SRS Annual Meeting Directions for Abstract Submission

Key Dates

All following deadlines are mandatory. **No exceptions will be made.**

Abstract submission begins – **November 1, 2025**Abstract submission deadline – **February 2, 2026 at 11:59pm EST (US)**Abstract Acceptance notification via email – **May 1, 2026***Abstract Presenter Acceptance deadline – **June 5, 2026***61st Annual Meeting in Sydney, Australia – **October 6-10, 2026**

Note: Presenting authors of all accepted abstracts will be required to formally accept the invitation to present and confirm their presentation by registering for the Annual Meeting **by June 5, 2026**.

Abstract Submission and Presenter Limits

- Abstracts may be submitted by SRS members and non-members.
- There are no restrictions on the number of abstracts you may submit.
- SRS Active, Associate, Emeritus and Candidate members may present a maximum of two (2) podium presentations at the Annual Meeting.
- Non-members may present a maximum of one (1) podium presentation at the Annual Meeting.
- There are no Annual Meeting presenter limits for accepted E-Point presentations.

Start your Abstract Submission!

Visit https://owpm1.com/abstracts/SRSAM

Review all information on the home page. Then, select "Click here to submit/edit your submission."

Login

- Those who submitted an abstract in 2020 or later already have an existing account.
- New Users should click on the "New Users" link.
- If you cannot remember your login information, please click on "Forgot your password?" at the bottom of the page.
- Verify that all your contact information is accurate, <u>especially your email address</u>. All
 abstract submission system confirmations and communications are conducted via email.

^{*}Dates tentative and subject to change. Check meeting website for updates.

Financial Relationship Disclosures

The Scoliosis Research Society (SRS) must ensure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all educational activities. Therefore, as a person who is in position to influence or control the content of a CME activity, ALL abstract authors must disclose all financial relationships held in the past 24 months with ineligible companies. * If the financial relationship has occurred in the past 24 months, but has since ended, we still require you to disclose the relationship.

Visit this link to disclose: https://owpm1.com/abstracts/SRSAM/disclosure
The username is the email associated with your abstract and the password is your first name.

*An ineligible company is an entity whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, reselling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by or on patients. For specific examples of ineligible companies visit accme.org/standards.

Abstract Submission

To begin your Abstract Submission:

- Click on the "Add a New Submission" button on the main page. You will also see "Add a New Submission" on the menu in the upper right-hand corner of the page.
- Select the "Abstract Submissions Podium and E-Point Presentations" option
- You will then be directed to the <u>Submission Menu</u> Site. Click on each item to complete. All items must be completed to submit.

The following directions explain the electronic abstract submission process for the SRS Annual Meeting. **Please review this guide prior to submission**. Missing deadlines or requirements will result in abstract disqualification

Abstract Details

- Select the format for which you would like the abstract to be considered.
 - Podium Presentations: live, in-person presentations at the Annual Meeting, given by the listed presenting author. The presenting author must register for and attend the meeting.
 - E-Point presentations: Audio narrated presentations available for meeting delegates to view at kiosks during the Annual Meeting. At least one author must register for the meeting.
- Select the category for which you are submitting your abstract.
 - Note: If it is determined your abstract does not fit in the selected category, the category will be re-assigned by the Abstract Review Team.
- To maintain an unbiased review of all abstracts, please do **NOT** include any identifying information such as researcher, institution, or **study group** names in your abstract. **Inclusion of any identifying information will disqualify your abstract from review.**
- Please indicate whether your abstract has been previously published or accepted for publication in an English language peer-reviewed journal prior to the abstract submission deadline of February 2, 2026.
 - NOTE: Previously published or papers accepted for publication prior to February 2, 2026 will NOT be eligible for submission.

Title

- The title must be entered in title case: https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/capitalization/title-case The submission system will prompt you to correct your title case if entered incorrectly.
 - Correct title case = Scoliosis Will be Discussed at the Annual Meeting
 - Incorrect = SCOLIOSIS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING
 - Incorrect = Scoliosis will be discussed at the annual meeting
- Do not use formatting tags in the title.

Character Limit

- There is a 2500 character limit for all submissions.
 - The character count includes: titles, spaces, abstract body, and captions for tables, figures, and images.
 - O The count does not include authors or institutions.
 - You can view your character count in the bottom left hand corner of the "Abstract Details" tab.

Creating & Adding Authors

- To add an author with an existing abstract system account, type the author's last name in the 'Search for an Author in Database' section located on the Author and Disclosure Panel page.
 - o If your search yields multiple name results, please ensure you have selected the correct author. Click on the author's name to view detailed contact information. If you are unsure which result to choose, please contact your author to confirm.
 - If your search yields more than one account for the same person, please contact education@srs.org for assistance in merging the duplicate accounts.
- If there are no results for the author's name in your search, <u>DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY</u> <u>CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT FOR YOUR AUTHOR.</u> Please check to ensure correct spelling of the author's name, and try other search parameters if able.
 - Please ensure that you enter the correct author email address & that it is spelled correctly. Authors will **not** receive email notifications if there are any errors.
- Once a new author is added, the author will receive an email notification that an account
 was created. They will also be prompted to log in and complete their mandatory Financial
 Relationship disclosure form.
 - o All authors should add srs@owpm1.com to their safe sender list.
 - Missed email notifications may result in author failure to complete the mandatory Financial Relationship disclosure form on time, which will result in abstract disqualification.
- The abstract submitter is **not** automatically listed as an author on the abstract. If you are a
 submitting an abstract for which you're also a listed author, you must **add yourself to the**author list.

Presenting Author Designation & Author Order

- To designate the presenting author, select "is Presenter" next to the author's name.
 - The presenting author for accepted abstracts can be changed after submission.
 - To designate co-authors as correspondents on the abstract submission, check the box next to their name. There is no limit to how many co-authors you can select as correspondents on the abstract.
 - The submitting author and all designated correspondents will receive emails about the abstract.
- Authors will be listed on the abstract in the order entered by submitters. Please confirm
 the author list order is correct before submitting an abstract.

Level of Evidence

- Enter the minimum time period of follow-up
 - Two-year clinical follow-up is required for abstract submission. The two-year follow-up rule does not apply to categories of basic science or biomechanical studies or for topics where two-year follow-up is irrelevant, such as 30-day readmission rates.
- If your study was funded by an SRS Grant, please check "yes" on this page. You will then be asked to provide the Primary Investigator's name and the grant year.

Declarations

- FDA Disclosure
 - This disclosure will be noted in program materials, if your abstract is selected and you indicate that the presentation will include discussion of non-FDA approved products or techniques.
 - Disclosing an intent to discuss non-FDA approved products will NOT preclude your abstract from acceptance.
- Use of Product Names
 - Presentations that utilize product names will receive additional scrutiny during the CME review process and presenters may be asked to remove the product name at the discretion of the CME Committee. Please consider using a generic instead of a specific product name. If you still intend to use a specific product name, you must clearly indicate your intention in your submission.

Attachments

- Only one (1) attachment is allowed per abstract.
- Attachments can include tables, images, or supplemental data.
- Accepted file type: JPEG
- Please note: Captions are included in your total character count.

Preview

- When all required information is entered, you will visit the "Preview" page to look over the abstract prior to submitting it.
- Please review the contents of your abstract carefully, checking for any typos, grammatical errors, or identifying information.
- After your review of the abstract, check the box next to the statement confirming that the abstract does not contain any identifying information.
- Note: You will NOT be allowed to edit the content of your abstract after the submission deadline, even if it eventually is accepted. Accepted abstracts appear in meeting program materials exactly as they are submitted.

Submitting Your Abstract

- To submit the abstract, click on the "Finalize Abstract" button at the bottom of the page.
- Once submitted, the abstract status will change from "Draft" to "Submitted" and you will receive an automated email notifying you that your abstract was submitted successfully.
- You may log in at any time before February 2, 2026 to update your abstract, finalized or not.

Questions?

For questions regarding your submission or technical issues, please contact education@srs.org