



# MAOA ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

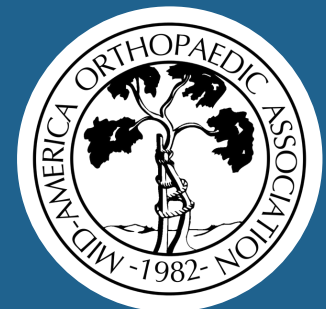
- Acceptance notices will be sent out by October 1, 2026. Confirmation of your presentation at the MAOA 2027 Annual Meeting will be due **December 1, 2026**.
- Each presenter is allowed **one podium** presentation and **one rapid fire** presentation. Please consider this when submitting abstracts. Since presenters are limited to one session per format, any additional accepted abstracts in a single category (e.g., two podium presentations) will require an alternate presenter to remain on the schedule.
- **The maximum number of abstracts you can submit for consideration is six (6).**
- **ALL speakers/presenters are required to pay the meeting registration fee and are responsible for their expenses in attending the annual meeting.** Please discuss this with your program chair before submitting your abstract.
- Large database studies are becoming increasingly popular submissions. We request that you submit these types of studies only if the work addresses identifying/modifying risk factors or variables which can impact clinical practice.
- The Program Committee will meet in September. The author denoted as presenter will be notified in October on whether their abstract has been selected for a presentation.
- Computer presentation will be available for all speakers. If accepted, your talk should be in PowerPoint format for the annual meeting.
- Once accepted, any presentation cancellation after **February 1, 2027** may result in a penalty for the author and all co-authors. They will be unable to submit an abstract for the next two (2) MAOA Annual Meetings

## RESIDENTS & MEDICAL STUDENTS

The MAOA Board of Directors requires that a staff consultant who co-authors your paper be present at the annual meeting to respond to any questions that arise during discussion. **Please notify your staff consultant of this prior to submission of your abstract.**

**DEADLINE**  
**JULY 1, 2026**

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## ABSTRACT PREPARATION

- A “blind” selection process will be used. No identifying features such as names of hospitals, medical schools, clinics, or cities may be listed in the title or text of the abstract. **Do not include author names.** The names of authors and their affiliations (institutions with city/state) will be submitted online when you submit the abstract.
- Papers may be submitted if previously presented at a national/international meeting. **No published papers should be submitted.**
- The title should be as brief as possible, but long enough to clearly indicate the nature of the study. Capitalize the first letter of each word.
- Your abstract should be submitted as a Word or iWork Pages document, 400 words or less. Please note that tables and figure captions count toward the 400 maximum word count.

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- **\$25 Submission Fee** - if your presentation is accepted, this submission fee will be credited to the presenter's 2027 meeting registration fee
- **Blinded** word or iWork pages document. **NO** co-author or institution information should be included on this document. Abstract title and abstract text only.
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## AWARDS

### PHYSICIAN IN TRAINING AWARDS

**FIVE \$1,000 prizes** each will be awarded to five fellows, residents, or medical students who are judged to have the top-rated papers on the program. Papers are rated on content, timeliness, the hypothesis, material and methods, and results. **The recipient must be the first author on the paper, and the investigation and manuscript completion must occur at a medical facility within the MAOA 20-state area.**

**The two top Award Winners will have an opportunity to present their papers at the AAOS 2028 Annual Meeting.** MAOA will contact those eligible to submit a manuscript for consideration of one of these awards.

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