

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR 2015 AOPA National Assembly

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INTRODUCTION

The AOPA National Assembly Planning Committee has made a commitment to having a strong scientific program. The program committee is soliciting scientific and clinical case study abstracts for the upcoming meeting Oct. 7-10, 2015 in San Antonio, Texas, USA. This document will provide information about the abstract submission process and serve as a model for the abstract format. Abstracts must reflect original research that has not been presented previously. Abstracts may be submitted between Oct 1, 2014 and March 10, 2015. They will then be reviewed by the Clinical Sessions Workgroup, chaired by James Campbell, PhD, CO. Authors will be notified in April of 2015 about the status of their submission.

METHODS

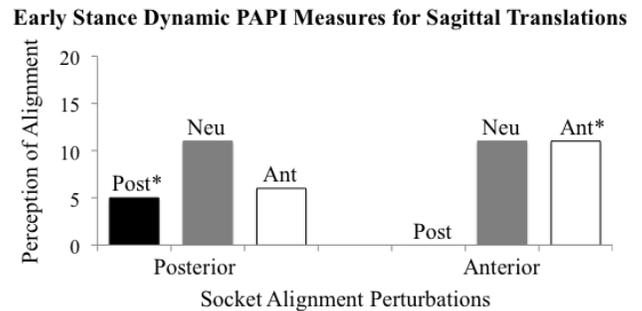
All abstracts for the 2015 AOPA National Assembly must be submitted electronically via the submission website link found at www.AOPAnet.org. All submitted abstracts must be Portable Document Format (.PDF) and are limited to one page. A full version of the abstract must be submitted, and a blinded version with all identifying information removed must also be submitted. The title (in bold caps), authors, and author affiliations should be centered across the top of the first page. Use numerical superscripts to distinguish authors from different institutions. An e-mail address for one author should be included. Optionally, a web address of department, laboratory or author may be included. The body of the manuscript should be divided into the titled sections.

All abstracts for the 2015 AOPA National Assembly must be submitted electronically using the online form at <https://aopa.wufoo.com/forms/2015-call-for-free-papers/>. Abstracts submitted by e-mail or fax will not be considered.

RESULTS

Text within the document must be 10- point Times or Times New Roman. Graphs and tables may be incorporated within the document, especially if they enhance the text of the abstract. Include a label below the figure (Figure 1). Text within such elements should be clearly readable. If data tables are used to convey research results, include a title and caption above the table.

Figure 1. Include a caption beneath figures as shown. Use superscript numbers for references¹.



DISCUSSION

Strong scientific and clinical case study submissions are expected from the world over. The format of the conference will provide a substantial audience for novel research focused on orthotics, prosthetics and pedorthics. The 2015 AOPA National Assembly will bring together prosthetists, orthotists, pedorthists, physicians, scientists, researchers, engineers, programmers, clinicians and other health care professionals. The organization has also made a commitment to have extraordinary plenary sessions with invited speakers who are leading experts from the world over. This diverse community of professionals focusing on different aspects of O&P care will provide a unique and powerful environment to advance the field forward. The venue is extraordinary with spacious rooms at reasonable rates. Students are also encouraged to submit abstracts to the planning committee.

REFERENCE

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DISCLOSURE

Authors should disclose any potential conflicts of interest in their abstract. Abstracts from industry are encouraged, and students wishing to present their novel prosthetic and orthotic designs to leading industry engineers are encouraged.

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