request assistance from the moderator who will repeat or rephrase questions from the audience or they may ask a colleague in the audience to help translate.
3. Submission of an abstract constitutes a commitment by the author(s) to present it if accepted. Failure to present, if not justified, will jeopardize future acceptance of abstracts.
4. The American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association, reserves the right to all video or audio recordings of presentations at the International Stroke Conference 2010.
5. The presenter is responsible for expenses associated with the submission and presentation of an abstract (e.g. registration, airfare, lodging, etc.)
6. No 35 mm slides are permitted at the conference.
7. All oral presentations must be in electronic format. Electronic presentations must be submitted via the Presentation Management system at least 12 hours in advance of the session start time. Instructions will be sent to the presenting author via e-mail in January.
8. If you are referencing work previously published by another author, please be sure to include a complete citation at the bottom of the appropriate slide.
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2. The submitting author is designated as the presenting author. You may rearrange the order of the authors; however, the senior author must always be listed last. The presenter must be an author of the abstract.
3. **Additions or deletions of author names will not be permitted after August 7, 2009, 5 pm CDT.**

Abstract Data

1. The International Stroke Conference 2010 is a forum for the presentation of novel research findings. Thus, the work covered by the abstract must not have been published (manuscript or abstract) prior to the date and time of presentation or time of AHA news event and no information may be released before then.
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5. Abstracts containing identical or nearly identical data submitted from the same institution and/or individuals will be disqualified.
6. Because of the large number of submitted abstracts, **resubmission of an abstract to make revisions is not permitted after August 7, 2009, 5 pm CDT.**
7. To ensure that the abstract receives proper scientific consideration, please make sure that the abstract is submitted to the appropriate category.
8. Proofread abstracts carefully to avoid errors before submission. No proof pages will be sent to authors. **Revisions to abstracts will not be permitted after the August 7, 2009, 5 pm CDT submission deadline.**

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1. An abstract must have a short, specific title (containing no abbreviations) that indicates the nature of the investigation.

Abstract Text

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7. Abstracts are limited to 2,500 characters (about 400 words.) This includes title, text and any graphic/table. Addition of a table deducts 250 characters; addition of a graphic deducts 500 characters.
8. The format for the online *Stroke* Journal web site allows graphics/tables to be placed anywhere within the abstract. Do not add paragraph breaks within the body of the abstract.

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2. **Additions or deletions of author names will not be permitted after August 7, 2009, 5 pm CDT.**
3. **Proofread abstracts carefully to avoid errors before submission.**

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