

Contentious Issues in Organ Transplantation

Young Investigators Forum Abstract Submission Guidelines

Deadline for Abstract Submission: August 28, 2009

A Young Investigators Forum will provide opportunities for Young and Minority Investigators to present their work and interact with established investigators in the field. Young and minority investigators frequently lack exposure to these key issues during their training. A key theme of this conference will be the education and mentoring of young and minority investigators in the context of a symposium designed specifically for these attendees. These individuals will interact with some of the top investigators and thinkers in the field which could then enrich transplant outcomes research in the future.

Who Are Young Investigators?

Young Investigators are those in training (medical students, residents or fellows in medicine, surgery, nephrology or transplantation, transplant professionals (coordinators, nurses, pharmacists, organ procurement specialists, and statisticians) or within the first 5 years of their first faculty/staff appointment in the relevant speciality/subspeciality/transplant related profession. Minority investigators and trainees will self-identify as such based on current census bureau norms. Trainees and young investigators will need to submit the prescribed abstract form verifying trainee status, program, and their program director or department chair indicated on the abstract submission form.

Target Audience

This target audience has been kept broad in order to enrich the discourse that will prevail at the conference. The audience will include but is not limited to:

- 1) Transplant physicians and surgeons in practice or in training.
- 2) Transplant professionals (statisticians, data management personnel, coordinators, organ procurement personnel, pharmacists, nurses, etc)
- 3) Medical students, residents, fellows and transplant professionals in training.
- 4) Non-Medical journalists and health economists

Abstract Submission

We will be handling submissions electronically.

- 1) **Click on the Download Abstract Submission Form link located on the main page.**

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- 2) **Attach the completed Abstract Submission Form document and your abstract in an e-mail message and send to:** transplantsummit@ccf.org
Use this format only! Other formats will not be accepted or reviewed.
- 3) **Please be sure to complete all contact information and verification of trainee status on the abstract form.** Be sure to verifying trainee status, program, and program director or department chair indicated on the abstract submission form

Process for Abstract Selection and Presentation

We will solicit abstracts that address 4 important theme areas. These theme areas have been kept broad so that participation by young people can be all inclusive and that investigators do not feel too restricted by the scope of the scientific agenda.

The 4 theme areas are:

- 1) Potential measures to improve kidney and other related solid organ transplant outcomes:** Both clinical and translational submissions will be welcomed.
- 2) Reducing disparities and improving access to kidney and other related solid organ transplantation:** These abstracts may describe current disparity and access issues
- 3) Research pertinent to the organ allocation system**
- 4) Better means of monitoring kidney and other related solid organ transplant outcomes:** Both clinical and translational submissions will be welcomed.

The top 5 abstracts will be selected for oral presentations (10 minutes each: Presentation for 8 minutes and 2 minutes for Q&A). The remaining abstracts will be accommodated as poster presentations.

Posters will be on display throughout the meeting and presenters will be in attendance at designated times. Participants will be encouraged to use these sessions as springboards to network with leaders in the field. Speakers and senior attendees will be encouraged to mingle with junior investigators at this event.

Travel Grants

Only Young and Minority Investigators will be eligible for travel grants. Travel grants will be awarded to the young investigators chosen for oral presentation and poster display. Submission of an abstract is a prerequisite for consideration for a travel grant. Preference will be given to young investigators for consideration for oral presentations first. Recipients of these grants will be notified via email by September 11, 2009. These grants will be disbursed after completion of attendance at the course and presentation of a poster or talk by the grantee.

Do I still need to register for the summit?

Young and Minority Investigators are still need to register for the meeting as Trainee, regardless of abstract submission, travel grants, etc. This can be done online from the main page:

[**Register**](#)