



Congenital Heart Surgeons' Society
53rd Annual Meeting | October 24-25, 2026

ABSTRACT/VIDEO SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
DEADLINE: TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026, 11:59 pm EDT

SUBMISSION DETAILS

- Topic/Category: Clinical, Basic Science, Video or Worst Nightmare Case.
- Clinical and Basic Science abstracts may be accepted as oral presentations or posters. Videos may be accepted as oral video presentations or video loop presentations. Worst Nightmare Case abstracts may be accepted as oral presentations.
- All abstract submissions must be **250 words** or fewer. Additionally, a table or figure is allowed.
- Clinical and Basic Science abstracts should be structured with the following sections: Objective(s), Methods, Results, Conclusions. Video and Worst Nightmare Case abstracts should be structured with the following sections: Introduction, Description, Conclusions.
- “**My Worst Nightmare Case**” can be submitted as an abstract or a video. It is not necessary to have a video for these cases.
- If submitting a video, you must submit an abstract via the abstract submission site. Videos need to be uploaded through the abstract submission site at the time of submission. We also encourage “**How I Do It**” videos which demonstrate techniques and tricks.
- Submissions must be made by a member or an individual with a member sponsor. Member sponsors must be listed during submission.
- The abstract text **MUST NOT** identify either the authors or institutions from which the work originated. There will be a separate area online in which to indicate all authors, including the presenting author.
- Disclosure information must be provided for each author listed in the author block.
- Please indicate if the abstract is being submitted and presented by a medical student or a trainee (resident or fellow).

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- Submitting authors will also be prompted to answer the following questions during the submission process:
- What quality gap (limitation or problem) with the practice of vascular surgery does this research address?
- In what way might the results of this project supplement or inform, our clinical or research knowledge or strategies?

VIDEOS

If submitting a video, you **MUST** submit an abstract via the abstract submission site. All submissions must include an abstract with a maximum of **250** words (see structure above). Go to the “**New Abstract**” link. After the Title step is the Topic/Category Step. Be sure to select Video from the drop-down menu. Do not paste any references to the authors or institutions in the Abstract Body. Do not use footnotes or references. Videos should be a maximum of **FIVE (5)** minutes and should be audio narrated. If a video is selected for oral presentation, the expectation will be that the presenter will orally narrate the presentation and video live (with a presentation duration of 6 minutes plus 4 minutes of discussion). If the video is accepted as a video loop, the authors will be requested to edit the video to place written captions on the video since audio will not be available in video loops.

ALL videos are to be uploaded through the abstract submission site at the time of submission.

MEDICAL STUDENT AND TRAINEE PAPER COMPETITIONS

All medical students and current and incoming post-doctoral trainees (including general surgery residents, cardiothoracic surgery residents, and congenital cardiac surgery residents and fellows are invited to submit abstracts or video presentations to also be considered for the *Medical Student Paper Competition and the Trainee Paper Competitions*. The winning presenters will receive an award and complimentary registration for the Annual Meeting the following year (or reimbursement for the current year). The medical student or trainee must present regardless of where their name falls in the author block (does not need to be listed as first author).

To be eligible for these Competitions, please be sure to select YES from the drop down, “*I would like my work to be considered in the Trainee Paper Competition.*” or “*I would like my work to be considered in the Medical Student Competition.*” and state your program director(s) or mentor (s).

ABSTRACT NOTIFICATIONS

Notification of the Program Committee’s decision will be distributed in early July.