



SSO 2026 Annual Meeting Abstract Submission Guidelines

KEY DATES

Abstract Submission Deadline: October 13, 2025, 11:59 PM (CST) **(Placeholders for Late-Breaking Abstracts must be submitted by the October 13 deadline.)**

Late-Breaking Abstract Submission Deadline: December 1, 2025, 11:59 PM (CST)

Abstract Change/Withdrawal Deadline: December 12, 2025

Abstract Notifications Sent: Early December 2025

Abstract Supplement Published: March 2026

ABSTRACT ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

As you prepare your submission to the Meeting, please make note of the following details:

Submission Types

Authors may submit their work under one of the following abstract categories:

- Abstract
- Late-Breaking Abstract
- Team Science
- Video Abstract

Submission Tracks and Categories

Authors must select one category that best fits the subject of their abstract. The Scientific Program Committee seeks abstracts in the following categories:

- Breast
- Colorectal
- Endocrine/Head & Neck

- Hepato-pancreato-biliary
- Melanoma
- Peritoneal Surface Malignancies
- Quality Improvement/Clinical Outcomes
- Sarcoma
- Thoracic
- Upper Gastrointestinal (lips to ileocecal valve, including esophagus and stomach)
- Disparities in Surgical Oncologic Care

Submission Requirements

- **Character Limit**

Abstracts must not exceed **2,300 characters**, including the title and body. Spaces are not counted toward the limit. Most special characters will transfer correctly when copying from a word processor. A character palette is available for additional symbol input.

- **Title Formatting**

Use **sentence case** (capitalize only the first word and proper nouns). Avoid periods, all caps, all lowercase, and formatting tags. Titles will be automatically formatted for print.

Product or brand names are not allowed—use only generic names. Titles containing brand names will be disqualified.

- **Abstract Body**

The abstract must include the following clearly labeled sections:

- **Introduction:** 2–3 sentences outlining the study’s objectives.
- **Methods:** Brief description of the study design (e.g., retrospective chart review, prospective trial). Do not include detailed lab techniques or mention the institution.
- **Results:** This should comprise 50–66% of the abstract. Include key data necessary for evaluation. Abstracts stating “data will be presented” will be disqualified.
- **Conclusions:** 2–3 sentences summarizing the significance of the findings in relation to the objectives.

- **Learning Objective**

Clearly state what participants should be able to do after engaging with your presentation.

- **Table or Image**

You may upload **one table or one image**. This does **not** count toward the character limit and can be edited or removed until the submission deadline.

- **Presentation Type**

Authors may choose to be considered for a **Video Presentation**. Instructions for submitting video abstracts are available below.

- **Category**

Select the **one topic category** that best aligns with your abstract content.

- **Authors**

List **all authors and their affiliations** in the order they should appear. Include full first name, middle initial, last name, and degrees. The submitting author will be automatically listed as the first author and presenter. Final updates to author and presenter information may be made after acceptance and are due by **December 12, 2025**.

- **Disclosure, Release and IRB Approvals**

The primary author and/or primary presenter must provide Presenter Release and IRB approval (if applicable).

If your abstract is accepted for an oral or video presentation, SSO requires the primary author and primary presenter to disclose financial relationships with any ineligible companies from the past 24 months and acknowledge any related support. All co-authors must agree with the content of the abstract to be considered for presentation. Refer to the [Conflict-of-Interest Policy](#) and follow the instructions provided in the submission process. Disclosure details will be included with acceptance letters.

- **Revisions**

Abstracts may be edited until the submission deadline: **October 13**. Minor revisions will be accepted until **October 15**, before review begins. Edits after submission must be sent to ssoannualmeeting@surgonc.org.

- **Awards**

Review award opportunities [here](#). If eligible, select the appropriate award(s) during submission. Winners will be notified by **January**.

Team Science Submissions

These should highlight work that has been presented or published within 6–12 months prior to the SSO Annual Meeting. Submissions must include a full citation of the prior presentation or publication.

Video Submissions

Are video abstract submissions accepted?

Yes. The SSO welcomes video abstracts that demonstrate innovative surgical techniques, unique or complex cases, and new therapies for specific disease sites. **Case Reports** are eligible for video submission. However, **promotional content**, whether personal or commercial, **will not be considered**.

Submission Deadline: Video abstracts must be submitted by **October 13, 2025**.

How to Submit a Video Abstract:

1. **Submit an Abstract**

Complete your abstract submission following standard guidelines. Under “Abstract Submission Type,” select Video Abstract.

2. **Complete All Submission Steps**

Follow all required steps in the abstract submission system.

3. **Upload Final Video (If Accepted)**

Authors of accepted video abstracts must upload their final video presentations by February 20, 2026.

4. **Video Requirements**

- Include a clear English-language voiceover narration.
- Maximum video length: 8 minutes
- File size limit: 2 GB
- Minimum resolution: 640 x 480 or 720 x 820 pixels (full screen)
- Submitted videos, if accepted, become the intellectual property of SSO.

SSO Copyright Policy for Abstract Submissions

By submitting an abstract to the Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO), you acknowledge and agree to the following:

- You affirm that the submitted abstract and any resulting presentation are your **original work**.
- If your abstract is accepted, you grant SSO the right to use all related materials for **educational and promotional purposes**. This may include, but is not limited to:
 - **Recording and distributing** your oral presentation
 - **Publishing** your abstract or excerpts in print and/or digital formats
 - **Selling recordings** of the presentation as part of SSO's educational resources
- You confirm that you **own or control all rights** to the abstract and presentation and have the legal authority to assign those rights.
- Upon acceptance, you agree to **assign to SSO all copyrights** in your abstract and presentation materials, in any medium.

If you have questions about this policy or your rights, please contact the SSO Meetings Team at ssoannualmeeting@surgonc.org.

Abstract Selection Process & Presentations

What happens after I submit my abstract?

Once the submission period closes, all abstracts undergo a **blind peer review** conducted by members of the following committees and work groups:

- SSO Scientific Program Committee
- Breast Disease Site Work Group
- Colorectal Disease Site Work Group
- Endocrine/Head & Neck Disease Site Work Group
- Gastrointestinal Disease Site Work Group
- Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary (HPB) Disease Site Work Group
- Melanoma Disease Site Work Group
- Peritoneal Surface Malignancy Disease Site Work Group
- Sarcoma Disease Site Work Group
- Quality Committee
- SPHERE Committee

The **Scientific Program Committee** is responsible for all final decisions regarding abstract acceptance, presentation format, and scheduling.

To ensure **unbiased, high-quality presentations** and compliance with CME accreditation standards, all reviewers, session planners, and invited faculty are required to **disclose relevant financial relationships** through the designated online system.

Abstract Acceptance Notification & Presentation Requirements

Submitters will receive email confirmations upon both the initiation and completion of their abstract submission.

If your abstract is **accepted for presentation at SSO 2026**, the presenting author will receive an official notification from the Scientific Program Committee **in early December 2025**.

Important Guidelines and Withdrawal Policy for Accepted Abstracts:

- **Abstracts may not be withdrawn after acceptance.**
- Abstracts may only be withdrawn before the review process concludes.
- If the presenting author is unable to attend in person, a replacement presenter may be designated.
- **Changes to the title or author list must be submitted by December 12, 2025** to be included in the *Annals of Surgical Oncology* Abstract Edition and meeting materials.
 - Newly designated presenters must submit financial disclosure information to the SSO.

Meeting Attendance Requirement:

- Prior to submission, ensure that the **presenting author or a co-author will be available to attend the meeting** and present the work.
- All presenters of accepted abstracts are required to:
 - **Register for the meeting**
 - Cover their own **travel and registration expenses**

If you have any questions, please contact the SSO Meetings Team at ssoannualmeeting@surgonc.org.

Accepted Abstracts and SSO Journals

Can I submit my accepted abstract to *Annals of Surgical Oncology* or *Surgical Oncology Insight*?

Yes. SSO encourages all presenters to publish their research in its official journals:

- *Annals of Surgical Oncology (ASO)*
- *Surgical Oncology Insight (SOI)*

SSO leadership strongly supports the dissemination of Annual Meeting research through these publications. Details and submission instructions will be provided to accepted presenters. Below is a summary of submission pathways:

Best Papers

- The **top 20 abstracts** will be selected as “Best Papers.”
- Authors will be **invited to submit full manuscripts to ASO by the end of December**.
- These submissions will be considered for **simultaneous publication** with the abstract presentation at the Annual Meeting.
- The peer review process typically takes **up to 8 weeks**.
- Invitation emails will include detailed deadlines and submission instructions directly from ASO.

Oral Abstracts (Podium Presentations)

- Authors are **strongly encouraged** to submit manuscripts to Annals of Surgical Oncology within **three months** following the meeting.

Poster Abstracts (Quick Shot Poster Presentations, Poster Park Showcase and ePosters)

- Authors of accepted posters are **strongly encouraged** to submit manuscripts to Surgical Oncology Insight (SOI) within **three months** of the meeting.

Global Partner Program


- Authors whose abstracts are accepted through the Global Partner Program are also **strongly encouraged** to submit manuscripts to SOI within **three months**.

Submission guidelines can be viewed [here](#).

Further Questions?

If you have any questions about the SSO 2026 Abstract Submission process, please refer to the [SSO 2026 Abstract Submission FAQs](#).

For additional assistance, you may contact the SSO:

 **Phone:** 847-427-1400 (Monday–Friday, during business hours)

 **Email:** ssoannualmeeting@surgonc.org

We're here to help!