

Submit abstracts and proposals for symposia, premeeting courses, and special interest groups (SIGs) for the NASS 25th Annual Meeting, October 5-9, in Orlando, Florida.

NASS offers the highest level of education available for the multidisciplinary spine care community. The Annual Meeting continues to grow and improve to accommodate your professional needs, and will provide a myriad of educational opportunities and events. Detailed information regarding the scientific program, registration and housing will be available in May. Visit www.nassannualmeeting.org for more information as it becomes available.

All abstract, symposia, premeeting course, and SIG proposal submissions are online only. You may access the online submission site through www.nassannualmeeting.org, under the header "25th Annual Meeting". Click either the link for "Abstract Submissions" to submit an abstract, or on the link for "Symposia, Premeeting Course, and SIG Proposals" to submit one of those types of proposals.



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Call for ABSTRACTS & PROPOSALS



NASS 25TH ANNUAL MEETING

October 5-9, 2010
Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, Florida

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION
DEADLINE:
Wednesday, January 13, 2010



TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT OR A PROPOSAL:

- Go to the Abstract Submission Center in the 25th Annual Meeting section on www.nassannualmeeting.org to access the OASIS Abstract Management System.
- Recommended browsers are Internet Explorer 7 and Safari.
- You do not have to be a NASS member to submit an abstract or proposal.
- This is NASS' first year using the OASIS system. Every submitter will have to create an account. Please click the "Create a New User Account" link on the login page. After you select a username and password, you will be able to access the system.
- Do not create multiple accounts.
- Users may save their progress and log in to the submission site as many times as necessary prior to the deadline.
- NASS staff is able to assist with username and password inquiries. Contact the education department at education@spine.org for log in inquiries or if you experience difficulties during any step of the submission process. Help desk links are found on the login page or at the bottom of each page of the Web site. Each step within the system provides step-by-step, easy-to-follow instructions. *Please note: Depending on the volume of requests the Help desk receives, there could be a 24 hour delay in receiving a response.*
- For inquiries, please contact Erica Taffs, education assistant, at (630) 230-3668 or etaffs@spine.org.



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ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING:

- Background Context
- Purpose—State the purpose of the study; the question asked and why.
- Study Design/Setting
- Patient Sample
- Outcome Measures (must be included in clinical studies).
- Methods—Describe the methods used to seek the answer.
- Results—Summarize the findings.
- Conclusions—Define the overall significance of the findings.
- The text of the abstract should have a total character count of no more than 3,500 (each letter and punctuation mark counts as one character). The system is set to notify you if you exceed the character limit. If you do, your submission will be incomplete until you modify your abstract to meet the character limit.
- In addition to text, you may embed figures into your text. Images will count toward the final character count. Each photo/figure equals 500 characters and a table is 250. Please upload the best resolution images possible. Detailed instructions for adding figures and tables are available under the "Abstract" step when entering the abstract.
- To make sure your abstract is reviewed appropriately, you will need to choose a subject category. If the Program Committee feels your abstract would be better assigned to a different category, they may, at their discretion, reassign the abstract to a different category. Acceptance or rejection of your abstract is not based on the subject category, but the actual quality of the abstract.

SYMPOSIA AND PREMEETING COURSE PROPOSALS REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING:

- Title
- Description (200-300 words)
- Educational objectives (3-4)
- Agenda
- Faculty/contact information

SIG PROPOSALS REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING:

- Title
- Description (2-3 sentences)
- Discussion classification
- Additional speakers/contact information

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND POLICIES

- NASS policy states that abstracts may not be withdrawn after acceptance. If an accepted abstract is not presented at the meeting, the ensuing penalty is that the entire author group cannot submit an abstract to NASS for two (2) years.
- To withdraw an abstract, the presenter must notify the NASS office in writing prior to the end of the abstract review. Once an abstract has been accepted for the program it may no longer be withdrawn. Prior to submitting your abstract(s), please ensure you and/or one of your team of authors has secured proper funding sources in order to present at the meeting. If a request for withdrawal is received after acceptance onto the program and no replacement presenter is found, you will be listed as "Refused to Present" in the Final Program.
- No author may be removed after an abstract has been accepted for placement on the program.
- All authors on all accepted abstracts are required to provide complete financial disclosure information via the NASS online disclosure submission system in addition to FDA disclosure information.
- **New for 2010:** All accepted abstracts and proposals will be subject to a content review process and slide presentations will be required prior to the meeting. Details will be included in acceptance invitations.
- Presenting authors of all accepted abstracts must register for the meeting and are responsible for their own travel expenses as well as the meeting registration fee.
- NASS reserves the right to withdraw an abstract at any time.
- All presenters must adhere to the AMA Code of Medical Ethics, Opinion 8.061, "Gifts to Physicians from Industry." More information may be found at www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/5689.html.
- Medical device companies are prohibited from submitting abstracts on behalf of the author(s). Violations subverting the educational content of the meeting and threatening NASS' ACCME accreditation will be subject to disciplinary action.
- Presenters may not use their abstract to market products or services. Use generic names wherever possible. Use product-based names only when necessary. The content of slides and reference materials must remain the ultimate responsibility of the presenter.
- It is a condition of publication that abstracts submitted to NASS have not been published, and will not be simultaneously submitted or published elsewhere. You must indicate whether this material was presented within the last 12 months and, if so, at what meeting/forum. This information will be shared with the Program Chairs.
- Persons submitting an abstract are doing so with the understanding of the above policies and that they will abide by the conditions, deadlines and decisions of the Program Committee.