

# ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

## **Important Dates**

**TO UPLOAD YOUR CUA 2024 ABSTRACT(S), GO TO:** https://cua-meeting.eventmgnt.com/login/8 Ensure **CUA 2024** is the event listed in the "My registered events" window at the top of the page. If you submitted abstracts and/or registered for the 2023 CUA annual meeting, you can use the same user name and password. If not, please create a new account.

Abstract submission opens	October 31, 2023
Abstract deadline	January 12, 2024
Late-breaking abstract deadline	February 12, 2024
Notification emails sent	Week of March 4, 2024
Prize essays due	March 8, 2024
Deadline for presenters to accept invitation	March 21, 2024
Deadline for presenters to register	April 2, 2024

### A. General Information

- The dates listed above are subject to change. Please check the meeting website at cuameeting.org regularly for updates.
- All abstracts must be submitted via the abstract portal at https://cua-meeting.eventmgnt.com/ login/8. No email submissions will be accepted (except for late-breaking abstracts, which must be emailed to adriana.modica@cua.org).
  - If you are a returning user, please use your previous credentials to log in. If you do not remember your password, please click on 'Forgot your password' in the login window. A message will be sent to the email address on file. If you have any issues logging in, please contact adriana.modica@cua.org.
  - New users must create an account using the same email as the one used to create your CUA member account, if applicable — before proceeding to abstract submission. This same account can be used to register for the meeting.
- Acceptance letters will be sent to the submitting author only and will include a link to meeting registration.
- Instructions for poster creation and upload will be sent out in early April. Note that all posters will be in <u>electronic format only (no print)</u>.

# B. Submission Terms

- 1. **Rule of two:** Each presenter can present a total of two oral presentations (podium or moderated poster) during the CUA annual meeting. This restriction does not apply to unmoderated posters.
- 2. Abstracts must be written and presented in **English**.
- 3. Submitted abstracts undergo a **blind review** by peer-reviewers. Acceptance is based on scientific merit and originality.
- While abstracts may be submitted as podium, moderated poster, or unmoderated poster presentation types, the Scientific Committee reserves the right to assign final presentation type in the best interest of the program.

- 5. **Multiple abstracts** by the same authors based on the same study population or data may be disqualified without further consideration.
- 6. If an abstract has been published as a manuscript or accepted for presentation at another major urological meeting before June 29, 2024, this must be disclosed in the "acknowledgments" step of abstract submission. Please also inform the Abstract Manager (adriana.modica@cua.org).
- 7. **Trials in progress** can be submitted, but please note, the committee will review and take into account whether the information is presentable with the data accumulated.
- 8. Case studies are not accepted as abstracts.
- 9. Regarding production deadlines, as of the date indicated above, all presenting authors must be registered and must have paid their registration fees to keep their abstract in the program. Any changes to the presenting author will not be reflected in CUAJ after this date.
- 10. Authors are responsible for proofreading their abstract before submitting, particularly with regard to general orthography, as well as author names/order and affiliations. CUAJ will edit all submissions for consistency and formatting.

# C. Abstract Format

#### Title:

- The title should clearly define the topic and contain no abbreviations.
- There is a character limit of 200 characters, including spaces.
- Enter the title as you were writing a sentence, i.e., only CAPITALIZE the first letter of the sentence and proper nouns, nothing else.
- Do not use punctuation at the end of the sentence UNLESS it is a question mark (?) or exclamation point (!)
- No symbols are permitted; write out the name of the symbol (i.e., beta, alpha, etc.). You will be allowed to use symbols for the abstract body.

#### Body:

- The abstract is limited to 2000 characters, including spaces (or approx. 400 words). This includes the body of the abstract only.
- The body must contain <u>four</u> separate paragraphs: a) Introduction; b) Methods; c) Results; and d) Conclusions. The abstract should be informative and detailed.
- **Standard abbreviations** may be used as follows: on first use, spell out the full term and follow with abbreviation in parentheses. Abbreviations can be used subsequently.
- Use generic names of drugs.
- It is **NOT acceptable** to state that "The results will be discussed." Inclusion of specific data is necessary for reviewers.
- Indicate the major new findings of the study.

# References are not required but if included, proper citations must be inserted into the body of the text.

**Acknowledgements:** These include any recognition of resource support (i.e., librarian, lab staff, nurses, etc.), any financial support received for the study (i.e., research grants, corporate funding, etc.), or acknowledgement of previously published material. These will be noted below your abstract in CUAJ.

#### Figures:

- To insert a **figure (image or graph)** please upload the files as a JPG in the "Figures & Tables" step. JPGs must be at least 300 DPI and measure at least 3.5 inches wide.
- Tables must be created in MS Word (not images pasted into Word) and can also be uploaded in the "Figures & Tables" step.
- All tables/figures must be titled (in sentence case) and all images/figures must have a caption.
- A reference to accompanying tables/figures must be made within the body of the abstract (i.e., Patient demographics are listed in Table 1).

#### Authors:

- Take care to list ALL authors in the relevant section of the submission site. Spell out completely the names of all authors using full first and last names, as well as any middle initials (which should appear as capital letters followed by a period).
- Maintain consistency in author names on multiple abstracts to avoid duplication in the Author Index.
- Affiliations (department, institution) should be spelled out in full.
- Select the correct author role, where appropriate (i.e., submitter, presenter, first author, senior author, co-first author, co-senior author).

**Presenting Author:** If the author(s) of the abstract is an employee(s) of, or has a financial relationship with the commercial interest that controls the content of the presentation, he/ she cannot be the presenting author; however, investigators responsible for research and development are permitted to present as long as they resolve their Conflict of Interest (COI) and as long as they are not employees of the commercial interest. In all printed publications, the presenting author will be underlined.

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Topic List: Authors must select an abstract topic (only one) from the provided list.

- Oncology Prostate
- Oncology Kidney/Ureter
- Oncology Bladder
- Oncology General/Other
- Endourology, BPH
- Functional Urology (includes: voiding dysfunction, incontinence, infections/ inflammatory disease, LUTS, strictures, neuro-urology, pelvic pain, trauma, reconstruction)
- Transplant
- Sexual Health/Infertility
- Pediatric Urology
- Basic Science
- Healthy Equity
- Training/Education
- Other (incudes: wellness, technology, telehealth, etc.)