

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, INC

July 2, 2009

Dear Colleague:

The Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons will be held **Friday, October 30, 2009 at the Holiday Inn in Waterbury, CT**

The Chapter welcome submissions for the following programs at its annual meeting:

MORNING SESSION

Resident & Physician Assistant Paper Sessions – in the following areas of clinical study:

- Trauma/Critical Care
- Oncology
- General Surgery
- Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
- Pediatric Surgery
- Bariatric Surgery
- Surgical Specialties

These presentations are 10 minutes in length including a 3 minute question and answer period.

The abstract must describe work performed during residency or research training and should indicate the mentor and the institution where the work was performed.

Any work which has been previously published or presented at a national meeting is ineligible for presentation at the CTACSPA meeting. Work presented locally or regionally is eligible.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Community Based Surgeons – “How I Do It”

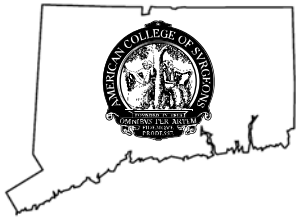
This purpose of this afternoon special program is to help fulfill the Council’s mission to make the Chapter increasingly relevant to those who practice outside of the residency programs. The ACS traces its roots back to the community based general surgeon and the Chapter believes strongly that this is yet another way we may be of service to all of the surgeons in Connecticut.

These presentations will run 7 minutes in length followed by a 3 minute question and answer period and will focus on technical innovations, unique and difficult cases, novel therapies, translational research or emerging technologies. Video presentations are welcome and encouraged. In your submission, please indicate the institution at which the case was performed.

Acceptance Policies

Papers will be accepted in all sessions for all categories with the final decisions regarding placement reserved by the CTACSPA Program Committee.

All submissions must conform to the procedures outlined in the submission template and we must have the email address of the presenter included on the submission form.



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The competitions are coordinated by the Committee on Trauma, the Commission on Cancer, the Committee on Bariatric Surgery, the Connecticut Academy of Physician Assistants and the Program Committee of the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association. Prizes will be awarded for the best clinical and scientific presentations of the meeting.

All submissions of abstracts for all competitions must be received by Tuesday, September 1, 2009. You must download the template at www.ctacs.org to submit a paper. Detailed guidelines are included in the download.

Authors will be notified of abstract acceptance by Friday, October 2, 2009. Notifications will be provided via e-mail and posted on our website www.ctacs.org. Authors of all accepted papers will be required to comply with the Chapter's CME Conflict of Interest disclosure policy at the time of notification of acceptance or risk the removal of the paper from the competition. These procedures are increasingly more complex and your support is appreciated.

Please note that for this year's meeting the Chapter will require that you submit your PowerPoint presentation to us by 5PM on Wednesday 21 October 2009 or your paper will be ineligible for presentation.

Sessions will be held throughout the day and we encourage you plan to spend the entire day at the meeting. We will conclude the day with the first edition of Connecticut Resident Surgical Olympics complete with food and drink!

Thank you for your continued support of the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association. Please reserve **Friday, October 30, 2009** to attend the Annual Meeting!

Sincerely,

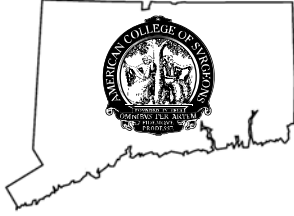
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Enclosure.



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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES — 2009

DEADLINE:

All submissions of abstracts for all competitions must be received on or before **Tuesday, September 1, 2009.**

All abstracts must be **submitted via e-mail** and **written in MS-Word (Macintosh files are unacceptable)** adhering to the guidelines outlined below, **including fonts and type size.** Please send your completed abstract to **CTabstracts@ctacs.org**. Contact Christopher Tasik at 203-674-0747 or **CTabstracts@ctacs.org** with questions.

OVERALL FORMATTING INSTRUCTIONS

Title – please use Title Case (i.e. capitalize all words except articles, coordinate conjunctions and prepositions)

Body - single space

Typeface: Arial Narrow, 11 point

Graphs/Charts: JPEG, GIF or TIFF (compressed) format & *sent as attachments*

Length- MAXIMUM of one 8.5" x 11" page for abstract and one title page

You must use the template that can be downloaded from www.ctacs.org

Submission of an abstract that deals with experimentation on humans or animals implies that the authors adhere to the federal and institutional guidelines dealing with human or animal experimentation and that the appropriate approval has been granted from the institutions review committees.

Oral Presentation Guidelines

- ❑ Presentations must conform to the time length specified for your session or you will be cut short by the moderator to allow the program to run on time.
- ❑ An LCD video projector and a laptop will be provided. *Please note that for this year's meeting the Chapter will require that you submit your PowerPoint presentation to us by 5PM on Wednesday, 21 October 2009 or your paper will be ineligible for presentation. We will load all the presentations on a single laptop in each room. Edits cannot be made to your presentation after their final submission on 10/21/2009.*

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