

CALL FOR POSTERS

**56th Annual Heart of America Contact Lens Society
Conference: February 10-12, 2017 at the Sheraton Hotel
at Crown Center, Kansas City, MO 64108**

INTRODUCTION

The Heart of America Contact Lens Society is pleased to invite your participation in the Clinical and Scientific Poster Session at the 2017 HOACLS meeting. The poster session will have an interactive poster session on Saturday, February 11, 2017 (10:00 AM-12:00 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 electronically via online submission by December 1, 2016.

[HOACLS Abstract Submission Form](#)

[HOACLS Abstract Submission Example](#)

POSTER SELECTION CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS

Authors will be notified by e-mail of the acceptance of their poster by mid-December. Acceptance will be based on the following criteria:

1. **All abstracts must meet the following requirements:**
 - a. The complete abstract must be submitted online by December 1, 2016.
 - b. A primary author may submit as many posters as he or she would like.

- c. The 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 title and authors), all abstracts over this word count will be disqualified.
- 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.

2. Scientific abstracts must meet the following additional requirements:

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

3. Case report abstracts must meet the following additional requirements:

- a. The case report must highlight timely or essential information, not just a review of information already in the literature.
- b. 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.
- c. The case report must demonstrate complete follow-through of patient care.
- d. The clinical significance of the case report must be clear from the abstract.
- e. Acceptable case format:
 - Background
 - Case Presentation
 - Clinical Testing
 - Plan
 - Treatment
 - Discussion
 - Conclusion

SELECTED POSTERS- BENEFITS

The **primary** author of posters that are selected for the 2017 HOACLS meeting is entitled to the following benefits:

1. There are five, \$2,000 awards for outstanding student/ resident submissions as selected by the HOACLS Board of Directors.
2. \$100 Excellence In Research Grant for any poster presented at the Conference.
3. Publication of abstract on the HOACLS website.

Please note that authors of selected posters will be responsible for hotel & transportation costs, fees for participation in Continuing Education courses, and all other fees associated with attendance at the HOACLS 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 2017 HOACLS meeting will be e-mailed to the presenting author. These materials will contain all of the details about the meeting including information about hotel reservations. **Presenting authors must register for the meeting by December 31, 2016.** Authors must arrive at the HOACLS meeting in time to set up their posters on Saturday February 11, 2017 between 8:00 am and 10:00 am, and must present their poster at the interactive session from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Under fee changes approved last spring - students are now registered free. Residents pay 95.00 (early) 125.00 (late) and 155 (on-site).

POSTER SPECIFICATIONS

The HOACLS will be using a 48" high X 96" 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 4-5 feet. Each illustration should contain a caption.

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission deadline: December 1, 2016

Notification of acceptance: December 20, 2016

HOACLS Meeting Registration Deadline for Presenters: December 31, 2016

2017 HOACLS Meeting: February 10-12, 2017

Poster Set-up: February 11, 2017

Interactive Poster Session: February 11, 2017

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