

107th ANNUAL MEETING NEW ENGLAND SURGICAL SOCIETY

Abstract Submission Deadline: Monday, March 23, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION ELIGIBILITY

If an abstract has been previously presented at another meeting, it will not be considered for acceptance to the NESS program. Exceptions to this include:

- Work that has been submitted and/or presented at the NESS Residents and Research Presentation Day is eligible for submission. Likewise, if an abstract has been presented at a similar Residents Day program or other local/institutional medical conference (i.e. Grand Rounds, ACS local chapter meetings), the work is eligible for submission, but acceptance will be at the Program Committee's discretion.
- The abstract represents significant updates, new data, or follow-up to previously presented work.

All authors will be prompted to disclose if their work has been previously presented and/or published. Please be sure to complete the detailed portion of this section within the submission-site, specifying the name of the conference/publication and where it was presented and/or published.

If an abstract is simultaneously submitted to another meeting and is accepted for presentation at that meeting, the abstract will be withdrawn from the NESS program.

SPONSOR INFORMATION

At least one of the co-authors of each abstract must be a member of NESS. If not, the abstract MUST be sponsored by a member of NESS. During the abstract submission process you will be asked either to confirm that you or one of your co-authors is a member or to identify a sponsor for your abstract. If you need help with identifying a sponsor, please contact the Administration offices at meetings@nesurgical.org

PRESENTATION FORMATS

There are two presentation formats: Podium Presentation and Poster. *Podium Presentations require manuscript submission*; Posters are encouraged but not required to submit manuscripts. When submitting an abstract, one of the following options must be selected:

- Podium and Poster. If the abstract is selected for Podium Presentation, manuscript submission is required.
- Poster only. If the abstract is selected, manuscript submission is strongly encouraged but not required.

Please note the final presentation format will be determined by the NESS Program Committee.

Podium:

Podium presentations will be limited to seven minutes followed by three minutes of discussion from the floor. All audiovisual aids must be formatted in PowerPoint and delivered to the Speaker Ready Room in the Registration area on-site at least 2 hours prior to the scheduled presentation. Presentations must be on a flash drive; individual laptops are not permitted. A manuscript must be submitted by July 27, 2026, to the NESS at meetings@nesurgical.org for a Publications Committee review, which will provide suggestions for revision; the manuscript must then be submitted by October 19, 2026 (within four weeks *after* the Annual Meeting) to the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons (JACS)* for consideration for publication.* **JACS will only accept electronic submissions.** Details regarding the manuscript submission process may be found on the JACS website, journals.lww.com/journalacs, under the "For Authors" tab. **Authors of basic science abstracts accepted for Podium presentation may request a waiver from the requirement to submit a manuscript to JACS.**

Poster:

Posters will be displayed on boards measuring 8 feet wide and 4 feet high beginning on the Friday of the Annual Meeting. Although poster presentation does not require the submission of a manuscript, poster presentation authors are strongly encouraged to do so.

ABSTRACT CATEGORY SELECTION

A category must be selected for each abstract submitted, from the following list of topic areas:

- Basic Science
- Clinical Burns/Trauma/Acute Care
- Clinical GI
- Clinical Cancer
- Clinical Pediatric Surgery
- Clinical Transplantation
- Clinical Endocrine Surgery
- Clinical Plastic Surgery
- Clinical Cardiothoracic/Vascular
- Clinical Surgical Specialties (i.e. Urology, Neurosurgery, Other)
- Quality of Life and/or Patient-Reported Outcomes
- Outcomes Studies of Patient Management
- Education and Residency Training Issues
- Social and Ethical Issues in Surgery
- Other

MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION OF ACCEPTED ABSTRACTS

The *Journal of the American College of Surgeons (JACS)* is the official publication of the New England Surgical Society. Podium Presentations require manuscript submission to *JACS**; Poster Presentations are strongly encouraged but not required to submit manuscripts. ***Authors of basic science abstracts accepted for Podium presentation may request a waiver from the requirement to submit a manuscript to JACS.***

- *JACS* is a monthly journal publishing peer-reviewed original contributions on all aspects of surgery.
- As the official scientific journal of the American College of Surgeons, *JACS* has the goal of providing its readership the highest quality rapid retrieval of information relevant to surgeons.
- *JACS*' submission/review process is an all-electronic system, only accepting manuscripts submitted through its online submitter.

PRIZE COMPETITIONS

The New England Surgical Society Scholars Foundation sponsors the following cash awards:

- **Podium Prizes** for the top Podium presentations for which residents/fellows/medical students in a surgical program in New England or Albany Medical Center (at the time of abstract submission) serve as the presenting author;
- The **John P. Welch Award** for the resident (in training at the time of abstract submission) who presents the most original paper that offers the greatest potential to improve the clinical care and outcomes of patient;
- The **New Member Prize(s)** for the top Podium presentation(s) for which an Active, Associate, Affiliate and Senior NESS member elected within the past five years of the Annual Meeting (in or after 2019) serves as presenting author.

An author who wishes to be considered for any competition must first submit their abstract for consideration in all presentation formats, and then that abstract must be selected by the Program Committee for podium presentation. It is anticipated that the winners of all competitions will be announced either during the President's Banquet on Saturday evening or on Sunday morning, prior to the adjournment of the Annual Meeting..

The New England Surgical Society Scholars Foundation also sponsors **Best Poster Prize(s)**. The Program Committee will select the winner(s) from those presentations designated as Posters of Distinction and announce the recipient(s) either during the President's Banquet on Saturday evening or on Sunday morning, prior to the adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

ABSTRACT FORMAT

Each abstract body may have up to 3000 characters, including spaces. The title, author and affiliation listing, tables, and images and figures are not included in the character count.

1. Author names or institutions must NOT appear in the title, abstract body, tables, and images and figures.
2. Do NOT repeat the title nor the author block (authors and/or institutions) within the abstract body.
3. Authors are encouraged to use the following boldface section headers within the abstract body:
 - Background**
 - Study Design**
 - Results**
 - Conclusion(s)**
4. You are encouraged to submit the abstract body as a single paragraph; you do not need to include line breaks between section headers within the abstract body.

NOTE: For brevity, parts of the abstract can be written in phrases rather than complete sentences.

Acceptable Example

Study Design. Double-blinded randomized trial.

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Study Design. The study was conducted as a double-blind, randomized trial