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Young Investigator Award (YIA) Abstract Policies and Procedures

General Information

- All abstract presentations and question-and-answer periods will be in English.
- Full text of the abstracts will be viewable beginning Monday, February 26, 2018, at 8 a.m. Eastern Time.
- Investigators need not be ACC members to participate.
- All accepted abstract presenters must register to obtain a hotel reservation and meeting badge. Registration opens on Sept. 13 for members. After that date, you may click the following link to register online: accscientificsession.org. Individuals should register in the appropriate category (member, nonmember, etc.) and pay the fees appropriate to the registration category.
- Submitting authors will be notified via email in early October regarding acceptance disposition.
- General Information subject to change due to circumstances beyond the ACC's control.

Policies

- YIA Abstracts must be SUBMITTED BY 11:59 p.m. EST, on **Friday, September 11, 2017**. The American College of Cardiology is not responsible for abstracts that are not submitted by this deadline date.
- Submissions with "INCOMPLETE" status cannot be processed.
- Submission of an abstract constitutes a commitment by the author(s) to present if accepted. Failure to present and register for the meeting, if not justified, will jeopardize future acceptance of abstracts.
- There is no limit to the number of abstracts an investigator may submit. If selected, the presenter must be one of the co-authors listed.
- The presenting author should be the submitting author.
- Investigators should not submit the same research; abstracts that appear to be replicate versions of a single study will be rejected. Submissions will be checked for duplication and replicate versions will be rejected.
- **Abstracts not accepted as YIA abstracts may be submitted by the author as regular abstracts during the abstract submission process (August 22 – October 10, 2017).**
- Follow all instructions for completing the submission. Be sure to structure the content into Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusion sections.
- Clarity of expression will be considered in the review process. The overall quality of language used should assure comprehension by the reader.
- Use a maximum of five unique abbreviations in the body of the abstract. No abbreviations should appear in the title. Place abbreviations in parentheses after the full word the first time it appears. Abbreviations increase the difficulty of reading and evaluating abstracts, which will be considered in the review process.
- **If authors' names appear on more than one abstract, their names must appear and be spelled identically on each abstract in order to facilitate proper indexing. Whenever possible, do not list authors with initials only.**
- Submitters may return to the online system to edit abstracts, revise information, correct typographical errors, tables, graphics, or delete a submission at any time before 11:59 p.m. EST on September 11, 2017. After this time, the system will be closed, and "**Complete**" abstracts will be forwarded for the reviewing process. An author may not revise or resubmit an abstract in order to make changes or corrections after this deadline; **adding or removing authors after the submission deadline is not permitted**. The abstract may be withdrawn or, if accepted, the error may be indicated during the presentation. Proofread abstracts carefully to avoid errors before they are submitted. The ACC is not authorized to make changes to a submission. This includes



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- Abstracts are not eligible for consideration if the manuscript of the abstract has been published before the ACC Annual Scientific Session.
- Any human experimentation must conform to the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki of the World Medical Association.
- The Program Committee endorses the position of the American Association for the Advancement for Science in requiring assurances of the responsible use of animals in research. All submissions for consideration must be in compliance with the guidelines.
- Abstracts will be considered “complete” **without** completed disclosures and will go to review as long as all submission elements are complete. The presenter and lead investigator must disclose by January 12, 2018. Failure to provide disclosure information will result in the removal of an accepted abstract from the program. Disclosure information is submitted via the [ACC Disclosure System \(http://disclosures.acc.org\)](http://disclosures.acc.org).
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- All abstracts submitted in connection with ACC.18 and are disclosed to members of the peer review selection committee, as well as to ACC employees and contractors as necessary.
- Titles, authors, up to two institutions and presentation time information of accepted abstracts will be available online in advance of the Scientific Session. Full text of the abstracts will be viewable online and distributed to all professional registrants onsite. Abstracts not accepted for presentation are not published and will not be disclosed outside of ACC and persons associated with the selection process (e.g., the peer review committee).
- Although ACC and ACC employees or contractors cannot guarantee the confidentiality of submitted abstracts, every effort will be made to ensure confidentiality of submitted material.
- Primary responsibility for compliance with any disclosure or nondisclosure requirements resides solely with researchers and/or research sponsors.
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Doing so will allow ACC to work with the publication to coordinate embargo of the material.

Accepted Abstracts

Titles, authors, up to two institutions and presentation time information of accepted abstracts will be posted in the online/mobile searchable program planner systems beginning Monday, February 26, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. when the embargo lifts. Full text of accepted abstracts will be published in *JACC* online on Friday, March 9, 2018.