Abstracts Frequently Asked Questions

Application
*Abstracts MUST contain the following to be accepted: All authors Name, City, State, Country

Abstracts not containing this information may be rejected.

- Abstract Presenters are required to attend the AANEM Annual Meeting to present their poster.
- Abstract Deadline: March 15
- Poster Presentation Dates: Poster presentations will be Thursday and Friday of the annual meeting. Once abstract numbers are set, date changes are not permitted.
- Additional authors cannot be added after abstract submission.
- Maximum Word Count: 250
- Graphs and references are NOT allowed in the abstract. They can be added to the poster.
- Submission of an abstract does not automatically register you for the AANEM Annual Meeting.
- Abstract Acceptance Notification: June 1

Awards
President’s Research Initiative Award
http://www.aanemfoundation.org/Awards/President’s-Research-Initiative This award is given to up to 10 abstracts selected by the President who have created research dealing with the topic chosen by the President. President’s Plenary Topic

Golseth Young Investigator Award
http://www.aanemfoundation.org/Awards/Golseth-Young-Investigator Given to the best research paper submitted by a young physician to the AANEM Annual Meeting for original research in neuromuscular and electrodiagnostic medicine.

Residency & Fellowship Member Award
http://www.aanemfoundation.org/Awards/Residency-and-Fellowship For this award, the first author must be a Resident member at the time of abstract submission.

Technologist Best Abstract Award
https://www.aanemfoundation.org/Awards/Technologist-Member-Recognition For this award, the first author must be a Tech member at the time of the abstract submission.

Medical Student Research Award
http://www.aanemfoundation.org/Awards/Medical-Student-Research-Award
This award is given to up to 10 abstracts for research related to PMR, EDX or neuromuscular medicine. First author must be a Medical Student.

Surinderjit Singh Young Lectureship Award
https://www.neuromuscularfoundation.org/Awards/Surinderjit-Singh-Young-Lectureship-Award
Given to an early career physician, this plenary is selected by the AANEM president to present at the AANEM Annual Meeting.

Applicants may only receive one award benefit except the Residency & Fellowship may be received in addition to another award.

*Must attend meeting and be First Author and Poster Presenter to receive any of the above awards.

International Scholarships
http://www.aanemfoundation.org/Awards/International-Fellowship These scholarships are available for international applicants. Physicians who submit an abstract to present at the AANEM Annual Meeting will be given priority.

Please email meeting@aanem.org with questions.

How to introduce an abbreviation in the text:
The first time you use an abbreviation in the text, present both the spelled-out version and the short form. When the spelled-out version first appears in the narrative of the sentence, put the abbreviation in parentheses after it:

Example: We studied attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in children.

After you define an abbreviation, use only the abbreviation. Do not alternate between spelling out the term and abbreviating it.

The following abbreviations can be used without first spelling them out:
ALS=amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
CT=computed tomography
CTS=carpal tunnel syndrome
EDX=electrodiagnostic
EMG=electromyography
ER=emergency room
FDA=Food and Drug Administration
ICU=intensive care unit
IV=intravenous
IVIg=intravenous immunoglobulin
MRC=Medical Research Council
MRI=magnetic resonance imaging
NCS=nerve conduction study
Abstract Title
Do **NOT** use an abbreviation in the title of the abstract.

Abstract Authors
There is a limit of 15 authors per abstract. **NO Exceptions.**

Abstract Format
It is recommended that you write and edit your summary in Notepad or another plain text processor and then cut and paste into the submission form.

No references should be cited or included in the abstract. You may include references on your poster.

Abstract will be entered into the submission system in one of two formats:
- Clinical/Basic Science and Technical Research
- Case Report

Abstract Embargo Policy – Original Abstracts
Accepted abstracts are made available to the public on the AANEM website and are published in *Muscle & Nerve* in advance of the AANEM Annual Meeting. Information contained in those abstracts may not be released until the abstracts appear on the AANEM website or in *Muscle & Nerve*, whichever occurs first. AANEM requires information that goes beyond that which is contained within the abstract, e.g., discussion of the abstract done as part of a scientific presentation, is to be embargoed until the start of the annual meeting. Full policy is located on the AANEM website.

Encore Abstracts
Applications for poster or platform presentations are acceptable even if the data has been previously presented, so long as it has not been published in a peer reviewed journal prior to the meeting. Once the abstract is submitted to AANEM, no further information regarding the abstract may be released until it appears on the AANEM website or in *Muscle & Nerve*, whichever occurs first.

Late Breaking Abstracts
AANEM does **not** accept late breaking abstracts. Abstract submission deadline is March 15.

Pharmaceutical Abstract Authors
Pharma employees can be part of the research team on an abstract and present the abstract, however, it is encouraged that a physician present the abstract.

Abstract Decisions
If your abstract was not accepted, please feel free to submit an abstract next year. All abstract acceptance decisions by the Program Committee are final.

Abstract Publication
Abstracts are printed in *Muscle & Nerve* in either the September or October issue each year.

Abstracts Presentation at the Meeting
All abstracts will include a poster spot in the poster hall. Award winning abstracts may also be displayed at the Abstract Winners Reception on Thursday evening. Poster Presenters will be contacted directly with further information regarding the Abstract Reception.

Poster Size
All posters should fill a 4’ high by 8’ wide poster board.

Audio Visual Equipment Requests
The Poster presentation area does not allow for audio-visual equipment.

Poster Location Notification
Once your poster has been accepted, you will receive a notification telling you the final presentation number of your poster and installation instructions during the annual meeting.

Poster Presentation Date Change Requests
Once the abstracts have been given their final numbers and authors notified, it is not possible to change the date of presentations.

Abstracts and Meeting Registration
It is the responsibility of each presenting author to register for the meeting. Presenting authors need to go to the registration site and complete the registration form and identify a form of payment.

Registration Types
Presenting authors agree to register for the conference as a condition of submission.

Unable to Attend
Authors agree to be at the meeting and display their poster. If the person who originally was to have been there to discuss the work cannot attend, someone else needs to be designated to take their place.

Expense Reimbursement
Authors’ and presenters’ expenses will not be reimbursed.

Financial Awards
Must be present at the AANEM Meeting to receive award.

Abstract Poster Installation
Wednesday October 13, 2021

Abstract Poster Removal
Friday October 16, 2021

MGFA Abstracts
MGFA Abstract information is available by contacting
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