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The Program Committee of the Global Specialty Lens Symposium (GSLs) invites the submission of abstracts for the presentation of Free Papers and Posters to be held January 20-23, 2021. The committee seeks topics including new and innovative concepts, clinical cases and research on all aspects of contact lenses (such as materials, designs, lens care) in addition to related topics such as corneal and ocular surface disease, diagnosis and treatment approaches, and practice management.

Abstract Guidelines

Abstract submissions for the 2021 Global Specialty Lens Symposium (GSLs) will be accepted only through the official GSLs website, www.GSLSymposium.com, until **October 1, 2020**, at **5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST)**.

There are three categories of abstract submission types: clinical case reports (optometry resident and non- optometric resident) and research.

1. For **clinical case reports abstracts (non- optometric resident first author)**, please use the following standard headings to structure the abstract: AUTHORS, AFFILIATIONS, TITLE, BACKGROUND, CASE DESCRIPTION, CONCLUSIONS.
2. For **clinical case reports abstracts (optometry resident first author)**, please use the following standard headings to structure the abstract: AUTHORS, AFFILIATIONS, TITLE, BACKGROUND, CASE DESCRIPTION, CONCLUSIONS.
3. For **research abstracts**, please use the following set of standard headings to structure the abstract: AUTHORS, AFFILIATIONS, TITLE, PURPOSE, METHODS, RESULTS, and CONCLUSIONS.

The abstract, excluding author names and affiliations (i.e. institutions, contact information), is limited to a total of 2,500 characters (including spaces, punctuation, etc). Submissions that exceed this limit will not be accepted by the website, but the submitter will immediately be given the opportunity to modify the submission so that it fits within this size limit. Images and figures within abstracts are not allowed.

The first author will receive immediate confirmation that his or her abstract was received via an e-mail confirmation sent to the address listed for the communicating author.

Policies

For research submissions, the first author is asked to indicate his or her preference for a Free Paper or Poster presentation (note that there are a VERY limited number Free Papers). In addition, please

¹ <https://www.arvo.org/About/policies/helsinki-declaration/>

² <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/about-site/background>

indicate in the respective field on the submission form whether you would be willing to consider future publication in *Contact Lens Spectrum*. The submitting author is also required to assure that the abstract complies with each of the following standards, insofar as they are applicable:

1. Any and all research involving human subjects must be conducted in accordance with the guidelines provided by the Declaration of Helsinki and in adherence of applicable national and local human subject's requirements, including an indication of human subject informed consent, as published by The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology.¹
2. Submissions that are clinical trials must indicate that they comply with and have registered on clinicaltrials.gov or regional equivalent.²
3. Research involving animal subjects must be conducted in accordance with international standards for animal treatment and care, as published by the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology.³
4. Any and all co-author(s) must read the final, submitted version of the abstract and explicitly consent to include their name(s) in the list of authors. The submitting author is responsible for assuring that all co-authors have had the opportunity review the materials, and for assuring that the work is original and not the work of others.
5. Conflicts of interest, or lack thereof, must be disclosed as instructed on the abstract submission form per that of the [Global Specialty Lens Symposium](#).
6. All abstracts and posters/presentations must be conducted per current [ARBO COPE CE guidelines](#) including the absence of advertising or promoting products, services, instruments or devices. They can be detailed as part of something being used in the research or clinical case, but not feature the commercial product beyond this. **Do not include commercial products in abstract titles.** [COPE Standards on Commercial Support](#)
7. Free Paper presentations are a maximum of 8 minutes in length.
8. Poster presenters are responsible for developing, printing, shipping/transporting, and hanging their poster and will be supplied an appropriately sized board (no smaller than 4' x 6') for poster hanging.

Registration

First authors must be registered for the Global Specialty Lens Symposium and are expected to present their accepted work; exceptions will not be made for substitute presenters. First authors for selected free papers will receive **\$150** off registration for the meeting, and poster submissions that are selected will be given **\$100** off their GSLS registration.

Notification

The first author will be notified of the Committee's decision after October 15, 2020. There will be a poster competition divided in three categories— Clinical Case Report (non-optometric resident), Clinical Case Report (optometry resident) and Research—and winners will be notified at the GSLS meeting. The winners will receive an American Express gift card. For each category, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive \$300 USD, \$200 USD, and \$100 USD, respectively.

³ <https://www.arvo.org/About/policies/statement-for-the-use-of-animals-in-ophthalmic-and-vision-research/>

Summary of Process

Web Submissions only: www.GSLSymposium.com

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