

CALL FOR POSTERS 2024

**62nd Annual Heart of America Eye Care Congress
February 9-11, 2024 at the Sheraton Hotel at Crown
Center, Kansas City, MO 64108**

INTRODUCTION

The Heart of America Eye Care Congress (HOAECC) is pleased to invite your participation in the Clinical and Scientific Poster Session at the 2024 HOAECC meeting. The poster session will be an interactive poster session on Friday, February 9, 2024 (5:30 PM—7:30 PM) where presenters will be present for Q and A.

CALL FOR POSTERS

Abstracts based on unique clinical cases and all aspects of optometric research are currently being accepted. All case reports and research must be complete at the time of submission. All abstracts must be submitted online by 15 November, 2023 (11:59 PM CT). The abstracts can be submitted online at <http://hoaecc.org/posters> beginning October 1, 2022.

POSTER SELECTION CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS

Authors will be notified by e-mail of the acceptance of their poster by mid-December. Only accepted posters will be displayed; no late or walk-in posters will be allowed. Acceptance will be based on the following criteria:

All abstracts must meet the following requirements:

- a) By November 15, 2023 the complete abstract must be submitted online to <http://hoaecc.org/posters>
- b) A primary author may submit only **ONE** poster.
- c) The online abstract submission form must be filled out completely; otherwise, the entry will be disqualified.
- d) The abstract must be no more than 250 words (not including the

- keywords, title and authors). All abstracts will be limited by the online submission form to 250 words.
- e) The information conveyed must be of sufficient general interest to the optometric community.
 - f) The abstract must be clear, concise, and well-written in anticipation of publication.
 - g) The abstract must contain sufficient detail for evaluation.
 - h) Acceptable format for Research Posters:
 - a. Abstract Purpose
 - b. Abstract Methods
 - c. Abstract Results
 - d. Abstract Conclusions
 - i) Acceptable format for Clinical Case Posters:
 - a. Case History
 - b. Pertinent Findings
 - c. Differential Diagnosis
 - d. Diagnosis & Discussion
 - e. Treatment & Management
 - f. Conclusions

Scientific abstracts must meet the following additional requirements:

- The abstract must be based on original research.
- The abstract must describe a scientific investigation of the idea or product being studied.
- The abstract must demonstrate a clear and soundly tested hypothesis.
- The conclusions in the abstract must appear to be justified by the results presented.
- The abstract must contain evidence of a significant new result and the significance must be clear from the abstract.
- The abstract may contain preliminary results.

Clinical Case report abstracts must meet the following additional requirements:

- The case report must highlight timely or essential information, not just a review of information already in the literature.
- The case report must be unique-if two similar case reports are submitted, a choice may be made between the two to maximize

- diversity in the poster program.
- The case report must demonstrate complete follow through of patient care.
 - The clinical significance of the case report must be clear from the abstract.

SELECTED POSTERS- BENEFITS

The primary author of posters that are selected for the 2024 HOAECC meeting and is a student or resident is eligible for the following benefits: One of five \$2,000 grand prize awards for outstanding student/ resident submissions as selected by the HOAECC Board of Directors. The five winners will be given transportation and lodging for the 2024 Congress.

Publication of Poster on the HOAECC website.

Free registration for Students and Residents to HOAECC if registered by 31 December 2023 (travel and lodging not included). **DO NOT** register before your abstract is accepted and you receive the FREE registration details as there will be no refunds on registration. Doctors who are not educators will pay normal registration fees.

Please note that authors of selected posters (other than the five grand prize winners) will be responsible for hotel & transportation and all other fees associated with attendance at the HOAECC meeting. Posters are peer-reviewed and only those that meet the acceptance criteria will be selected for presentation.

ATTENDING THE POSTER SESSION

On acceptance, registration information for the 2024 HOAECC meeting will be sent to your primary author email. You will be given a code for your free or reduced registration; if you pay for your registration, no refund will be issued. Students and Residents must use the code for FREE registration by 31 December 2023. Other meeting details can be found at <https://www.hoaecc.org/>. The site will contain all of the details about the meeting including information about hotel reservations. **Presenting authors must register for the meeting by December 31, 2023.** Authors must arrive at the HOAECC meeting in time to set up their posters on Friday February 9, 2024 between 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM, and must present their poster at the interactive session from 5:30 PM—7:30 PM. Under fee

changes approved in 2018 – students and residents are now registered free before January 1, 2024. Beginning 1 January 2024, residents pay \$125.00 (late fee) and \$155 (on-site fee). Those practitioners in academia, teaching jobs or doctors of education that present an accepted poster, will get \$100 off practitioner registration before January 1, 2024, but pay normal registration fees beginning January 1, 2024. Doctors who are not educators will pay normal registration fees.

POSTER SPECIFICATIONS

The HOAECC will be using a 36” high X 60” wide Velcro pushpin-receptive display. All text on the poster should be in type no smaller than 18 pt. and must be legible from a distance of about 3-4 feet. Each illustration should contain a caption. Each author is responsible for printing their own poster. There is NO digital display of posters.

DIGITAL POSTER SUBMISSION BY 15 January 2024:

After a poster has been accepted, a link for online submission will be emailed to each primary author. Digital images of posters must be submitted by January 15, 2024 to attend the poster session. Digital submission is only for HOAECC archives and NOT for digital display at the HOAECC. Authors are responsible for bringing a printed poster to HOAECC.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY FELLOWSHIP POINTS

All graduates of schools or colleges of optometry who present an original poster during the 2024 Poster Session will be eligible for points toward Academy fellowship. The poster must be **original content** and not presented at any other major meeting. The primary author must be present during the entire poster session and must not leave before 7:30 PM. American Academy of Optometry will determine which posters meet the criteria for Fellowship points.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract online Submission opens: October 1, 2023

Abstract online Submission closes: November 15, 2023 (11:59 PM CT)

HOAECC Meeting Registration Deadline for Presenters for free/reduced fees :
December 31, 2023 (11:59 pm CT)

(Students and Residents and Educators must use the registration code sent to
you for the free/reduced registration)

Digital Copy of poster submitted online by 15 January 2024.

2024 HOAECC Meeting: 9-10-11 February, 2024

Poster Set-up: Friday, February 9, 2024 (3:00 PM—5:00 PM)

Interactive Poster Session: Friday, February 9, 2024 (5:30 PM—7:30 PM)

Awards Banquet: Saturday, February 10, 2024 (6:30 PM to ?)

HOAECC CONTACT PERSON INFORMATION

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