

ASCRS POSTER ABSTRACT INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

DEADLINE:

November 15, 2004

LIMIT:

1 submission per presenting author

SIZE LIMIT:

Must not exceed 37 inches (0.939 meters) in height by 84 inches (2.133 meters) in width per board.

SETUP AND REMOVAL:

- Posters should be set up on Friday, April 15, 8:00 AM–7:00 PM, in the Washington Convention Center.
- **ALL POSTERS MUST BE IN PLACE BY 10:00 AM ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16.**
- **Presenting Authors must sign-in at the poster check-in booth before setup.**
- Setup packets are available at the poster check-in booth.
- You will be able to mount your poster on tack boards under a signboard with the corresponding number and title of the poster.
- **MANDATORY:** Posters must be displayed until 3:00 PM on Tuesday, April 19. Posters can be removed from the display area between 3:00 and 5:00 PM on Tuesday, April 19. **ASCRS is not responsible for poster materials that are not removed by the end of the meeting.**

Note: Winning posters will be removed by ASCRS staff and displayed near the Best for Last session on Wednesday, April 20. ASCRS will return all winning posters within 1 month of the annual meeting.

IMPORTANT:

Posters will be on display continuously during the meeting. ***ALL POSTERS MUST BE IN PLACE BY 10:00 AM ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16. EMPTY DISPLAY BOARDS WILL BE LABELED AS NO SHOWS AND WILL INCLUDE AUTHORS NAMES.*** Although there are no designated poster attendance times, presenting author is encouraged to be available to answer attendee questions. Availability should be noted on the clock placed next to each poster. One completed financial interest statement representative of the author and coauthors as a team must accompany each poster submission.

NEW THIS YEAR:

POSTERS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN A STRUCTURED ABSTRACT FORMAT

The abstract is the basis for acceptance of a poster for presentation. Conciseness, clarity, and care in preparing the abstract are important. Use the sample structured abstract below as a guide. If your abstract does not follow the structured abstract format and include all the required information, you will be notified. If the abstract is not resubmitted in the proper format, it WILL NOT appear with the online abstracts, which will be available to preregistered attendees before the symposium.

SAMPLE STRUCTURED ABSTRACT:

Medical Errors in Anterior Segment Surgery

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Purpose: To analyze the types of medical errors that may occur in refractive and cataract surgery.

Methods: The records of patients who had experienced medical errors in the course of refractive or cataract surgery that had been seen in consultation at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute were reviewed. We assessed the types of errors, the factors that led to the error, the remedial treatment used, and the functional and visual outcome in each case.

Results: We identified 10 different types of errors, including incorrect patient, operation, intended target, sphere power, cylinder sign/axis, and IOL power. Treatments included retreatment, contact lenses, and IOL exchange. We will describe strategies that should help prevent errors.

Conclusions: Medical errors occur infrequently in the course of anterior segment surgery but the consequences may be severe for both the patient and the surgeon.

Title: Be sure the title describes the material appropriately. Limit title to 120 characters, including spaces. Titles may be edited by ASCRS editorial staff.

Purpose: Indicate the question that the study answers or the hypothesis that it tests. Limited to 50 words.

Methods: Describe the study design, indicating randomization, masking, and whether the data collection was retrospective or prospective. Identify the patients, including selection procedures, inclusion criteria, and numbers. Indicate the intervention procedures and the outcome measurements. Limited to 100 words.

***Results:** Present the outcomes and measurements. Data should include the level of statistical significance. Limited to 100 words.

***Conclusions:** State the conclusions and their clinical pertinence. Limited to 50 words.

***Abstracts that do not include final results and conclusions should be revised by March 14, 2005 to be included with the online abstracts.**

Proofread the abstract carefully. It will appear exactly as submitted. Please do not use all capital letters when filling out the form.

Do not submit the abstract if the material has been presented or published elsewhere.

Note: Submissions by non-MDs and DOs will be reviewed in the context of the presenter's respective training and education.

Poster Submission Categories:

- > Cataract
- > Refractive
- > Cornea
- > Pediatric
- > Glaucoma
- > Retina
- > Socioeconomic/Surveys

Judging Criteria:

- Originality
- Quality of presentation
- Scientific merit

An announcement of the winning posters will be made in the *EyeWorld Show Daily*. A winner and honorable mention ribbon will be awarded in each of the following categories: Cataract, Refractive, Retina, Pediatric, Glaucoma, Cornea and Socioeconomic/Surveys.

Disclosure of Unapproved/Off-Label Use

If the poster concerns the use of a drug or device that has not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or concerns off-label use of a drug or device approved by the FDA for other use, you must disclose that fact on the poster.

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If you have any questions, please contact Suzan Garland at sgarland@ascrs.org or call our office at (703) 591-2220.