

SMISS Annual Forum '20 – Call for Abstracts

The SMISS Annual Forum '20 is designed to enable surgeons, scientists, and researchers to present original clinical research results related to current or emerging techniques and technologies in Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery (MISS). Submissions by employees of medical device companies, or on behalf of medical device companies, are prohibited.

Dates and Deadlines

Call for Abstracts opens	April 2020	
Call for Abstracts closes	August 7, 2020	Only online submissions will be accepted.
Authors notified of results	Sept. 8, 2020	
Presenter registration deadline	Sept. 21, 2020	

Abstract Categories

The [Program Committee](#) invites authors to submit abstracts for presentation within any of these categories:

- Deformity
- Degenerative
- Trauma
- Tumor
- Revision
- Complications
- Cervical
- Anterior techniques
- Lateral techniques
- Posterior techniques
- Navigation
- Emerging tech.
- Biologics
- Healthcare Econ.
- Other

Abstract Submission Details

- Only abstracts submitted in English will be reviewed.
- Abstracts should be original work.
- During the online submission process, you will be required to enter contact information, including e-mail addresses, and disclosures for both the presenting author AND all co-authors.
- Abstracts must not exceed a **maximum of 400 words**.
- Abstracts must **NOT** contain tables, pictures or diagrams.
- All abbreviations must be spelled out on first use.
- Abstracts should be thoroughly checked for spelling and grammar.
- *Authors will be notified if the abstract has been selected for an oral or e-poster presentation.*
- Do not include the abstract title or author information in the body of the abstract.
- You will receive an e-mail confirmation after the submission.
- Your abstract will appear in print as submitted.
- Use limited references (e.g. Smith 1999), only if necessary.
- Multiple abstract submissions may be considered; however, please be aware that only one oral presentation will be assigned per registered delegate for successful applicants.

Presentation Type

Abstracts may be submitted as oral or e-poster presentations.

- Abstracts accepted for oral (podium) presentation must be presented in English in **PowerPoint format** and should follow the official template provided.
- Abstracts accepted for e-Poster presentation must be submitted as PowerPoints
- **CME guidelines insist that commercial bias and company logos not appear in your abstract or presentation.**

Please note, if an overwhelming number of oral presentation submissions are received, the SMISS Scientific Committee reserves the right to offer E-poster presentations for some of these abstracts.

Terms and Conditions

In submitting an abstract all presenters agree to the following terms and conditions:

- I understand that once an abstract is accepted and scheduled for presentation, SMISS considers my acceptance to present as a commitment to the Program Committee and my abstract may not be withdrawn. In addition, if I or a co-author fail to present at the SMISS Annual Forum '20, I forfeit my eligibility to submit any abstract presentations to the next SMISS annual meeting. If I am prevented from attending due to travel restrictions, I may withdraw.
- I confirm that each author / presenter listed agree with the content of this abstract and has given permission to be listed as an author / presenter.
- I and other author(s) control all rights to the abstract presentation which is/will be created, have the authority to assign copyrights, and hereby agree to assign to SMISS all copyrights in the abstract and presentation in any medium in the event that my abstract and presentation is accepted by SMISS for educational purposes including, but not limited to, recording my oral presentation, the sale of the recording; and the printing and/or electronic publication of this material or transcripts, excerpts or abstracts, including for online CME.
- I have checked the accuracy of the information and referencing within this abstract.
- I understand that should my abstract be accepted for presentation, I or at least one author is required to complete a congress registration. Presenters and co-authors will receive a \$150 discount off the registration fee.
- I hereby provide permission for the organizers and committee of the SMISS Annual Forum '20 to publish my abstract in the course materials, SMISS website, and post-course CME proceedings.
- I understand that my abstract will not be published unless or until my or a designated author's meeting registration has been received by the presenter registration deadline of September 21, 2020.
- I understand that SMISS prohibits authors from submitting or presenting abstracts on behalf of medical device companies, and that this abstract is not being submitted on behalf of or at the request of a medical device company. Employees of medical device companies are restricted from submitting or presenting abstracts.
- I understand that my abstract will be published, if accepted, as submitted and that SMISS will undertake no editing to grammar or spelling.
- The organizers reserve the right to remove a presentation from the program.
- The submitting author will be required to complete a Financial/Conflict of Interest (COI) Disclosure Statement AND provide complete financial and COI disclosures for each co-author. Abstracts without full disclosure information will not be reviewed.