You are invited to submit abstract presentations for review and selection for The Late-Breaking Research Forums at the 2018 Annual Meeting, February 16-20, 2018.

The forums will be conducted in four sessions. These Forums will highlight the latest ground-breaking observations in clinical, therapeutics, surgical, pediatric, dermatopathologic and basic research. Researchers are invited to submit abstracts describing their most recent results and the top scoring studies will be invited to discuss their findings in a brief oral presentation during one of the themed Forums.

New therapies will be given top priority, particularly data from pivotal trials of unapproved drugs or unapproved indications. In addition, novel observations that could be practice changing will also be given top consideration.

Abstracts must be submitted by 5:00 PM Central Time on November 27, 2017. After this date/time, the submission site will close automatically and we will no longer be able to accept submissions. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

QUALIFICATIONS
All members of the Academy, residents, research fellows, and industry researchers are invited to submit their original research for review and selection. Non-member physicians and guests from outside the United States are also welcome to submit abstracts provided the submissions are in English.

By submitting your abstract, you agree to present the abstract as an oral abstract presentation at the Annual Meeting. If your submission is accepted, you will be required to register for the Annual Meeting and pay the appropriate registration in order to present at the meeting. Non-member physicians who would like to participate will be required to register for the Annual Meeting as a non-member and pay the non-member fee.

PRESENTATIONS
Abstracts selected will reflect the best research from clinical research, dermatoepidemiology, basic science, and pediatric in dermatology. Industry researchers may not provide product recommendations during their presentations. Abstract descriptions are limited to 250 words.

- The final session schedule will depend on the number and nature of all accepted presentations.
- Specific presentation date and time requests cannot be guaranteed.
- Once a specific date/time is selected, you will be unable to reschedule.

Photos WILL NOT be accepted during the submission process. Photos may be included in your presentation in the event your abstract is selected for one of the forums.

Photography and recordings of scientific content will be strictly prohibited at the presentations.
All submitted abstract content will be embargoed until the first day of the AAD meeting at which time the abstracts will be posted online. However, the title and authors of the abstracts will be listed in the online searchable program for audience interest leading up to the start of the meeting.

**GRADING OF ABSTRACTS**
Abstracts submitted will be reviewed and graded by an AAD work group via a blind review process. No identifiable information (e.g. institution names) is included in the review process. Abstracts should clearly identify the background, approach, results, innovation, and relevance of their research to dermatology. New therapies will be given top priority, particularly data from pivotal trials of unapproved drugs or unapproved indications.

When submitting your abstracts, it should be organized with the following:
- Background
- Type of Study (e.g. case series, case/control study, phase III trial, etc)
- Methods
- Results (include p values and statistical test if appropriate)
- Conclusion

References should be submitted in the reference section of the online submission form.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE**
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**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**
1. All members of the Academy are invited to submit abstracts for review and selection.
2. Non-members and guests from outside the United States are welcome to submit abstracts provided they are submitted in English.
3. The Academy encourages medical students, residents and fellows to present new material at the Annual Meeting.
4. If you submit the same abstract to multiple abstract programs and your abstract is accepted to more than one of the programs, you will be required to choose one program in which to present. The abstract will be withdrawn from the other program(s).
5. By submitting the abstract, the Primary Author listed on the initial submission agrees to present the abstract as an oral presentation at the Annual Meeting.
   a. **DO NOT** submit an abstract for consideration if you know you cannot attend the meeting.
6. If your submission is accepted, you will be required to register for the Annual Meeting and pay the appropriate registration.
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2018 Abstract Submission Guidelines and Procedures

What is Not Eligible for Submission:

1. An abstract is ineligible for consideration if it reports work that was accepted for publication as a manuscript that will be published prior to the scheduled presentation time at the Annual Meeting (e.g., full-length article, brief report, case report, concise communication or letter to the editor, etc.)
2. Applicants should not submit abstracts that include material that has already been presented at previous Academy meetings or other scientific meetings.
3. The same study should not be submitted as multiple abstracts. Abstracts that appear as more than one version of a single study will be rejected.
4. Submissions will be rejected if they utilize any materials/slides that have been created by a commercial entity and/or include promotional messages or corporate logos.

RULES & GUIDELINES

- Applications must be submitted online. Incomplete, faxed or late entries will not be accepted. There will be no exceptions.
- Abstracts will be blinded by the Academy office for the review process.
- The primary author will serve as the presenter during the session. It is the responsibility of the primary author to inform the AAD in the event that he/she cannot present and provide an alternate presenter if possible. Only a co-author, listed on the original submission will be accepted as an alternate presenter.
- Applicants must ensure that the following fields are completed: affiliation, address, city, state, country, providence, zip code, phone number, fax number, and email.
- Applicants are required to disclose any financial relationships with commercial companies.
- Published material or material that has been previously presented is not eligible and should not be submitted.
- No more than one abstract per primary author may be submitted. If more than one abstract is submitted per author, all abstracts from that author will be ineligible for consideration.
- If you submit the same abstract to multiple abstract programs and your abstract is accepted to more than one of the programs, you will be required to choose one program in which to present. The abstract will be withdrawn from the other program(s).

Email notifications will be sent to the primary author listed on the submission at the beginning of January. Questions regarding your submission should be directed to abstracts@aad.org.