Important Dates

Meeting Dates/Location:

April 9 – 12, 2027
San Diego Convention Center | San Diego, California

Abstract Submissions Open:

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Abstract Submissions Close:

Thursday, October 1, 2026, 11:59 pm ET

How do I submit an abstract?

- Visit the 2027 Annual Meeting Scientific Abstracts Submission Site and log in using your MyAANS username and password to submit an abstract.

What information is required to complete a submission?

- **Abstract Title**: Provide a short, specific title that accurately reflects the content of your presentation.
  - Titles should read as you want them to appear in meeting publications.
  - Do not use abbreviations.
  - Use title case capitalization.
  - Do not use ALL CAPITAL LETTERS.
  - Do not end the title with a period.
  - Example: This is a Properly Formatted Abstract Title
- **Presenting Author (Lead Author)**: The Presenting Author is the individual submitting the abstract. The Presenting Author:
  - I**s required to register and attend the meeting.**
  - I**s expected to present, if applicable*.**
  - Account status at the time of submission will be used to determine award eligibility.
  - Will receive abstract-related correspondence via email.

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**: Co-authors are individuals who contributed to the work or whom you wish to acknowledge for their role in the development of the submission. A maximum of 30 co-authors can be added.
  - Include each co-author's full name, credentials, and email address.
  - All co-authors must be added before the submission deadline.
  - No authors may be added after **October 1, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. ET**.
- **Disclosure**: The Presenting Author must complete the required disclosure and agree to the meeting Terms and Conditions before submitting the abstract.
- **Topic Categories:** Select the topic category that best describes your submission from the following options: Adult Hydrocephalus, Chiari, or ICP Disorders, APP, Cerebrovascular, Education, General

Neurosurgery & Intracranial Infections, History, Pain, Pediatrics, Peripheral Nerve, Socioeconomic, Spine, Stereotactic and Functional, Trauma and Critical Care, or Tumor.

- **Abstract Body**: The abstract body must include the following sections: Introduction, Methods, Results, and Conclusion. The body of the abstract is limited to **320 words.**
- **Additional Information**: Complete all required additional information, including questions related to previous presentation of the abstract, FDA approval status, industry employment, medical student or resident designation, senior author information, funding and database use, and award consideration, as applicable.
- **Review Work:** Before submitting your abstract, select **Preview Abstract** to review your submission for accuracy. Proofread carefully to ensure there are no spelling, grammar, or formatting errors, then save your submission to confirm that all required tasks have been completed.
- **Submit:** To finalize your submission, ensure all required sections have been completed and that the abstract status displays **Complete** on the submission site home screen. Once you have verified your submission, select **Submit** to complete the process. A confirmation email will be sent after your abstract has been successfully submitted.

* e-Posters do not have an oral presentation requirement.

Can I Include Trade Names or Product Names in My Abstract?

- Abstracts must be free of commercial bias and may not contain advertising, promotional language, or product-group messaging. Authors should use generic names or terms whenever possible. If trade names are necessary, authors should use trade names from multiple companies —not just a single company—to present all available treatment options in a fair and balanced manner. The AANS reserves the right to remove trade names, company names, or other promotional content to ensure compliance with CME accreditation requirements.

Can I edit my submission?

Yes, you can make edits **before the submission deadline, October 1, 2026, 11:59PM ET.** Please remember:

- Once the review process begins, no changes to the submitted abstracts are allowed – ***no exceptions***.
- 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.
- 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?

All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Program Committee. Based on the review process, accepted abstracts will be assigned to the presentation format the committee determines is most appropriate Presentation format assignments are made solely by the Program Committee and cannot be requested or changed by authors.

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- **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. The submitted abstract text will also be available for viewing in the meeting app.
- **Rapid Fire Presentations:** These live, concise presentations, lasting 2 (two) minutes each, may be scheduled within Topical sessions. Abstracts are grouped by category, providing presenters with the opportunity to highlight key findings in a fast-paced format. The submitted abstract text will also be available for viewing in the meeting app.
- **Paper Poster Presentations:** This format features a 4' × 6' physical poster display of the accepted abstract. Posters will be available for viewing in a designated area of the convention center. During the assigned poster session, presenting authors are expected to be at their posters to discuss their research, answer questions, and engage with attendees. The submitted abstract text will also be available for viewing in the meeting app.
- **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.

Note: All accepted abstracts will be published in the meeting app exactly as submitted. No edits, corrections, or revisions will be made after submission. Authors are responsible for carefully proofreading their abstracts before submission to ensure accuracy.

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?

No, 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.

What is the review process?

Each abstract submission undergoes a blinded peer review process by neurosurgeons with expertise relevant to the category and topic area of the submission. Reviewers evaluate abstracts based on scientific merit, relevance, originality, and overall quality. The Program Committee uses reviewer scores and feedback to determine abstract acceptance and presentation format.

The prior year's review process included more than 150 neurosurgeons participating as abstract reviewers.

Abstract acceptance decisions and presentation format assignments are final. Requests for reconsideration or changes to acceptance status, presentation category, or presentation format will not be considered.

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When will I know if my abstract has been accepted?

All abstract submitters will be notified by email in January 2027 regarding their abstract status. Abstract acceptance decisions and presentation format assignments are final. Requests for reconsideration or changes to acceptance status, presentation category, or presentation format will not be considered.

If I accept an invitation for an abstract presentation, am I required to attend the 2027 Annual Meeting?

Yes, all Presenting are required to register and attend the 2027 Annual Scientific Meeting in San Diego, CA. If the presenting author does not complete registration by the deadline, **March 5, 2027**, 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 2027 AANS Annual Scientific Meeting, you must notify the Education team by email to request a change of Presenting Author no later than the registration deadline of **March 5, 2027**.

After the changes, all correspondence will then be addressed and sent to the new Presenting Author.

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