

# The Abstracts Program at CAP '10

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The Abstracts Program is a competitive program sponsored by the Education and Publications Division of the College of American Pathologists. The program is designed to promote a broad range of research in pathology. It offers pathologists and research scientists the opportunity to submit original research to their peers in a poster presentation format. Editors from the *Archives of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine* will evaluate submissions to this program.

In addition, the Abstracts Program at CAP '10 provides a unique opportunity for residents to enhance research skills, develop writing proficiency, gain practical experience at presenting their findings, and contribute to the literature and advancement of pathology. Accepted abstracts and case studies will be published in the *Archives*, and CAP junior members are eligible for cash awards for their presentations.

**Submissions to the Abstracts Program will be accepted February 1 through April 5, 2010.**

Submit an abstract/case study to the CAP '10 meeting [here](#).

## *CAP Junior Member Awards*

The 5 best abstracts received from CAP Junior Members will be named as Junior Member Award Winners. The winning authors will be given cash prizes. Prizes have increased this year: the first place award is \$1,500. Second place is \$1,000; third place is \$750; and fourth and fifth place awards are \$500 each.

Junior Members whose abstracts have been accepted will be considered for these awards. Additionally, in order for abstract submissions to be eligible for the CAP '10 Top 5 Junior Member Awards, a Junior Member must:

1. Have performed a substantial portion of the research and work involved in the preparation of the abstract;
2. Be listed as either the first or second author;
3. Serve as the corresponding author.

Winners will be notified in mid-July. The corresponding authors of the winning top 5 Junior Member abstracts will be awarded the cash prizes at CAP '10. The winning abstracts also will be recognized at CAP '10, and the winning posters will be displayed in a prominent location during the meeting.

## *Abstract/Case Study Judging Criteria*

Abstracts will be judged on the following criteria:

- Significance of the hypothesis
- Valid conclusion(s)
- Argument clarity
- Presentation quality

Case studies **must** include novel findings, such as the following:

- A new disease or condition (i.e. not previously reported).
- A distinctive or unusual presentation of a known disease, with one or more well-documented new findings of special clinical relevance (i.e., potentially applicable to diagnosis, therapy, prognosis, etc) or that serves to provide new insight into the possible pathogenesis of a disease (hypothesis-generating). The new information might be derived from distinctive morphology and/or ancillary testing.
- A known disease with a demonstrated new finding using state-of-the-art techniques (immunohistochemical, molecular, 3-dimensional reconstruction, cytogenetics, etc) relevant to a clearly stated hypothesis.
- A known disease presenting with a previously undescribed clinically or etiologically relevant association (i.e., a myelodysplastic syndrome associated with a plasma cell dyscrasia, etc.) in order to heighten awareness of a possible link between entities. Such a link might have been described before in one or more individual case reports, and the addition of a case might help solidify a real association.

### ***Author Requirements***

Corresponding authors should be available to respond to questions from the *Archives* editorial office, especially during the period of April 19 to May 14, 2010. E-mail addresses for corresponding authors must be active and accessible until at least the summer of 2010. Additionally, all authors must complete an *Archives* Authorship Form. Submissions will not be considered for publication without a completed form from all authors. Authors will be notified of their submission status in June 2010. If accepted, authors will be expected to prepare a 4' x 8' poster summary. Posters must be created and displayed by the author(s) during CAP '10.

### ***Requirements for Submitting Abstracts/Case Studies***

- All abstracts/case studies are due by April 5, 2010. Submissions received after April 5th will not be considered.
- Abstracts/case studies must be submitted electronically via the electronic submission form.
- All fields of the submission form must be completed. Abstracts/case studies with incomplete submission forms will not be considered.
- For abstracts, the body of the text may be a maximum of 254 words and **must** be organized under (and contain) **all** of the following headings: Context, Design, Results, and Conclusions. Do not use any additional or alternative headings.

- A case study may include no more than 2 cases. The body of the text may be a maximum of 250 words. It should not contain any headings.
- Text must be prepared in accordance with the *American Medical Association Manual of Style*, 10<sup>th</sup> edition. For more information and specific examples of how submissions should be prepared, see CAP '09 abstracts and case studies that were published in the October 2009 issue of the *Archives* (available online at: <http://www.archivesofpathology.org>).
- Do not use abbreviations unless they appear 5 or more times, in which case you must spell out the abbreviation the first time it appears.
- Do not begin the abstract or case study by repeating the title, and do not cite references.
- A single table or figure may be added, using the “Add Graphic” or “Add Table” button.
- A table may have no more than 5 columns. Make sure any acronyms used in a table are clearly defined.
- For best results, figures should be submitted in JPEG format at a minimum resolution of 300 dpi. If any text appears in the figure, it must be 12 points or larger.
- **Do not** submit photomicrographs as either Word or PowerPoint files. **Do not** add a figure label on figures. When preparing figures, remember that they will be printed at a width of 3 ½ inches. Thus, computer screen shots and other figures that contain small text **are not good submission options**.
- If submitting a figure or table, provide a description of the figure or table content, including a specific reference to the figure or table (e.g., Figure 1) in the text. Do not submit a separate figure or table legend; legends will not be printed.
- Affiliations for each author must be clearly listed, including full department and institution names. Spell out this information; do not use abbreviations or acronyms.
- Each author must sign and submit an Authorship Form, which you can access via a link on the Submission site.
- List sources (name of company, city, state, and country) for all software and reagents.
- Use conventional units of measure.
- Use generic drug names unless the specific trade name of a drug is directly relevant to the discussion.

## **CAP '10 Registration**

All persons presenting posters are required to register for CAP '10 and to pay the appropriate fees. Registration for CAP '10 will begin in March. Authors of accepted posters will be required to display their posters in the Connection Café and Exhibits and to be present to answer questions. Authors of accepted abstracts and case studies will be notified of their assigned poster display times in June 2010.

### *Questions*

If you have questions about the content of your abstract or case study, please e-mail [contactcenter@cap.org](mailto:contactcenter@cap.org) prior to completing your submission. Your questions will be routed to the CAP Abstract Review Committee. Remember, abstracts cannot be changed or resubmitted after the submission deadline.