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ACC.18 FIT Clinical Decision-Making Submission Instructions

Eligibility for Submission

Eligibility for FIT Clinical Decision-Making: Anyone who is currently in a fellowship or residency program. If you do not meet these requirements, but have a case that you would like to submit, you can become eligible by working with someone who is currently in a fellowship or residency program and by having them present the abstract if it is accepted at ACC.18.

Entering Abstract Information

A. Title

1. Do not bold, italicize, underline, superscript or subscript any items in the title.
2. Do not include authors in the title. If you enter authors in the title, they will be removed.
3. Do not include institutions in the title. If you enter institutions in the title, they will be removed.
4. Do not use the "Enter" button in your title. This action will add hard returns, which are not allowed.
5. Capitalize the first letter of all major words in the title as well as articles and conjunctions of four letters or more.
6. It is not necessary to capitalize prepositions four letters or longer in headings.
7. Do not use abbreviations in the title. Abbreviations may be used in the abstract body.
8. Do not end the title with a period.
9. If the title contains more than one statement, use only one space after a period or colon.
10. Do not use a comma before "and" in a series.
11. Use a comma for number 1,000 and above.
12. Substitute a colon for a dash/hyphen except when using prefixes.
13. Do not use quotation marks in a title.
14. Hyphenate the first prefix word when there is more than one prefix word used such as Non-Anti...
15. For more information about title guidelines see the Style and Editing Guidelines.

B. Categories

There are 10 categories from which to choose. Cases submitted to a category that does not match the subject matter may be given a low score by the reviewers. The FIT Clinical Decision-Making categories are:

- Acute and Stable Ischemic Heart Disease
- Arrhythmias and Clinical EP
- Congenital Heart Disease
- Heart Failure and Cardiomyopathies



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- Interventional Cardiology
- Non Invasive Imaging
- Prevention
- Pulmonary Hypertension and Venous Thrombo-embolic Disease
- Valvular Heart Disease
- Vascular Medicine

C. Keywords

1. Enter up to three keywords.
2. Only one keyword is required.
3. Leave unused/unneeded keyword fields blank.
4. Do not enter the same keyword more than once.

D. Institutions and Authors (Responsible Institutions)

1. List the complete name including a full first name and initials. Multiple word first names should be placed in the “First Name” field.
2. Please use English characters when entering names and eliminate any non-English characters such as tildes and umlauts.
3. Do not include title, degrees, or suffix in the “Last Name” field.
4. Do not enter more than one author in each “First Name” or “Last Name” field. If this is done, you will be contacted to correct this entry.
5. If more than one abstract is submitted, please spell authors in exactly the same manner. This is important when indexing all authors in the online/mobile program planner systems.
6. Use the author group field only for the name of an investigating team. This is typically something like “Investigators for ACC.” Do not use the author group to list individual authors. If this is done, you will be contacted to correct this entry. Authors entered as an “Author Group” will not be listed in the author index of the onsite programs.
7. The author order is the order that authors will be listed in publications if the abstract is selected for presentation.
8. The contact information is not used as part of the institutions listed in any abstract publication. Institutions are entered in a separate area.
9. The submitting author will be notified about the outcome of the review and selection process.

E. Abstract (*Important Issues*)

1. Abstracts **MUST** conform to specific size limits or they will remain in an incomplete status and will not be reviewed. Your abstract may not contain more than 1,900 characters, **not including spaces**. A graphic, or a table created with the table generator, equals 600 characters and is included as part of the 1,900 character limit.
2. Use the standard Times New Roman font for text and Symbol font for symbols (**DO NOT USE A THIRD-PARTY SYMBOL FONT!**); any other fonts will not be accepted. Set all text as flush left, unjustified, and wrapping text as you type. Do **NOT** place hard returns at the end of each line.



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Abstract Body/Text

1. You may type the body of the abstract directly into the space provided for the abstract body. Upload graphics or images separately.
2. You may use five unique abbreviations in the body of the abstract. Spell out the complete phrase followed by the abbreviation in parentheses the first time the abbreviation is used. Abbreviations are not allowed in the title of the abstract.
3. Do not include the title in the abstract body. The title will be collected in the Title Section.
4. Do not include authors and institutions in the abstract body. This data will be collected in the Author Section.
5. The case must be presented in the following sequence, using the headings listed:
Background: In an initial paragraph, provide relevant background information for the case, preferably in no more than one or two sentences.
Case: Describe the patient, their history and any other relevant information that led to the decision-making.
Decision-making: Discuss what choices were made based on the case, how you proceeded and any relevant teaching points.
Conclusion: State the conclusions reached. It is not satisfactory to state “the results will be discussed.”
6. Please proofread carefully for factual, spelling, and size errors. If accepted, the abstract will be published exactly as it appears on the online submission system confirmation page.

Tables

1. You may include an image of a table that you can upload or you can create it online using the table generator.
2. It is recommended that you create the table in your word processor, then save an image of it to upload. Table generation in a word processor is much easier to accomplish than using the table generator.
3. Word documents can no longer be uploaded to the submission site, so any tables or graphs you create will need to be saved as an image and uploaded by using the “Add an Image” button on the “Abstract” tab of the submission site.
4. A table equals 600 characters and **is included** as part of the 1,900 character limit.

Graphics

1. Graphics should be high resolution and have a file type of “gif”, “jpg”, or “jpeg”. Even though the abstract system may allow you to upload a graphic with a different file type those graphics will not be reviewed or reproduced if the abstract is selected.
2. Please keep in mind that large and/or complex graphics may not be readable in print or electronic formats.
3. There should be no “white space” or border around the graphic.
4. A graphic equals 600 characters and is included as part of the 1,900 character limit.



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When Is a Submission Considered Complete?

Submission is complete and ready for submission when, in the “Review My Work” section, you see the words “This submission is complete.” It is only submitted to reviewers after the deadline date. You may update or make changes to your FIT Clinical Decision-Making Case submission up until 11:59 PM ET on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. The date your submission was last edited may be found in the Review My Work Section next to the words “Current Date/Time”. This will change each time there has been an alteration.

Revisions

Revisions to your submission can be made until the date listed above. No changes will be accepted after this date. If any changes are made prior to the deadline, you must select “Review My Work” from the menu on the left. Make certain that you see the words “This submission is complete.”

Changing Presenting Authors

If your abstract is selected for presentation, you may change the presenting author to any author listed on your abstract as long as they are a FIT. You may not change the presenting author to someone who is not listed on your submission and you may not add authors after the submission deadline. Presenting author changes can be made up until ACC.18. However, if you would like these changes to be reflected in the published version of your abstract, you must notify Robin Young (ryoung@acc.org) by no later than Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Disposition/Notification of Acceptance

You will be sent a notification with the status of your submission via email the week of December 15, 2017. Authors can also check the status of their submissions by visiting the [ACC.18 site](#) and logging into their accounts.

Withdrawals

To withdraw a FIT Clinical Decision-Making Case submission, written notification must be sent to ryoung@acc.org. This notification must include the title, authors and affiliations (as submitted), the control number, and the name, affiliation, phone, fax and e-mail of the submitter. We recommend using the summary page as part of this notification.

If you do not want your case to appear in publications, you must notify us by Friday, January 12, 2018.



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Fee Schedule for Presenters

1. There is a \$39 (USD) nonrefundable processing fee for each FIT Clinical Decision-Making Case submitted payable online by credit card only.
2. If a person is both an abstract presenter and an invited speaker, the registration fee is waived.

Style and Editing Guidelines

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One Word Includes

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Anti...
Multicenter...
Multiplane...
Non...
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Post...
Pre...
Sub...

Two Words

Contrast Enhanced Cardioverter-
Double Blind Defibrillator
Dual Chamber Cost-Effective
High... End-Stage
In... Follow-Up
Low... High-Risk
Q Wave His-Bundle
Multi Vessel In-Hospital
Single Vessel
T Wave

Hyphenated Words

-Based
-D
-Dependent
-Derived
-Dimensional
-Free
-Induced
-Like
-Medicated
-Powered
-Sided
-Term

In-Patient
Low-Risk
No-Flow
No-Reflow
On-Line
Real-Time
Signal-Averaged
Three-Dimensional
Ten-Year