



2026 Annual Meeting Abstract Center FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How do I submit an abstract?

- Visit the 2026 AANS Annual Meeting Abstract Center and log in using your MyAANS username and password to submit an abstract.

What information is required to complete a submission?

- **Abstract Title:** Titles should read as you want them to appear in publications. Use title case capitalization, *do not* use all CAPITAL LETTERS and *do not* put a period at the end of the title. Example: This is a Properly Formatted Abstract Title
- **Presenting Author (Lead Author):**
 - The Presenting Author *is required to register and attend the meeting.*
 - The Presenting Author *is expected to present* (if applicable).
 - Note: e-Posters do not have an oral presentation requirement.
 - The Presenting Author's account information/status (at the time of submission) is used to determine award eligibility.
 - All correspondence regarding the abstract submission and possible acceptance is done via email with the Presenting Author.

Please note, all reviews are blinded and therefore, the author's name will only be able to be viewed by the submitter and AANS Staff.

- **Co-Authors:** A co-author is an individual who helped you work on the abstract or someone that you would like to recognize in creation of the submission may be included as a co-author. List their full names with credentials. All authors must be added to submissions before the deadline. Additional authors cannot be added to the submission after Saturday, October 18, 2025, 11:59 pm CT.
- **Disclosure:** A disclosure is required for each presenting author, as well as an agreement with the Terms and Conditions.

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- **Topic Categories: APP,** Cerebrovascular, Education, History, Pain, Pediatrics, Peripheral Nerve, Socioeconomic, Spine, Stereotactic and Functional, Trauma and Critical Care, Tumor.
- **Abstract Body:** Include introduction, methods, results and conclusion sections. Text is limited to 320 words.
- **Additional Information:** This includes elements such as previous presentation of the abstract, FDA approval, industry employment status, medical student/resident designation, senior author information, funding/database questions and award consideration.
- **Review Work:** You may review your abstract by selecting “Preview Abstract.” Proofread all abstracts before they are submitted to avoid errors. Once reviewed, hit the save submission button to confirm all tasks have been completed.
- **Submit:** All tasks must be completed, and the abstract status must read “COMPLETE” on the submission site home screen for the abstract to be included in grading. Make sure to complete your abstract by hitting the submit button. A confirmation email will be sent once completed.

Note: Abstracts cannot contain advertising, trade names or product-group messaging. Include generic names or terms in your abstract content. If the abstract includes trade names, names from several companies should be used — not just trade names from a single company — to present all available treatment options. If trade names or company names are included in your abstract, the AANS reserves the right to remove them to ensure all scientific content is free from commercial bias.

Can I edit my submission?

- Yes, you can make edits **before the submission deadline, October 23, 2025.**
- Once the review process begins, no changes to the submitted abstracts are allowed – ***no exceptions.***
- Please note that any typographical or spelling errors, improperly formatted titles, missing co-authors, etc., **will not be edited by anyone at AANS.** It is the responsibility of the submitter to review and verify all the work submitted.
- Please remember, after making any changes to your abstract, you must **save and resubmit** the abstract (even if it was previously submitted). The abstract status must read “COMPLETE” on the submission site home screen for the abstract to be included in grading. A confirmation email will be sent for every resubmission.

What are the presentation formats?

NOTE: *Abstract submissions will be reviewed for all categories.*

- **Oral Presentations:** Top-ranked abstracts are selected for oral presentation during designated Plenary or Topical sessions. Presenters will deliver their research to a live audience within the scheduled session time.

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- **Rapid Fire Oral Presentations:** These concise presentations, lasting 2–3 minutes each, may be scheduled within Plenary or Topical sessions. Abstracts are grouped by category, providing presenters the opportunity to highlight key findings in a fast-paced format.
- **Oral Paper Poster Presentations:** This format features a 4' x 6' physical poster display of the abstract. Posters will be available for viewing in a designated conference area. Each presenter will have up to 5 minutes to discuss their work during organized sessions, grouped by abstract categories.
- **E-Posters:** E-Posters are one-page digital versions of accepted abstracts. They will be available for on-demand viewing throughout the Annual Meeting via the conference website, mobile app, and onsite kiosks. No formal presentation time is assigned for this format.

How will the abstract be available to 2026 Annual Meeting attendees?

- All Oral Presentations are available live in-person and in the meeting app.
- e-Poster abstracts are available in the mobile app. Screens displaying the e-Posters will also be located in a designated area of the convention center.
- All abstracts will be published in the mobile app exactly as they are submitted, ***no exceptions***. Proofread all abstracts before they are submitted to avoid errors.

Will accepted abstracts be published in the Journal of Neurosurgery?

- **No**, accepted abstracts will not be published in the journal. They may be included in the conference materials or proceedings, but they will not appear in any peer-reviewed journal publication.

Can a presented or published abstract be submitted?

- Previously presented or published material should not be submitted. It is acceptable if material has been submitted for publication but not actually published prior to the time it is scheduled to be presented at the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting.

Can I submit charts, graphs or images with abstract submission?

- No, the AANS does not allow for any charts, graphs or images in the abstract submission process.

When will abstract submissions close?

- The 2026 AANS Annual Scientific Meeting Abstract Center closes on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 11:59 pm CT.

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What is the review process?

- Each submission is blindly reviewed by neurosurgeons whose specialty is within the category of submission. Last year, the committee of reviewers had more than 150 neurosurgeons participate in the review process.

When will I know if my abstract has been accepted?

- All abstract submitters will be notified by email in January 2026 regarding their abstract status.

If I accept an invitation for either an Oral presentation or E-Poster, am I required to attend the 2026 Annual Meeting?

- **Yes, all** Presenting/Lead Authors are required to register and attend the 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting in San Antonio, TX. If the presenting author does not complete registration by the deadline, **Monday, February 16, 2026**, all accepted abstracts submitted by the presenting author will be declined.

How do I change the presenting author for an abstract?

- If you are unable to attend the 2026 AANS Annual Scientific Meeting, you must complete and submit the Change of Presenting Author task in the abstract submission site by the registration deadline, **Monday, February 16, 2026**.
- After the changes, all correspondence will then be addressed and sent to the new Presenting Author.

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