

## **RULES APPLYING TO CAOG ABSTRACTS**

The following rules were developed by the CAOG Scientific Program Committee.

### **RULES FOR ELECTRONIC ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

- **Extended Deadline: Monday, May 19, 2025, 11:59 p.m. C.D.T.**

Abstracts received after the deadline will NOT be accepted or reviewed.

- **Presenting Author:**

Designate a Presenting Author for each abstract. This is the author who will present the abstract at the CAOG Meeting.

- **Sponsoring Member Requirement:**

Obtain sponsorship of your abstract from a CAOG member only if the Presenting Author is not a CAOG member.

- **Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Statement:**

A Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Statement must be completed by the Presenting Author (the signature is indicated by checking a box in the program). It is the responsibility of the Presenting Author to report potential conflicts of all abstract authors.

- **Co-Author Approval:**

Ensure that all co-authors approve of the abstract submission, publication and potential presentation. It is the responsibility of the Presenting Author to contact the other authors about the status of the abstract.

- **Number of Submissions:**

Submit as many abstracts as you wish. However, the Program Committee will consider the total number of abstracts submitted by the same author/institution when selecting the program.

- **Abstract Receipt Confirmation:**

Contact Rochelle Hickel ([rhickel@caog.org](mailto:rhickel@caog.org)) if you do not receive an e-mail confirmation within two business days of submitting your abstract. *Lack of confirmation indicates that we did not receive your abstract.*

- **Abstract Notification:**

In late May the abstract's Presenting Author will receive correspondence about the status of the submitted abstract. If you do NOT receive this by May 31, 2025, please send an e-mail inquiry to [rhickel@caog.org](mailto:rhickel@caog.org). Your e-mail will receive prompt attention.

## ABSTRACT PROCESS

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- **Oral Presentation** – At least twenty (20) oral presentations will be selected this year. This paper requires a 12-minute presentation with or without questions from the audience. If accepted for Oral Presentation, it is the responsibility of the Presenting Author to submit a manuscript suitable for publication in a peer reviewed medical journal. This submission must be received by September 1, 2025, complete with copyright assignment. Approved manuscripts will be published at a later date.
- **Poster Presentation** – This requires the author's presence at the poster, with posters remaining on display for two days. Poster presentations may submit a manuscript for publication in a peer reviewed medical journal by September 1, 2025. These manuscripts are reviewed by the journal and published at their discretion with the notation that the data was presented at the 2025 CAOG meeting.

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  - State the purpose of the study (preferably in one sentence).
  - State methods used.
  - Summarize results presented in sufficient detail to support the conclusions.
  - State the conclusions reached. (It is not satisfactory to say, "The results will be discussed.")
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