



GENERAL THORACIC SURGICAL CLUB

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS FOR POSTER PRESENTATION

DEADLINE: December 15, 2011

The General Thoracic Surgical Club is accepting abstracts for an educational poster session at our 25th annual meeting being held March 8 – 11, 2012, at Rancho Bernardo Inn, San Diego, California. The accepted posters will be allowed to be submitted for publication to *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*. The deadline for submission is **December 15, 2011**, with acceptance and rejection notifications distributed by December 21, 2011.

Make sure your abstract conforms to these guidelines:

- Paper size: 8 ½ x 11 inch, electronic submission to the e-mail address below
- Title case: Capitalize first letter of each word in title
- Structured Abstract: Objective(s), Methods, Results and Conclusions
- Abstract text length: Maximum 250 words
- Font type: Times New Roman, 10 pt.
- Spacing: Single space only. No hard returns
- Tables: Up to one table allowed
- Graphics: Up to one graphic allowed. Must print out clearly in black and white
- Other: No reference to the institutions involved in the study in the body of the text.
- Full names of authors must be provided
- Institution or address is to be given, but omit titles, degrees and appointments.
- When percentages are used, the absolute numbers of derivation must be stated.
- All abstracts must be structured using the following section headings or they will not be accepted:

Objectives – A brief statement of the purpose of the study and the current state of research in the field.

Methods – The methods of study or experimental approach clearly, but briefly, defined.

Results – A summary of the results of the study, including sufficient details to support those conclusions. These may be presented in a brief table (no more than five columns of data).

Conclusion – A statement concerning the significance of the work and its implications for further research.

If accepted, all presenters are required by the Club, in accordance with ACCME and FDA regulations, to disclose any financial or nonnumerative interest.

The abstract will be submitted on behalf of the senior/corresponding author attesting that the material will not be presented elsewhere if accepted for poster presentation at the Club meeting. If there is any conceivable question regarding similarity to earlier work or possible duplication or redundancy of the work to be presented, it is the responsibility of the author of the paper to consult directly with the General Thoracic Surgical Club and the other conflicting organization. If there is a potential conflict with an abstract already presented or published, please contact the Club office at blemmerman@mayo.edu. Failure to comply will result in the poster being rejected. Include the abstract title in any correspondence regarding an abstract.

Abstracts not in compliance with the above instructions will not be reviewed. In discussion of posters, the Club encourages a healthy spirit of constructive critical review and rebuttal by comments pertinent to the content of the poster being presented.