

# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



## 2003

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**Abstract Receipt Deadline**  
Tuesday, March 4, 2003

## Late-Breaking Science – Call for Abstracts

The purpose of this call is to ensure, in particular, that the authors of reports on clinical trials which might not have been ready for reporting at the time of the fall abstract deadline, have the opportunity to present at the annual spring meeting. In the past, some large clinical trials have missed the window of opportunity for presentation at our meeting, because of circumstances beyond the control of the investigators, and have subsequently been either reported in less prestigious or inclusive venues or published before the time of the next annual meeting. Thus, the need for a “late-breaking” session is clear. In addition to large clinical trials, other important and consequential pediatric research might also be considered.

All abstracts will undergo peer review and scoring similar to other abstracts, and the PAS Program Committee reserves the right to decide whether the abstracts are appropriate for inclusion in a Special Session. Our new process will provide a predictable point of access for high quality and news breaking research that truly is late for reasons beyond the control of investigators. Importantly, this avenue is not an alternative to the usual submission process or deadline in the fall. If abstracts are not submitted sufficient in numbers or not conducive to platform presentations, then some consideration will be given to a poster session. It is anticipated that the acceptance rate will be much lower for all abstracts submitted late and will depend primarily on the scientific quality and the reason for the lateness. In particular, evaluation for inclusion in the late-breaking science session will be based on impact and novelty. Emphasis will be given to large clinical trials as well as breakthrough reports of scientific consequence.

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Only abstracts submitted on  
OFFICIAL 2003 PAS Late-Breaker  
Abstract form will be accepted.

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**Please Note:**

All abstracts should be submitted in a structured format.

## General Policies

### Late-Breaker Abstract Submission Fee

Each abstract submission must be accompanied by a \$40 (US) submission fee and a payment form.

### Prior Submission/Presentation

Abstracts submitted or presented to other societies or national meetings **can be** submitted for consideration for the PAS Annual Meeting.

### Prior Publication

Research published in manuscript form prior to the submission of the abstract is not appropriate and should not be submitted. If data contained in the abstract is published after submission of the abstract, the Central Office must be notified regardless of timing as soon as publication is recognized. At that time a member of the program committee will make a determination concerning presentation.

### Abstract Deadline

The deadline for abstract submissions is absolute. The submission of abstracts without data because investigations or analyses are incomplete will be evaluated only on the information contained in the abstract. Late submissions will not be accepted for consideration in regular program planning.

### Conflict of Interest/Disclosure

Work submitted for presentation must include an acknowledgment of funding sources of a commercial nature and/or a consulting or holding of significant equity in a company that could be affected by the results of the study. The intent of this policy is not to prevent a speaker with potential conflict of interest from making a presentation. It is merely intended that any potential conflict should be identified openly so that listeners may form their own judgements about the presentation with the full disclosure of the facts. *Even if indicated elsewhere in the abstract, this must appear as the last sentence of the abstract and read "funded by..." and/or "equity in..." if pertinent.*

### Submitter's Signature

The submitting author must attest that all authors have approved the submission of the work for presentation.

### Animal Studies

Animal studies must conform with the "Guiding Principles in the Care and Use of Animals" of the American Physiological Society and any human experimentation has been conducted according to a protocol approved by the institutional committee on ethics of human investigation. And, if no such committee exists, that it conforms with the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki of the World Medical Association (Clinical Research 14:193, 1966). If the abstract is selected, the presentation must include the methods used for study and any other information relevant to research.

### Changes After Submission

No changes are permitted after submission. Updates should be made at the time of presentation.

### Important

Abstracts must be submitted by **Tuesday, March 4, 11:59 pm, CST.**

### How To Submit:

Visit the meeting website at:

<http://www.pas-meeting.org>

Under Abstract Submissions, click on Late-Breaker Submission Form. When the file opens, save it (File ⇨ Save As) to your word processor. You may then type directly into this form. Complete ALL sections.

To submit:

- ♦ Email your abstract document to [datwood@aps-spr.org](mailto:datwood@aps-spr.org).
- ♦ Fax a copy of the abstract, along with the payment form, to the PAS at 281-419-0082.
- ♦ If you are paying by check, send your check by overnight courier to:  
PAS Late Breaker Abstracts  
c/o PAS Program Office  
3400 Research Forest Dr, Ste B-7  
The Woodlands, TX 77381

Abstract AND payment must be received by March 5 to be considered.

### Notification of Receipt and Acceptance

**Notification of receipt—**will be emailed or faxed within 2 business days of receipt .

### Notification of abstract acceptance status—

Will be emailed or mailed on March 19, 2003.

It is your responsibility to contact the PAS Program Office if you do not receive notification within 5 days of the deadlines listed above. Phone 281-419-0052.

**Late-Breaker Abstracts  
must be RECEIVED  
by Tuesday, March 4, 2003**

## Instructions for Preparing Abstract Submission

Review the general policies to be sure your work qualifies for submission:

1. Each abstract **must** be typed on a 2003 Late-Breaker Abstract Form within the space allocated (5.75 inches x 4.5 inches).
2. Abstracts and/or tables and graphs can be carefully pasted onto the form, but **must** be within the box.
3. Do not allow the box to increase in size when you use your word processing software.
4. Use a font size of 10 point (preferably Times Roman). Do not use a type size **smaller** than 10 point. **DO NOT USE COMPRESSED PRINT OR HALF SPACING.**
5. **PROOF abstracts carefully** to avoid errors before they are submitted. The Program Office will **not** make changes to the abstract or accept any revisions or corrections to abstracts once they are received.

### Structured Format for Abstracts

Abstracts must be prepared in a structured format as follows:

- ❖ Background
- ❖ Objectives
- ❖ Design/Method
- ❖ Results
- ❖ Conclusion

If a heading is not appropriate, it may be left out.

### Abstract Text Preparation

**Margins & Spacing:** Do not type on or outside the established margins. Leave no top or left margin within the box. Do not allow the established area to grow. Be sure to measure the height of your abstract (4.5 inches) before submitting it. Avoid symbols except standard Greek and mathematical symbols.

**Title:** Enter in Title Case (first letter of each significant word capitalized). Do not underline. End title with a period. Place a hard return after the title. **Title text should be bolded.**

**Authors:** Use first name, middle initial, last name of all authors (first name first: William P. Jones). Do **not** indicate the academic degrees or titles of the authors.

**Sponsorship:** A member sponsor is not required for late-breaker abstracts this year.

**Affiliations:** *Italicize.* Affiliations should conform to the following order:

- ❖ Department or Service
- ❖ Teaching institution
- ❖ City and state. List country if outside the USA
- ❖ **Do Not** list street addresses or zip code

### Other Form Requirements

**Corresponding Author:** Type or print clearly the name, complete address, telephone, fax numbers and E-mail address of the individual to whom all correspondence be directed.

### If you have questions

Questions concerning abstract submissions should be directed to the PAS Program Office:

Phone: 281-419-0052

Email: [info@pas-meeting.org](mailto:info@pas-meeting.org)

### Submission Packet Requirements

**Abstract Fee:** Enclose \$40.00 for each abstract submitted. Checks (drawn on a U.S. bank **\*\*U.S. Currency Only\*\***), money orders and credit cards are acceptable. Purchase orders will not be accepted. Complete one payment form for each abstract submitted. **Make checks and money orders payable to Pediatric Academic Societies.**

**Notification of Receipt:** An email or fax will be **sent** to the corresponding author within 2 business days but no later than March 6, and serves as notification of abstract receipt.

**Notification of Acceptance Status:** Notification of acceptance status will be **emailed** to the corresponding author on March 20, 2003.

### Sample Abstract (Structured Format)

#### The Use of Antibiotics in an Inner City Project.

James P. Jones and Jane Smith *Department of Pediatrics, University of Anywhere School of Medicine, Anywhere, TX*

**BACKGROUND:** Antibiotics are often used in inner city projects to solve various infections and to avoid the spread of bacterial and viral diseases.

**OBJECTIVE:** To determine whether the use of antibiotics in inner city projects is at adequate or abusive levels.

**DESIGN/METHODS:** We performed a records search...

*This sample shows how the title, authors and institutions should appear, as well as the structured format for the abstract text.*



## 2003 Pediatric Academic Societies Late-Breaker Abstract Payment Form

**Late-Breaker Abstract Submission Fee  
is \$40.00 per abstract**

**Contact Author:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Abstract Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Payment by Check or Money Order (Must be drawn on a U.S. Bank in U.S. Currency)**  
Make checks payable to the **Pediatric Academic Societies**

Total Amount Enclosed (\$40 per abstract):        \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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