Abstract Submission deadline

Deadline for abstract submission for poster and video presentations is 1 November 2020, 23:59:59 Central European Time (CET). Submit in time to avoid that your abstract cannot be submitted due to technical issues. Make sure you only use Google Chrome (latest version).

Until this deadline you will be able to:
- make changes in your abstract or author list, even when already submitted
- withdraw abstracts

After this submission deadline:
- there is no possibility to edit abstracts anymore
- to withdraw your submitted abstracts you should send an email before 15 January 2021 to abstracts@congressconsultants.com

After 15 January your abstract will be published and you can only decline the presentation (outcome around 18 December 2020).

Only abstracts submitted through the official online submission system will be considered. Please note, there is no option for late-breaking abstract submission.

Rules & Regulations related to Publication of Abstracts
- Abstract(s) may not have been published before the start of the Annual EAU congress.
- Copyright of the abstract(s) is assigned to the European Association of Urology and any conflicts with any other scientific association will be the sole responsibility of the author(s).
- All abstracts that are published, including figures and tables, are the property of EAU and are protected by copyright. Requests for re-use of material can be done through http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/26661683 (Click on abstract title and then “get rights and content” button).
- Accepted abstracts and videos will be published as a supplement of European Urology and available at the EAU Resource Centre.
- By submitting your abstract you agree (also on behalf of co-authors) to the terms of use and conditions stated above. Please note that transfer of copyright applies to all material submitted. Moreover, the submission of an abstract affirms that all authors named in the abstract have agreed to its submission for presentation at the Annual EAU congress.
- Abstracts will be published as submitted, except for a simple English spelling check.

Rules related to Abstract Submission

Human Experimentation
Any human experimentation conducted with respect to the submitted abstract(s), should have been conducted according to the protocol approved by the institutional or local committee on ethics in human investigation; or, if no such committee exists, the works should have been conducted in accordance with the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki of World Medical Association. Council may enquire further into ethical aspects when evaluating the abstract(s).

Clinical Studies
In clinical studies, the authors must state that an Ethical Committee approval has been obtained.

Case Reports (only poster abstracts)
Only high quality case reports based on a systematic review, which is based on raw data with a clearly defined protocol, would be allowed. Other case reports are not eligible for submission.
There is no submission for late breaking abstracts.

Systematic Reviews (only poster abstracts)
Systematic reviews (with or without meta-analysis) can be submitted only when they meet the following standards:

- The clinical question was clearly defined using a standard PICO format
- A comprehensive systematic literature search was carried out
- An assessment of the risk of bias was made
- Key findings are clearly described including clinical practice relevance

Topic
A topic has to be selected from the drop-down menu. For the review of the abstract, it is of vital importance that the correct (sub)topic, clinical step(s) and management tool(s) are selected.
Please see more information on submission topic ‘Patients’ at the end of this document.

Abstract Title

- The title should clearly define the topic.
- Do NOT identify your institution in the title.
- There is no maximum length for the title, but the characters in the title are included in your total character count.
- Do NOT type the abstract title in capital letters.
- The first letter of the title will automatically begin with a capital letter.
- Standard abbreviations may be used as follows: on first use spell out the full term and follow with the abbreviation in parentheses.

Authors and Affiliations

- A maximum of 24 authors per abstract is allowed.
- Each author should have contributed substantially to the represented work in terms of conceptual design or analysis, writing of the article and final approval of the article in order to take public responsibility for the content.
- An abstract presenter is limited to 5 abstract presentations.
- Please make sure to write the name of the Organisation/Institution, Department, City and Country in English (one institution per author).
- If co-authors are from the same institution, the programme will automatically copy all information into the next boxes, so you do not have to type all information again. If co-authors are not from the same institution you can edit any box as your wish.
- There is only the possibility to enter one first author, one presenting author and one last author.
- Do type family name and full first name of all authors. Do NOT type titles, degrees and institutional affiliations. Carefully check the correct spelling of all names as this will be the way that names will be published.

Abstract Body

- The following headers have already been formatted for you and should not be repeated in the text fields:
  - Introduction & objectives (state the objective of the study)
  - Materials & methods (describe the material and methods)
  - Results (summarise the results presenting sufficient details to support the conclusions reached, it is NOT acceptable to state: “The results will be discussed”).
  - Conclusion
- Please write the abstract in the submission page, do NOT copy/paste anything as this will cause format problems.
- Use digits for numbers (example: 1 instead of one) and only very well-known abbreviations e.g., ml, kg, MRI.
  Standard abbreviations may be used as follows: on first use spell out the full term and follow with the abbreviation in parentheses.
- To insert tables use the ‘Insert table’-icon.
  To insert symbols or specific characters use the ‘Symbol-icon’. Do NOT copy/paste anything as this will cause format problems.
- To insert figures see explanation below.
- Any acknowledgements can be placed underneath the conclusion.
Figures
- Upload of pictures/graphics is only possible as jpg file (counts for 500 characters).
- Upload of only 1 picture/graphic is allowed and a collage of multiple pictures is NOT allowed, because of readability. If not it will be removed from the submission.
- How to upload a jpg file:
  - Open the upload icon: ‘tree’ icon
  - Upload new image – browse
  - Select your image
  - Click on upload
  - Your selected image will be shown in the list of Uploaded Images
  - First select the image and click on ‘Insert’
  - To resize your image, please click on ‘Appearance’ and adjust the dimensions

Abstract Size
The size of the abstract is limited to 3,000 characters (this includes title, body of abstract, spaces, tables and pictures/graphics). The submission programme will automatically calculate the size of your abstract and will not allow submissions that do not fit in the size requirements. A picture/graphic counts for 500 characters.

Proof reading
After you have inserted all data for your abstract submission a preview will show on your screen. Please verify that your abstract submission is correct and read this preview carefully (including author information). Keep a print for your own records.
It is the responsibility of the submitting author to ensure the abstract is in perfect order with no errors in spelling or grammar, as revisions will not be accepted. Abstracts will not be corrected.

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Presenting in Poster- and Video Sessions
Presenting authors in Poster Sessions are requested to upload a PPT presentation and PDF of the poster and bring a paper poster to the session.
Presenting authors in Expert-Guided Poster Tours are requested to only upload a PDF of the poster and bring a paper poster to the tour.
All accepted Videos will be presented in moderated Video Sessions. The videos as submitted will be used for these presentations.

Additional Rules related to Video Submissions only
- Make sure to follow the general submission rules mentioned above.
- Each video submission should be accompanied by an abstract. Abstracts and Video files should be uploaded online. For abstract submission the above rules should be followed.
- All videos must be conducted in English.
- All videos submitted must be in the final format. Hence, they must include the exact title, all author’s names, production date and running time.
- Videos should be self-explanatory, by voice-over, clear text and/or graphics and music (identification of institution, surgeons etc. is not allowed)
 Videos are also scored on scientific merit. Therefore videos that contain data on series and/or follow-up data are preferred. These data should be included in the video presentation.

 Video files should only have identification of authors and institution and funded by commercial companies during the first 30 sec. of the video. Marking and/or logo’s throughout the video are NOT allowed. Videos which do not take this rule into consideration will be rejected for further consideration and review, regardless of the quality of the content.

 All submitted videos will be reviewed initially for audio/visual clarity and quality.

 Please wait with closing your submission until the video upload is done (indicated on the submission page).

 Length of the Video
 The video should have a maximum length of 8 minutes.

 Size and format
 All formats are accepted, however, MP4 is the preferred format. Maximum file size 1Gb.
 Submission of 3D videos is NOT allowed and will not be considered.

 Recommended requirements for video upload
 • Resolution HD (1280x720 pixels) or higher
 • Frame rate higher than 25fps.
 • Pixel aspect 16:9
 • Bitrate higher than 6Mbps.
 • Audio stream: Stereo, 48000 Hz or better (AAC, DTS, Dolby 5.1)
 • Video container: MPEG-4 (MP4 or MKV)
 • For tips on how to export a video from editing software, visit Vimeo’s reference guide for exporting sequences from various different software vendors at https://vimeo.com/help/compression.

 Submission rules related to topic ‘Patients’
 • Authors must be patients living with a urological disease or patient advocates. Patient advocates require a proof of status.
 • Research focussed pharma interventions will not be considered.
 • English is the preferred language, however, abstracts in all languages will be considered.
 • The Presenter can be one of the authors or a patient advocate representing them.
 • The Presenter is provided with a full registration to attend the congress and to present his or her poster, along with travel support.
 • Submissions are to be made online through the EAU Abstract Submission system.

 Abstract Review Process
 For Poster Presentations
 All abstracts are subject to peer review and are expected to meet the standards of academic/scientific excellence. Submissions will be reviewed by an expert panel whose identities will remain anonymous to the authors. Reviewers will give scores from 1 to 4 points, taking into consideration the following criteria: Originality, priority, quality of research methodology and data. Review and session composition will take place in November/December 2020. The outcome of the abstract selection is available online through the abstract submission website around 18 December 2020. You will receive a notification by email. The Scientific Congress Office reserves the right to obtain your raw data for statistical evaluation.

 For Video Presentations
 All videos are subject to peer review and are expected to meet the standards of academic/scientific excellence. Submissions will be reviewed by an expert panel whose identities will remain anonymous to the authors. Anonymous review of the video will be made possible by removing the identifications of authors and institution at the beginning of the video (this will be done in the EAU Office). Reviewers will give scores from 1 to 5 points for each of the following criteria: Video quality, content, innovation, scientific value and educational value. Review and session composition will take place in November/December 2020. The outcome of the abstract selection is available online through the abstract submission website around 18 December 2020. You will receive a notification by email.