SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

Electronic Submission of Abstracts Deadline: Monday, May 8, 2017 at 11:59 pm (EDT)
Maximum Word Count: 250
Minimum Word Count: 25

All abstracts for the 4th Annual Meeting must be submitted electronically via the official abstract submission website. To submit an abstract, please visit http://pediatrictraumasociety.org/meeting/. Please note that paper abstract submissions will not be accepted.

ABSTRACT REQUIREMENTS

- All abstracts must be submitted electronically or will not be considered.
- Abstracts must be limited to 250 words and one table or figure. The table or figure will count as 25 words toward the 250 word limit.
- Tables are limited to a maximum of 5 columns and 5 rows.
- The abstract should clearly state the purpose of the study or review, methods used, the results obtained and the conclusions.
- Authors and institutions must be omitted from the abstract text due to the blinding process used during the review. Failure to omit this information will result in the abstract not being considered.
- All presenters are required to register for the meeting and pay the registration fee. PTS does not offer an honorarium. Travel and housing arrangements are the sole responsibility of the presenter unless otherwise specified.
- Abstracts accepted for either an oral or poster presentation will have content published online at pediatrictraumasociety.org and in the PTS program book given to participants at the meeting.
- Deadline for abstract submission for the 4th Annual Meeting is May 8, 2017 at 11:59 pm EDT.
- Authors will be notified of the review outcome within 8 weeks of submission. Notification will be sent to the Lead Presenter's email address provided during the submission process.
- All accepted abstracts authors are encouraged to submit a manuscript to Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery, the official journal of the PTS.
- Abstracts that have been presented at a national conference will not be considered. Abstracts presented at a local or regional meeting will be considered.

The PTS Program Committee will review and select abstracts for oral or poster presentations. Abstracts submitted for oral presentation not accepted to the program will be considered for poster presentation. Abstracts will be reviewed on originality, scientific merit, study design (if relevant), clarity of expression and presentation of data. The Committee will not accept abstracts previously presented at a national conference but will give priority to those works that have not been previously submitted. PTS will not accept abstracts already published.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

- Clinical Care
- Critical Care
- Emergency Medicine
- Injury Prevention
- Innovation
- Neurosurgery
- Orthopedics
- Pre-hospital
- Quality Improvement
- Rehabilitation/ Pediatric Psychology
- Trauma Nursing
- Trauma Systems
WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE YOUR ABSTRACT

You will need the following materials and information in order to complete your abstract in the system:

- The presenting author's full contact information, including email address.
- Abstract text and corresponding tables or charts.
- Previously presented data information.
- Overall objective of the abstract and objective content outline.
- **ALL** disclosure information for **ALL** authors in the author block.
- A Self-Assessment Question to fulfill Part II MOC requirements through the American College of Surgeons, the accrediting body for the PTS Annual Meeting. Guidelines to create a question are listed below.
  - Create one (1) pertinent question to test the attendee’s understanding of the main points of your presentation. Please provide one (1) correct answer (which will be supported by your data and presentation) and include three (3) incorrect answers for multiple choice questions.
  - The question must be Multiple Choice. Open-ended questions cannot be included on the test. If possible, your Multiple Choice question should have a case-based component, as case-based questions provide more evidence of change in competence rather than just in knowledge. Questions **CANNOT** begin with the phrase “Which of the following is true (or false)” OR “Each of the following statements is correct EXCEPT”.

THE JOSEPH J. TEPAS, MD AWARD

Established in 2016, the Joseph J. Tepas, MD Award will be presented to the authors who demonstrate excellence in trauma related research and best exemplifies Dr. Tepas' commitment to education and research. Two awards will be presented: a physician award AND a non-physician award. The lead author for the physician award must be either a medical student, resident, or fellow, in clinical training or a junior faculty member no more than five years past completion of their training. The non-physician award will recognize work in nursing, allied health, or other areas of trauma research.

To be considered for the award:

- The research must be original and related to the continuum of pediatric trauma
- Not previously published or presented at a conference
- One author must be a member of the Pediatric Trauma Society
- The manuscript must be completed and submitted one month prior to the meeting