
Abstract Submission Instructions

2021 Educational Conference & Expo *“ASCIP: Riding the Waves of Excellence in SCI Care. SEA you in San Diego!”*

Hilton San Diego Bayfront
San Diego, CA

September 5-8, 2021

Submission website open: November 23, 2020

Abstract Submission Deadline:

January 22, 2021 Midnight, CST

Online submission only: <https://www.firmems.com/ascip/>

Preferred Conference Themes – other topics will be considered.

- **Living well after SCI** - Resilience/appraisal, eating well/weight management/metabolic considerations, whole health, sports/recreation and adaptive athletics, accessing community care, sexual health
- **Emerging Treatments** - examples include implanted stimulators, stem cell utility, opioid alternatives, robotics
- **Ethics in SCI**- medical care, rehabilitation, research, and training
- **Community based Healthcare/Therapy**
- **Mental Health** - depression, anxiety, substance abuse, pain management, suicide, treatment/intervention modalities, community resources

Submission Overview

- You do not need to be a member of the Academy to submit an abstract.
- Abstracts will represent clinical practice, research or social policy content related to spinal cord injury or disease.
- All submitted abstracts are required to meet CME/CE accreditation standards. They should

reflect presentations that are fair, balanced and free of commercial bias.

- The Academy Program Committee, an interdisciplinary panel, will review and score all abstracts. In addition, abstracts will be reviewed and scored by members of the section boards, Academy Research Committee, and a select group of interested members at large.
- **The Academy Program Committee reserves the right to decide on the date, time, and the format for all presentations.** If you do not wish to accept the decision of the Program Committee with regard to the format of your presentation, then you must notify the FIRM no later than **May 1, 2021** so that the program can be adjusted and other submissions can be considered for acceptance.
- Notifications of acceptance will be made by **April 15, 2021**.
- If an abstract is accepted for presentation, the presenter must register for the annual conference. **Registration fees are the responsibility of the presenter.**
- Individuals may submit more than one abstract.
- Upon acceptance, a copy of your slides or your handout must be submitted to the Program Committee on or before **July 31, 2021**. The Academy plans to make PDF versions of the PowerPoint slides available to conference attendees, unless the presenter requests that slides not be made public. All slides must use the ASCIP conference template and have a disclosure or lack of disclosure slide.
- Research-based (Original Research or Case Study/Series) platform or poster presentation abstracts accepted for presentation at the annual conference will be reviewed for publication in the Journal of Spinal Cord Medicine (JSCM). Publication of conference abstracts will be contingent upon final review and approval by JSCM. Abstracts that lack details or structure, and/or refer to information that “will be discussed”, will not be published.

Abstract Submission:

- **Abstract Type:**
 - **Original Research or Case Study/Series - Platform Presentation or Poster**
 - Research abstracts must be based on **completed** research and must include data analysis.
 - Original Research does not include quality improvement, program development, clinical practice, policy, technology review etc.
 - Accepted presentations from Original Research and Case Study/Series will only be submitted to JSCM for possible publication if limited to the 250-word max and if the proper formatting, noted in the abstract system, is used.
 - **Practice-based (non-research) Platform Presentation or Poster:**
 - A practice-based abstract may include quality improvement, program development, clinical practice, policy, technology review, etc.
 - An abbreviated word or term must be spelled out at first use with its abbreviation or acronym in parentheses.
 - **Description:** Please provide a detailed description of the purpose, background, content and conclusion of your presentation including its significance for SCI/D treatment and practice. 375 word max.
 - If applicable, please list financial support in sentence form.
- **Presentation Formats:**

- **Platform Presentation Only**
 - Platform presentations are in-person presentations delivered by 1 or more speakers. A platform may be [practice-based](#) or [research-based](#).
 - Platforms presented at other conferences or meetings will be considered provided that the material has not been published as a full manuscript.

- **Poster Only**
 - A poster is a visually formatted presentation of a topic using charts, graphs, illustrations, and photographs to supplement a written narrative.
 - The topic may be [practice-based](#) or [research-based](#) and may describe new techniques, procedures, or technologies. It provides a visual forum for one-on-one discussion with the presenter.
 - The presenter must be available at a designated time, as specified in the program, to discuss information with conferees.
 - Posters will also be available for viewing throughout the meeting.
 - Reference to equipment, devices or pharmaceutical products must use the correct manufacturer, trade, and generic names.
 - Upon acceptance, your poster must be built on the template provided by the Academy. The poster will be printed and delivered to the conference by the Academy. Upon completion of the conference, the poster may be taken home by the presenter.
 - Appropriate acknowledgements for financial support must be declared.

- **Platform Presentation or Poster**- Selecting this option allows the Program Committee to choose which format they will accept for your presentation. Please follow the directions for both sections above.

Poster and Trainee Recognition for Research Awards

The Academy Research Committee (ARC) will be offering FOUR trainees/residents/interns** - one from each discipline of ASCIP (APS, PSWC, SCIN, TLC) - the opportunity for a 10-minute plenary presentation on his or her research at this annual event - five minutes will be reserved for audience questions and discussions. There will also be a total of EIGHT poster awards (THREE of which are presented to non- trainees). Presenters and topics will be listed in the conference program and certificates will be awarded to each presenter. If an abstract is chosen as a platform presentation award it will not be eligible for poster award.

*** Must actively engaged in a matriculated academic program, have load greater than or equal to 50% full time, and are not working full time. Also includes residents and/or fellows who have expressed interest in SCI/D.*

Eligibility for Trainee Awards:

- Research must have been conducted as a trainee (undergraduate or graduate) from any discipline associated with our organization within the past 5 years.
- Mentorship must be recognized in the presentation.
- One trainee will be selected to present for each discipline within ASCIP.
- Designate on abstract system that you are eligible for trainee awards.

Available awards:

- ASCIP Best Empirical Research Poster Award

- ASCIP Best Clinical Demonstration Poster Award
- ASCIP Diversity Poster Award
- POSTER for Best Clinical Practice, PSWC Trainee (Adcock).
- POSTER for Best APS Trainee (research, clinical practice or diversity)
- POSTER for Best PSWC Trainee (research, clinical practice or diversity)
- POSTER for Best SCIN Trainee (research, clinical practice or diversity)
- POSTER for Best TLC Trainee (research, clinical practice or diversity)
- PLENARY PRESENTATION: Best APS Trainee Poster (research)
- PLENARY PRESENTATION: Best PSWC Trainee Poster (research)
- PLENARY PRESENTATION: Best SCIN Trainee Poster (research)
- PLENARY PRESENTATION: Best TLC Trainee Poster (research)

Questions/Contact information:

If you have any program questions, contact: Laurel Short – 2021 Academy Program Committee Chair laurel.short@gmail.com

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