



2008 Advancing Cancer Care in the Elderly Conference

Call for Abstracts

General

The Geriatric Oncology Consortium invites the submission of brief abstracts related to any aspect of cancer care in the elderly. All abstracts are subjected to review and acceptance by the Scientific Committee, and selected abstracts will be published in the final program book and scheduled for a poster presentation at the Fifth Annual Advancing Cancer Care in the Elderly Conference September 11-13, 2008 in Atlantic Beach, Florida. Membership in the Geriatric Oncology Consortium is not required for participation.

Specifications

An abstract may report (1) an original study, (2) the evaluation of a method, device or protocol, or (3) a case or case series. Topics may be aspects of cancer treatment in the elderly, continuing care/rehabilitation, advancing technology, or health care delivery.

Abstracts presented previously prior to the Conference (but not published as a manuscript subsequent to presentation) are allowed for presentation at the GOC ACCE Conference. Describe the objectives and results of the research in the abstract so that the scientific committee can evaluate the quality, originality, and completeness of the abstract. The abstract is the only evidence by which the reviewers can decide whether the author should be invited to present at the ACCE 2008 Conference. General statements such as "results will be presented" are strongly discouraged and may result in the abstract not being considered by the scientific committee.

Instructions for Abstract Submission

- Deadline – Monday, June 30th, 2008 (11:59 pm EST)
- Title should be in sentence case and should objectively describe the study. Do not refer to study results or conclusions in the title of the abstract.
- The names of up to 10 individual authors, their institutional affiliations, cities, and states (and countries, if outside the United States) may be included.
- The body of the abstract should be written as one paragraph.
- Organize the abstract according to four sections, identified by the following headers (in bold): *Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusions*.
- One table may accompany the abstract.
- Do not exceed 350 words for the total of your abstract title, body, and table.
- Any recurring phrase or expression may be abbreviated, if it is first explained. Standard abbreviations may be employed without explanation; new or infrequently used abbreviations should be spelled out on first use. Any recurring phrase or expression may be abbreviated, if it is first explained.

An abstract not prepared as requested may not be reviewed. Questions about abstract preparation may be telephoned to Jennifer Tam at 410-467-3600.

Submissions

E-mail proofed abstracts (as word processing file attachments) to jtam@thegoc.org. E-mail subject heading should be as follows: 2008 ACCE abstract submission. Presenting author

contact information (to include name, degree, affiliation, address, telephone, fax, and e-mail address) must also be included with the e-mail. They will be acknowledged within 24 hours via return e-mail. If you have not received any notification that your abstract was received by July 7th, 2008, contact the GOC Central Operations at 410-467-3600 to confirm receipt of your abstract. Claims for missing abstracts made after July 7th, 2008, cannot be honored under any circumstances.

Dispositions

Abstract disposition notices will be made available through email notification on August 1st, 2008 to presenting authors only. The online notification of acceptance status includes a printable copy of a formal acceptance letter. It is the responsibility of the presenting author to inform all co-authors of disposition status and accepted abstract scheduling information. If you have not received notification by August 15th, 2008, email Jennifer Tam at jtam@thegoc.org to have a disposition notice resent.

Published Abstracts

In all cases of submission, the publisher will handle page layout of accepted abstracts for inclusion in the ACCE Educational/Program Book. Abstracts will be standardized in font and presentation. Abstracts will not be edited in any way. Thus, any error that appears in the submitted abstract will appear in the printed abstract.