



LATE BREAKING TRIALS AND SCIENCE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The Heart Rhythm Society recognizes that stimulating and rapidly developing research was not completed in time for the December 2022 abstract submission deadline. To highlight this timely innovative work at Heart Rhythm 2023, the Heart Rhythm Program Committee will develop peer-reviewed sessions consisting of late-breaking science and late-breaking clinical trials.

Important Information

The Late Breaking abstract submission site will open **Wednesday, January 25th, 2023**. Each abstract submission will require a fee of \$175 for HRS members and \$250 for non-members. This fee will be charged to the submitting author for each abstract submitted. The submission fee will directly fund additional travel grants to assist fellows-in-training and support enhancements to the presentation of abstracts. Payments must be made by credit card during the submission process. Visa, MasterCard, and American Express are accepted.

All submissions must be received no later than **February 22nd, 2023, at 11:59 PM, Eastern Time**. Abstracts submitted after this deadline will not be considered. **Authors will be notified about the acceptance/rejection of their abstract via email by March 13th, 2023.**

Abstract Author Designation

Abstract authors are comprised of three different types

- **Submitting Author:** All correspondence for the abstract will be directed to the Submitting Author. This information should be reviewed to ensure that the current and correct e-mail address information is provided.
- **Presenting Author:** The author who will present the accepted abstract onsite at Heart Rhythm 2023.
- **Co-Author(s):** All additional authors contributing to the abstract.

The Society will institute the “Author Search” tool for abstract submissions. This will allow you to search the HRS database for your co-authors. For consistency, spell out all co-author names and avoid using initials. This will allow the correct information to appear in the index of Heart Rhythm 2023 publications, website, and mobile applications. If an individual is not in our database, they will need to set up an HRS account.

To avoid scheduling conflicts, an abstract author may serve as the Presenting Author for no more than five (5) abstracts.

Criteria

Evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

1. Impact of the research
2. Novelty and rigor of the study design
3. Clinical endpoints
4. Quality of the statistical plan

Rules for Submission Eligibility

- If an abstract submission has already been accepted for the Heart Rhythm 2023 meeting, it will not be eligible for a Late Breaking abstract submission.
- Submissions are not eligible for consideration if the manuscript of the submission will be published prior to Heart Rhythm 2023 (May 19th- May 21st, 2023).
- Submissions are not eligible for consideration if the trial results have been presented at a major international meeting held prior to Heart Rhythm 2023 (May 19th – May 21st, 2023).
- Submissions which appear to be redundant versions of a single study and/or selling a product versus discussing the science will be rejected.

Investigator/Presenting Author Requirements

- The first investigator listed in the abstract shall be considered the presenter unless designated otherwise upon submission. Only one investigator per trial may be considered the presenter.
- The submitting investigator must guarantee that all co-authors are familiar with the data, agree with the stated results, and have agreed to be included as authors.
- If an investigator belongs to multiple submissions, the investigator's name must be identical in each submission. This will ensure consistency and assist in the indexing process for all Heart Rhythm 2023 publications.
- A completed submission constitutes a commitment by an investigator to present if accepted. All presentations will be conducted live in New Orleans, LA. There will not be an option for a virtual or pre-recorded presentation.

Late Breaking Clinical Trials Categories:

1. **Late-Breaking Randomized Clinical Trials:** First-time presentation of primary or major secondary results from a prospective, randomized clinical trial.
2. **Late-Breaking Clinical Innovations:** First-time presentation of results of clinical applications of novel therapeutic or diagnostic approaches to heart rhythm disorders.
3. **Late-Breaking Clinical Trials Updates and Registries:** Follow-up analyses from prospective, randomized clinical trials or first-time presentation of high-impact information from multicenter clinical registries or observational studies.
4. **Late-Breaking Science:** Innovative research that includes the latest breakthroughs in basic and/or clinical science that could have a significant impact on clinical practice.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION AND PREPARATION GUIDELINES

Abstract Title

- An abstract must have a short specific title (containing no abbreviations) that indicates the nature of the investigation.
- Titles should **not** include the authors' names.
- Always use correct title case (e.g., Only the Best of the Best in Medicine Study Electrophysiology).
- The abstract title is not counted in the character count limit (2,500) designated for abstract submission.

Abstract Text

When entering text, please remember:

- Use generic drug names.
- Do not begin sentences with numerals; numbers should be spelled out.
- Standard abbreviations may be used without definition. Non-standard abbreviations (which should be kept to a minimum) must be placed in parentheses after the first use of the word or phrase abbreviated.
- Do not include references, credits, or grant support.
- Do not include the names or personal information of any patient participating in the study or trial.

Please note that because of the text box system, you will not be able to upload your abstract to the Abstract Submission Site. You must either type the text in or cut and paste the text from another document. You will still be able to upload images and create tables the same way as before.

Abstract Data

- Multiple abstracts appearing to be redundant versions of a single study will be rejected.
- Abstracts are not eligible for consideration if published prior to Heart Rhythm 2023. No abstract may be presented at Heart Rhythm 2023 if it is substantially similar to material presented or to be presented at a major international meeting held prior to Heart Rhythm 2023.
- Individuals who have submitted abstracts to other major international meetings and await notification of acceptance may also submit abstracts to the Heart Rhythm Society for consideration for Heart Rhythm 2023; however, upon acceptance from another organization, it is the responsibility of the author to notify the Heart Rhythm Society office by **Wednesday, March 31st, 11:59 PM Eastern Time** to withdraw the abstract.
- The Heart Rhythm 2023 Program Committee endorses the position of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in requiring assurances of the responsible use of animals in research ([AAAS Resolution: Use of Animals in Research, Testing, and Education](#)). All submissions must follow these guidelines.
- Any human experimentation must conform to the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki of the World Medical Association ([WMA Declaration of Helsinki](#)).
- The Presenting Author must ensure that all co-authors are familiar with the data, agree with the stated results, and have agreed to be included as authors.
- **Industry Abstract Submissions:** All submissions are required to focus on science and research and not products or services. Abstract presentation may not be sales presentations and/or endorsement for products or services.
- The Heart Rhythm Society reserves the rights of reproduction, distribution, display and derivatives in both print and digital format. Upon their abstract's acceptance, authors will be asked to read and comply with the Heart Rhythm Society's Release and Authorization for Webcasts, and Enduring Products.
- SEC Exception: A publicly traded company may determine that it is legally required to disclose certain data or other information from a confidential abstract in advance of the public release date to satisfy requirements of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission or a corresponding regulatory body in a country where the company's stock is traded (collectively, "SEC"). This need typically arises when there is a substantial likelihood that the information would be considered by a reasonable investor in the company to significantly alter the total mix of information made available to the investor.
- The abstract is still eligible for inclusion at the Heart Rhythm 2023 meeting provided that the company submits to HRS, in advance of the release, a letter signed by the company's legal counsel that contains the abstract title, indicates the format/nature of the public disclosure, and advises that (a) public disclosure of the information is necessary for the company to comply with applicable securities laws, and (b) the information disclosed is the minimum necessary for such compliance. HRS also requires that the lead author be copied on the request.

Abstract Format

The total number of characters allowed for the submission is 2,500. This character count does include spaces and does not include the abstract title. Images/tables will also not reduce the character count.

Section Headers

Introduction:

Methods:

Results:

Application:

Next Steps/Future:

Graphics/Figures

1. Keep figures simple – line or bar graphs are most appropriate
2. Ensure text is large enough to read when printed
3. Use only pre-sized .gif or .jpg
4. Save color images in RGB mode
5. Ensure images are 72-300 dpi
6. You are limited to one figure and one table per submission

Abstract Revisions

- Carefully proofread the abstract content and make any necessary revisions before the submission deadline date.
- To ensure that the abstract receives proper scientific consideration, please make sure that the abstract is submitted to the appropriate category.
- Resubmission of an abstract that is corrected or changed is not possible after the submission deadline date.

Accepted Submissions

General Information

- **Acceptance/Rejection Notification:** Disposition announcements will be sent via email by **March 13th, 2023** to the submitting author.
- Accepted Late Breaking abstracts are embargoed until the morning of presentation. This means that the Society will release these abstracts the day of the presentation.
- The Heart Rhythm Society reserves the rights of reproduction, distribution, display and derivatives in both print and digital format. Co-authors reserve all proprietary rights other than copyright, such as patent rights and the right to use all or part of the application in future works of their own.
- Titles and presenters will be listed online in the Heart Rhythm 2023 Program/Itinerary Planner.
- The Late Breaking abstracts will be published on the **HeartRhythm** website shortly after the Heart Rhythm 2023 meeting and included in the **HeartRhythm** journal.
- Authors of accepted abstracts are encouraged to submit full articles of their findings to **HeartRhythm** for expedited peer review and potential publication in the journal soon after the presentation. See the **HeartRhythm** author guidelines for information on manuscript preparation and submission.
- **Disclosure of Relationships:** The presenting author will be required to provide the Heart Rhythm Society with the relationships they need to disclose.

Registration

- The presenter of the trial will be required to register for Heart Rhythm 2023 and will be charged a reduced registration rate; please visit <https://heartrhythm.com/attend/registration> for more information. Expenses associated with the submission and presentation of an abstract are the responsibility of the presenter. Only one author per abstract is considered the presenter. Co-Author(s) listed on the abstract do not receive reduced rates towards registration. For more information, visit the Faculty Resources section of the Heart Rhythm Society's website at <https://heartrhythm.com/>.
- All expenses incurred by the presenter for submission and presentation are the responsibility of the presenter.

Questions? If you have any questions about submitting an abstract for presentation at Heart Rhythm, please contact Heart Rhythm staff at abstracts@hrsonline.org