

**AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE**  
**68th Annual Meeting**  
**San Diego Convention Center**  
**San Diego, CA**  
**October 20-24, 2012**

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**  
**Preparation Guidelines and Instructions**

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The American Society for Reproductive Medicine Scientific Program Committee invites you to participate in the Society's 68th Annual Meeting through the submission of scientific abstracts for consideration for presentation. Due to current travel restraints, all individuals who require a visa to enter the United States are urged to obtain necessary papers immediately to attend the meeting upon submission of the abstract. A letter inviting any individual who wishes to attend may be obtained by request at [asm@asm.org](mailto:asm@asm.org). This letter does not imply any financial support by ASRM.

Abstracts must be submitted electronically through the online Submitter program which will be available **February 1, 2012**, at the following Web address:

<http://www.call4abstracts.com/asm/>

**Final Date for Submission of Abstracts: Wednesday, May 2, 2012, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time**  
(Technical support will be provided after 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time).

**Instructions**

- All abstracts and video summaries must be submitted electronically via the abstract/video submission site and not by fax or email.
- Abstracts or videos regarding human reproductive cloning will not be considered or accepted.
- The abstract must contain original work, not either published, presented at a meeting of another national or international scientific organization, or submitted for publication at the time of this submission.**
- A person may be an author or co-author on a maximum of six abstracts. (*Under extraordinary circumstances, exceptions may be granted. Anyone seeking an exception should contact Andrew R. La Barbera, Ph.D., H.C.L.D. at [alabarbera@asm.org](mailto:alabarbera@asm.org) and provide a justification for the request.*)
- Abstracts may have a maximum of six authors.
- Abstracts must be approved or exempted by the appropriate human subjects review panel or Institutional Review Board (IRB) with jurisdiction or equivalent if any human subjects or any human materials were utilized.
- A separate disclosure (included in the online Abstract Submitter) of commercial and financial relationships with manufacturers or distributors of goods or services used to treat patients must be completed for each individual author. Include each authors' first name, initial, last name, degree(s), and email address on their disclosure page.
- Notifications regarding acceptance/rejection will be emailed to the authors beginning June 24, 2011.
- If you **do not** receive notification of the status of your abstract by June 26, 2012, call Technical Support: USA: 866-759-5440; Outside the USA: 507-334-5212.
- All decisions by the Scientific Program Committee are final. Dates and times of presentations cannot be changed.
- All presentations are in English.
- Authors assume complete responsibility for the integrity and validity of the data at the time of submission.
- Last date to withdraw abstracts accepted for presentation without incurring a penalty:

**August 13, 2012.** Penalty: Authors whose abstracts are accepted for oral or poster presentation who either fail to present their work, fail to have it presented by a co-author, or withdraw their abstracts after August 13, 2012, will not have abstracts considered for presentation at the ASRM Annual Meeting for the following two years. ASRM reserves the right to impose additional sanctions on other parties (including corporate and other sponsors of research projects) for improper withdrawal of abstracts. Exceptions will be considered if the ASRM is given prompt notification for extreme, unforeseen circumstances. Submission of an abstract for consideration for presentation implies that the presenting author intends to attend the meeting to present his/her work.

All authors agree to abide by ASRM policies pertaining to submission, publication and presentation of abstracts.

**To Submit an Abstract:**

- 1) Review the submission instructions below, including the information on awards.
- 2) Go to <http://www.asrm.org/Professionals/Meetings/annualmeeting.html>.
- 3) Click the link to the Scientific Abstract Submission Program.
- 4) Create and enter a personal user name and password.
- 5) Remain logged on while completing the abstract submission sections.
- 6) Save your work as you complete each section. You can return to your password-protected abstract at a later time for editing, until you proof and submit the abstract.
- 7) Review a printed copy of your abstract (keep the copy for your file) and make changes in the online program before you submit it. **No changes** can be made to the title, authors or body of the abstract after the abstract is submitted.
- 8) Submit the abstract.

**Abstract Award Criteria:**

For an abstract to be considered for any award, one author must be a member in good standing of the ASRM. An abstract may receive more than one award. ASRM prize awards will be announced and the recipients will be recognized during the Awards Session, Wednesday, October 24, 2012, at 9:45 a.m. following the Plenary Session.

**Oral presentations:**

Candidates for two Scientific Program Prizes will be selected by the Scientific Program Committee from all abstracts submitted to the meeting regardless of designation of group for initial review. These oral presentations will be judged at the meeting and selection will be determined by the Scientific Program Prize Paper Committee. The presenters of the two Scientific Program Prize papers will be awarded:

- \$1,000.00
- One-year free ASRM membership
- Free registration for IFFS/ASRM 2013 Conjoint meeting, in Boston, MA.

**Poster presentations:**

Posters must be put up on the appropriate boards either on **Sunday afternoon, October 21<sup>st</sup>, between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** or on **Monday morning, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.** and must be left in place for the entire meeting. Posters will be judged by the Scientific Program Committee for prize awards. The awards are:

- First Prize: \$500.00
- Second Prize: \$300.00
- Third Prize: \$200.00

**Resident In-Training Award:**

This award will recognize the presenter of an exceptional abstract who is currently a resident in training in the field of obstetrics and gynecology or urology. Candidates who wish their abstract to be considered for this award must check the "Resident In-Training Award" check box in the online Abstract Submitter. The awardee will receive:

- \$500.00
- One-year free ASRM membership
- Free registration to ASRM 2012 in San Diego, CA.

**In-Training Awards for Research:**

Five In-Training Awards for Research will be granted in recognition of outstanding research conducted by individuals who are in-training. Candidates who wish their abstract to be considered for one of these

awards must check the "In-Training Award for Research" check box in the online Abstract Submitter. He/she must be the presenting author (first) and must be a medical student, resident, fellow or undergraduate, graduate or postdoctoral student. Each awardee will receive:

- \$250.00
- One-year free ASRM membership
- Free registration for IFFS/ASRM 2013 Conjoint meeting, in Boston, MA

#### **SRS In-Training Awards for Research:**

Three (3) SRS In-Training Awards for research will be granted. The purpose of these awards is to recognize outstanding research conducted by individuals in-training. Candidates who wish their abstract to be considered for one of these awards must check the "SRS In-Training Award for Research" check box in the online Abstract Submitter and must submit their abstract to the "Reproductive Surgery" category. He/she must be the presenting author (first), must be a medical student, resident, fellow or undergraduate, graduate or postdoctoral student, and must attend ASRM 2012 in San Diego and present the abstract. Each awardee will receive:

- \$250.00
- One-year free ASRM and SRS membership
- Free registration to ASRM 2012 in San Diego, CA.

#### **SMRU Traveling Scholars Award Program:**

The objective of these awards is to expose residents/fellows, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to new scientific information pertinent to the study of reproductive medicine. Candidates who wish their abstract to be considered for one of these awards must submit the abstract to the Male Reproduction and Urology: Traveling Scholars category. He/she must also submit a copy of their CV, a letter of recommendation from their research mentor, and a statement of career goals with the abstract through the online program. The presenting (first) author must be a resident, fellow or undergraduate, graduate or postdoctoral student. The first author must be willing to present an oral presentation and must attend the SMRU sponsored activities presented during the 2012 Annual Meeting. Previous Traveling Scholars may not submit an abstract as the first author.

Each awardee will receive reimbursement of some expenses for attendance to ASRM 2012:

- Meeting registration fee
- Registration fee to the SMRU Postgraduate Course and one Roundtable
- Limited financial support for travel, lodging and incidentals

Prior to submitting an application, applicants and mentors should ensure the applicant's availability to participate in the SMRU Traveling Scholars Program. Failure of an awardee to present his/her abstract, or failure of an awardee to attend SMRU sponsored activities, without a legitimate medical excuse, will result in penalties to the awardee and/or mentor, including denial of travel reimbursement to the awardee and/or denial of applications from the mentor's program for a period of two years.

#### **Affiliated Societies:**

The Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology, the Society for Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, the Society of Reproductive Surgeons, the Society for Male Reproduction and Urology, and the Society of Reproductive Biologists and Technologists will select prize papers for an award of \$500.00 each.

#### **Professional and Special Interest Groups:**

Several of these groups select prize papers for cash awards.

#### **GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:**

##### **A. Content**

1) Abstracts must adequately describe the research performed so that the quality, originality, and completeness of the work can be evaluated. Only structured abstracts with the following headings can be submitted. Failure to follow the proper format will disqualify the abstract for grading and consideration.

- a) **Objective:** An introductory sentence indicating the objective and purpose of the study
- b) **Design:** A briefly worded description of the study design

- c) **Materials and Methods:** A description of experimental procedures including applicable statistical evaluation
  - d) **Results:** A summary of the new, previously unpublished data and results
  - e) **Conclusions:** A statement of the study's conclusions
  - f) **Support:** Identify all sources of financial support for the research or state "None" if appropriate.
- 2) Abbreviations used in abstracts must be defined. Abbreviations are permitted in titles if they immediately follow the term being abbreviated and are enclosed in parentheses. If used in the text, they should be defined at first mention if not already defined in the title.
  - 3) ACCME guidelines require generic names be used for pharmaceuticals, biologics, and medical devices. The trade name of the particular product used in a study may be included in parentheses the first time the product is referenced. The trade name may be used if the product is the only one of its general type and use of the generic name would encumber the reader.
  - 4) Limit the number of authors to six (6) – **no exceptions.**
  - 5) In the abstract textboxes, list the presenting author first. Type each authors' first name, initial, last name and affiliation in upper and lower case, in italics, not in bold. The authors' names will be printed in the program exactly as submitted.
  - 6) Do not identify individuals in the title or abstract body. Doing so will result in the abstract being disqualified.
  - 7) **Bold** the title and type it in all CAPS.
  - 8) **Abstract size limits:** The **body** of the abstract is **limited to 2000 characters** which may include one table. Inclusion of a table will replace some character space. Figures and/or graphics are not permitted and will be deleted. **Titles are limited to 200 characters** and are not included in the abstract body character count. Author names and affiliations are not included in either character count.
  - 9) In the online abstract submitter, provide a completed, separate Disclosure Declaration for every author. On the disclosure pages include the first name, initial, last name, degree(s), and email address for each author on his/her page.
  - 10) Check "Poster Only" if you wish your abstract to be considered for poster presentation only.
  - 11) Check "Fellow" if you are a fellow in training in an ABOG-approved fellowship program leading to Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility certification and you are submitting your abstract to either the REI: Clinical or REI: Research category.
  - 12) Check "Data are submitted for a separate scientific abstract and video presentation" if the results will be submitted for presentation as a scientific abstract (oral or poster) and the methodology will be submitted as a video. Note: The two presentations cannot be identical and will be reviewed for duplication.
  - 13) Check "I accept complete responsibility for the data at the time of submission."
  - 14) If appropriate, check "The abstract has been approved by a local Institutional Review Board (IRB) or equivalent" if human subjects or any human materials were utilized.
  - 15) Check "The abstract contains original work. The work has not been 1) presented at a meeting of another national or international scientific organization prior to this meeting, or 2) submitted for publication at the time of submission to ASRM."
  - 16) When you have completed the abstract submission process, **print a copy of your abstract and keep it for future reference.**
  - 17) Review a printed copy of your abstract and **make final revisions before you submit it. No changes** can be made to the title, authors or body of the abstract after it is submitted.
  - 18) Review and selection of abstracts: Abstracts will be reviewed by the Program Committee and selected for inclusion in the program on the basis of scientific content and significance to the field of reproductive medicine. Reviewers will consider the following criteria in their evaluations:

## Criteria for scoring abstracts

### Score Criteria

1. Originality

0-2 None

1-4 Many other well-designed studies

3-7 A modest number of other similar studies

5-7 Few similar studies

7-10 Unique

## 2. Clarity of Writing

### 0 Unintelligible

- 1-2 Difficult to understand, does not adhere to structured design
- 3-4 Can understand the majority, but spelling and grammatical errors impede interpretation
- 5-6 Can understand most, but numerous spelling or grammatical errors
- 7-8 Can understand most with few spelling or grammatical errors
- 9-10 Clear, grammatically correct, no spelling errors

## 3. Study Design

### a. Clinical Study

- 0-2 Case report or series with N<6
- 3-4 Retrospective, no controls
- 5-6 Retrospective, historical or case control
- 7-8 Prospective without randomization
- 9-10 Prospective, randomized controlled trial

### b. Basic Research Study

- 0-3 Poorly designed or executed with inadequate controls
- 4-6 Some deficiencies in design with some merit
- 7-10 Well designed and executed with appropriate controls and interventions

## 4. Sample Size

- 0-3 Inadequate sample size to allow conclusions
- 4-6 Questionable sample size
- 7-10 Provides statistical justification of sample size and meets sample size requirements

## 5. Data Analysis and Conclusions

- 0-3 Inadequate analysis; conclusions not supported by data
- 4-6 Deficient analysis; conclusions partially related to data
- 7-10 Appropriate analysis; conclusions supported by data

## 6. Significance

- 0-3 Little if any significance; does not advance the field
- 4-6 Modest contribution to the field; advances the field modestly
- 7-10 Important contribution to the field

## B. Author Identification

Include presenting (first) authors': 1) full name (family names and given names) and degree(s), 2) email addresses for abstract acceptance notifications, 3) mailing address, 4) and telephone and fax numbers.

## C. Poster or Oral Presentation

Case reports and retrospective case studies will not be considered for oral presentation unless the findings are of extraordinary importance.

Abstracts will be considered for oral presentation unless the author designates "Poster Only" in the check box provided. Abstracts not selected for oral presentation will be considered for poster presentation.

Oral presentations will be 10 minutes in length followed by five minutes of discussion. PowerPoint and the use of LCD projection (no 2 X 2 slides) will be supported. Audio-visual instructions will be available on the ASRM Web site, [www.asrm.org](http://www.asrm.org), prior to the meeting. Presenters may submit their presentations prior to leaving for the meeting to a link included in the audio-visual instructions.

Poster board surface areas are 3 feet 8 inches (1.1176 meters) high and 7 feet 7 inches (2.3114 meters) wide. Poster preparation instructions will be available on the ASRM Web site, [www.asrm.org](http://www.asrm.org), prior to the meeting. Posters must be put up on the appropriate boards on **Sunday afternoon, October 21<sup>st</sup>, between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. or Monday morning, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.** and must be left in place for the entire meeting. Posters are

to be taken down by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon. **The ASRM cannot be responsible for removing or returning posters. Posters left on the boards after 4:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon will be discarded.**

#### **D. Oral/Poster Session Selection**

The online Abstract Submitter will require you to select ONE category from among the categories listed and ONE topic from the topics listed. If selected for oral presentation, the abstract will be presented in a session supported by the group noted beside the categories. Abstracts selected for poster presentation will be grouped by topic.

Abstract committees comprised of individuals from the appropriate affiliated group will review and score all abstracts submitted and recommend abstracts for presentation during the Annual Meeting to the Scientific Program Committee. All decisions by the Scientific Program Committee are final. No changes can be made regarding date/time of presentations. Failure to follow instructions will result in the abstract not being considered for presentation.

#### **Abstract Categories:**

1. Androgen Excess
2. Clinical Female Infertility and Gynecology
3. Contraception
4. Cryopreservation and Frozen Embryo Transfer – Clinical: ART
5. Cryopreservation and Frozen Embryo Transfer – Laboratory/Basic: ART
6. Endometriosis
7. Environment and Reproduction
8. Fertility Preservation
9. Fibroids
10. Genetic Counseling
11. Health Disparities
12. Imaging and Reproductive Medicine
13. Male Factor: ART
14. Male Reproduction and Urology: Clinical
15. Male Reproduction and Urology: Research
16. Male Reproduction and Urology: SMRU Traveling Scholars
17. Menopause
18. Mental Health
19. Nursing
20. Nutrition
21. Other: ART - Clinical
22. Other: ART – Laboratory/Basic
23. Outcome Predictors-Clinical: ART
24. Outcome Predictors-Lab: ART
25. Ovarian Stimulation: ART
26. Ovarian Stimulation – High Responders: ART
27. Ovarian Stimulation – Poor Responders: ART
28. Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology
29. Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis
30. Procedures and Techniques-Clinical: ART
31. Procedures and Techniques-Laboratory: ART
32. Regenerative Medicine & Stem Cell Biology
33. Reproductive Biology: Animal and Experimental Studies
34. Reproductive Biology: Human Studies
35. Reproductive Endocrinology: Clinical
36. Reproductive Endocrinology: Research
37. Reproductive Immunology
38. Reproductive Laboratory Technology
39. Sexuality
40. Reproductive Surgery

#### **Abstract Topics:**

1. ART- In Vitro Fertilization
2. ART-Other
3. Cancer
4. Contraception/Family Planning
5. Cryopreservation

6. Embryo Biology
7. Embryo Culture
8. Embryo Transfer
9. Endometriosis
10. Endometrium
11. Environment and Toxicology
12. Female Reproductive Endocrinology
13. Female Reproductive Surgery
14. Female Reproductive Tract
15. Fertility Preservation
16. Fertilization
17. Genetic Counseling
18. Imaging
19. Implantation
20. Leiomyoma
21. Luteal Phase Support
22. Male Factor
23. Male Reproductive Endocrinology
24. Male Reproductive Urology
25. Menopause
26. Mental Health
27. Nursing
28. Obesity and Metabolism
29. Oocyte Biology
30. Oocyte Maturation
31. Ovarian Function
32. Ovarian Reserve
33. Ovarian Stimulation
34. Oxidative Stress
35. Polycystic Ovary Syndrome
36. Practice Management
37. Pregnancy Loss and Termination
38. Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis
39. Reproductive Hormones
40. Reproductive Immunology
41. Sexuality
42. Sperm Biology
43. Sperm Preparation
44. Stem Cells
45. Testis

Electronic Submission Web Address:

<http://www.asrm.org/Professionals/Meetings/annualmeeting.html>  
Available online February 1, 2012

Technical assistance at Marathon:

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