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Guidelines for 2026:

- **"Quick Shot Presentations"**
- **"Quick Shot & Podium Presentations"**

The American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACOS) is proud to support the scientific research endeavors of our residents, fellows and students with osteopathic surgeons from around the country at the Annual Clinical Assembly of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACA)!

Presenting a Quick Shot (poster) at the ACA will qualify as a scholarly activity. Submit your abstract(s) today for consideration by the ACA Scientific Exhibits and Poster Sessions Committee. Each abstract has an application fee of \$25. The deadline for ACA 2026 is July 1, 2026.

Display Guidelines:

Additional Information will be provided regarding the display guidelines upon confirmation of acceptance of research. A digital PDF file of the poster must also be submitted to ACOS staff in advance of the ACA by September 1, 2026. No submissions or changes will be allowed after this submission date.

Abstract Judging Criteria:

After the submission deadline, all completed and eligible abstracts will be reviewed and judged for presentation consideration by the ACA Scientific Exhibits and Poster Sessions Committee. Research should be completed at the time of submission. Committee members will be evaluating abstracts for:

- Quality of Content
- Educational Value
- Quality of Written Abstract



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Onsite Judging Criteria:

At the ACA, the judging panel will be evaluating presentations on the criteria below. Authors will be assigned published times to be at present and field questions from judges and attendees.

- **Content:** Does the exhibit contain enough material to explain the hypothesis and support the conclusion(s)? Is your research full and complete? Your research should be complete at the time of your abstract submission.
- **Organization:** Is the material presented in a clear, legible, orderly and logical manner?
- **Relevance:** Is the subject presented relevant to the discipline and of a timely nature?
- **Originality:** Is the material presented original research or a new technique?
- **Participation:** Is the presenter knowledgeable of the research that was conducted and able to present the methodology and findings of the study in detail?

Presentation Types:

When submitting your abstract, you have the option to enter your scientific research to be considered for a "Quick Shot Presentation" or a "Quick Shot & Podium Presentation".

Quick Shot Presentations: Refers only to poster presentations. 5-10 minutes each (Poster Only). The Committee may select abstracts from each discipline for Podium Presentations and 1st and 2nd place awards may be given in each discipline. Date and time: to be announced.

Quick Shot & Podium Presentations: If you elect to have your work judged for the "Quick Shot & Podium Presentation" type, the ACA Scientific Exhibits and Poster Sessions Committee will consider your abstract for both presentations. If selected to present both a Quick Shot and a Podium Presentation you must give both presentations.

- ❖ **Podium Presentations:** 10-15 minutes each (to include a PowerPoint presentation and Q&A). The Committee may select abstracts from each discipline for Podium Presentations and 1st and 2nd place awards may be given in each discipline. Date and time: to be announced.

Awards:

A presentation is a scientific display presented by a researcher(s) and includes discussion of the research with colleagues attending the ACA. The primary presenter must be present during the session to present their work to judges and conference attendees.

Presenters are expected to remain at their poster during the designated judging period to answer questions and further discuss their research with members of the ACA Scientific Exhibits and Poster Sessions Committee. Judging times will be communicated to all accepted presenters. Failure to be present during the assigned judging time will result in ineligibility for an award. Awards may be given at the discretion of the judges within each surgical discipline. Presenters must be members of ACOS to be eligible for award consideration.



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ACOS Scientific Research Presentations and Awards Reception:

Awards will be given to the winning Quick Shot and Podium Presenters during the ACOS Scientific Research Presentations and Resident Awards Reception. All resident & student members are invited to this event.

Thank you for your interest in presenting your research. Best of Luck!

Please direct any questions to meetings@facos.org.