Abstract Deadlines & Approvals:

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

For those submitting an abstract who would like to be *considered for oral presentations* at the 2024 MDA Clinical & Scientific Conference, highest priority will be given to those who submit abstracts on or before **October 31, 2023**. Final deadline for oral presentation consideration is December 15, 2023. All abstracts automatically qualify for the poster presentation. Should there be any questions regarding this policy, please contact mdaconference@mdausa.org.

NEW FOR 2024! MDA Conference "Poster Showcase"

Every poster submitted will qualify for the **2024 MDA Conference Poster Showcase**. Among them, three (3) abstracts will be chosen for a 5-minute oral presentation during the Networking & Poster Reception, which will take place in the exhibit hall on Monday and Tuesday evenings. This unique "roaming poster showcase" will move around the reception area, allowing amplified talks to be delivered alongside the selected posters.

POSTER SESSION

For those submitting an abstract *only as a poster submission* at the 2023 MDA Clinical & Scientific Conference abstracts must be submitted on or before December 15, 2023.

Poster Session Options

- **Options to present In-Person, Virtually or both**

- **In-Person** – posters will be viewable in the conference exhibit hall on the evenings of Sunday, March 3rd through the evening of Tuesday, March 5th. Dedicated poster session times will be as follows*:

Sunday, March 3
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM ET

Monday, March 4
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM ET

Tuesday, March 5
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM ET

*All times are subject to change.

Virtual posters will be viewable on the virtual platform beginning Sunday, March 3rd. After the conference concludes, posters will be viewable to all attendees for a 12-month period, expiring in March 2024.

Touchscreen displays will be strategically positioned in the poster area of the conference exhibition hall. This arrangement allows attendees present at the event to access and explore virtual posters that are not being physically presented.

Abstract Approvals

All abstracts falling within the specified categories will be granted approval for presentation in our combined in-person and virtual poster hall, from Sunday, March 3, 2024, to Tuesday, March 5, 2024. For those intending to present their posters in person, we highly advise registering for the conference before December 15, 2023, to benefit from the early bird registration deadline.

Oral Presentation Approvals

The review process for abstracts submitted for oral presentations will start the week of October 31, 2023. Submitters will begin receiving acceptance notifications for their abstracts for **ORAL** presentations from around November 15, 2023, until December 15, 2023. We strongly advise registering for the in-person conference before the early bird registration deadline of December 31, 2022, once you have received a notification confirming the selection of your abstract for an oral presentation

Abstracts selected for oral presentation submitted between November 1 and December 15, 2023 will be notified no later than January 8, 2024.

Abstract Submission Guidelines

The first author (presenting author) will receive all future correspondence from MDA regarding the abstract. Abstract titles should be 150 characters including spaces. Abstract body should not exceed 300 words.

Authors may submit abstracts on the following categories in neuromuscular disease (NMD) research and care:

- Pre-Clinical Research
- Translational Research
- Clinical Trials
- Clinical Management
- Other

2024 Late-Breaking Abstract Guidelines

Late breaking abstracts for particularly high-profile projects will be considered for oral presentations via MDA's late breaking abstract portal starting on January 5, 2024 – February 5, 2024. Submissions past this final deadline will not be accepted with no exceptions. All late-breaking notifications will be sent no later than January 12, 2024.

Late-breaking abstracts must not have been presented, accepted for presentation, or published at any other scientific meeting or journal at the time of submission and must contain data that was only made available after the December 15, 2023 abstract submission deadline. Some oral presentation slots will be dedicated to late-breaking abstracts of high-impact.

2024 Abstract Print Guidelines

In Person Poster Guidelines:

- Poster size should be no greater than 36" WIDE x 48" HIGH (portrait orientation).

- You are responsible for printing and delivering your poster to your designated poster location

- In-person poster presenters are also encouraged to upload their posters to the virtual platform.

Virtual Poster Guidelines:

- Final submission can be via one-page PDF of your data.

- All submissions must include the first name, last name, and email address of the author best suited to answer questions.

- QR codes may be included as part of your poster to direct viewers to a download of your poster.

- Final submission deadlines, PDF specifications and the submission process will be announced shortly

2024 MDA Embargo Policy

All abstracts accepted for the 2023 MDA Clinical & Scientific Conference will be available in the Abstract Library starting Tuesday, February 14, 2024*.

While authors may publish that their poster has been selected for inclusion in the conference program, data from the final poster presentation may not be shared in any form (print, broadcast or online publication, media release or conference presentation) prior to its official presentation at the 2024 MDA Conference, which will be Sunday, March 3, 2024, 6:00PM ET. Author(s) retains copyright of his or her abstract and poster.

Encores are permitted provided that: (i) copyright requirements from the initial conference are respected and (ii) prior presentations are disclosed.

Once an abstract author has confirmed their role as a presenter, it is highly recommended for both the author and their organization to promote the presentation by sharing the title, author's name, and scheduled time through various channels, tagging MDA when appropriate. Furthermore, following the author's acceptance, the title, name, and presentation time will be included in the upcoming update of the interactive program on the MDA website.

All presentations at the Annual Conference will be streamed live, recorded, and exclusively accessible on demand to registered participants for a duration of one year following the conference's conclusion.

Questions about the abstract submission process or poster session guidelines, please contact mdaconference@mdausa.org.

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