
T·H·E J·O·U·R·N·A·L O·F

Nuclear Medicine

Volume 28, Number 10

October 1987



JNM

The Official Publication of The Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc.

Annual Meeting Abstract Submissions Form

Policies and Instructions for Abstract Submission

Please read this and the reverse page thoroughly before preparing your abstract. Because of stringent time constraints, abstracts that do not comply with these policies and instructions must be rejected.

GENERAL POLICIES

The 1988 Scientific Program Committee and the Scientific Exhibits Subcommittee welcome the submission of abstracts of original contributions in nuclear medicine from members and nonmembers of the Society of Nuclear Medicine for the 35th Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, June 14-17, 1988.

To help you prepare your abstract, several policies have been formulated, as follows:

1. *Publication of accepted abstracts*

Abstracts accepted for presentation will be published in the convention issue of *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine*.

2. *Previously published materials*

Materials that have been or will be published as a full-length scientific paper prior to the SNM Annual Meeting should not be submitted as an abstract of a scientific paper. However, this rule does not apply to scientific exhibits.

3. *Supporting data*

Supporting data may be submitted if, in the opinion of the contributor, the reviewer's understanding will be enhanced. Supporting data are not required, however, and must be limited to one page. If submitted, supporting data must be stapled to each of the photocopies of the abstract to ensure that each reviewer has all of the information available.

4. *"Works-in-progress"*

Abstracts of completed and ongoing ("work-in-progress") projects will be judged and accepted or rejected on their scientific merit.

5. *Changes after submission*

Abstracts are to be submitted in final format. No changes will be made on the form any time after receipt at the Central Office.

6. *Editing*

On all accepted abstracts, the Scientific Program Committee reserves the right to edit those not submitted in the proper format for publication in the *Journal*.

7. *Multiple contributions on a similar topic*

Whenever possible, multiple contributions on the same or a similar subject from the same institution should be merged into a single abstract.

8. *Publication of full text*

Authors seeking publication for the full text of their papers are

strongly encouraged to submit their work to *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine* for immediate review.

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

1. *Abstract forms*

Abstracts must be typed inside the blue rectangle on the third page of this form. Additional forms are available from the Society of Nuclear Medicine, 136 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016-6760, telephone (212)889-0717. Photocopies of the abstract form cannot be accepted as originals.

2. *Typewriter and ribbon*

Use a 12-pitch Courier type element, or a similar element, when typing the abstract. Do not use type that simulates script. Use a carbon ribbon or a slightly used black silk ribbon (brand new ribbons smudge; old ones print too faintly). PRACTICE typing the abstract in a rectangle $4\frac{1}{8} \times 5\frac{1}{8}$ inches before using this form.

3. *Erasures and corrections*

DO NOT ERASE. Abstracts will be reduced photographically and will be reproduced exactly as submitted. Abstracts with smudges, errors, misspellings, poor hyphenation, skipped lines, typed-in margins, incorrect abbreviations, too-faint typing, etc. (or not conforming to prescribed rules) require retyping by the publisher at the author's expense.

4. *Format for title and body*

USE ALL CAPS for TITLE, following the example given on the following page. Use **initials rather than full spelling for authors' first and middle names**. Single space all typing, but leave a space between the title block and the body of the text. Indent each paragraph three spaces. Do not indent title. Draw special symbols in black India ink.

Make title brief, clearly indicating the nature of the investigation. Then state authors' names and institutional affiliation. Omit degrees, titles, institutional appointments, street address, and zip code.

5. *Organization of body of abstract*

Organize the body of the abstract as follows:

A statement of the purpose of the study (preferably one sentence).

A statement of the methods used.

A summary of the results presented in sufficient detail to support the conclusions.

A statement of the conclusions reached. It is not satisfactory to state, "The results will be discussed" or "other data will be presented" unless a scientific exhibit is being submitted.

Do not use subtitles, e.g., Methods, Results.

6. Abbreviations

Use of standard abbreviations is required. Abbreviations used in the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine* are preferred.

No abstract will be accepted unless the chemical identity of the radiopharmaceutical involved in the study is specified as accurately and completely as possible (for well-established radiopharmaceuticals, standard abbreviations, such as MDP, DTPA, etc., are acceptable). Abstracts in which

radiopharmaceuticals are identified only by code numbers will be automatically rejected.

7. Superscripts and subscripts

The mass number of an element should follow the elemental abbreviation on the same line and be separated by a hyphen (Tc-99m). DO NOT USE SUPERSCRIPTS OR SUBSCRIPTS to identify isotopes.

CHECK LIST

Before mailing, please check your abstracts for the following common errors:

- _____ Be sure to use a 12-pitch Courier type element or equivalent with a black ribbon.
- _____ Type title in ALL CAPS followed by a period (see example below).
- _____ Initials must PRECEDE last name. DO NOT include degrees.
- _____ Institutional affiliation, city, and abbreviated state are required. Use U.S. Post Office two-letter zip state abbreviations.
- _____ Be sure that street address, zip code, degrees, and grant support are NOT listed in abstract.
- _____ Do not begin author's name or address on a new line. Title, author's name, institution, city, and abbreviated state should run consecutively.
- _____ Do not indent title.
- _____ Leave one space between title block and text of abstract.
- _____ Begin body of abstract on a new line; indent each paragraph three spaces.
- _____ Do NOT blacken borders of abstract rectangle.
- _____ Abstract must stay within rectangular borders.
- _____ Left-hand border must be perfectly straight.
- _____ Do NOT squeeze letters on lines.
- _____ Smudges or faint typing may require retyping of the abstract.
- _____ There must be no unacceptable abbreviations (see instruction #6).
- _____ Do NOT use CAPITALS or UNDERLINE for emphasis in text of abstract.
- _____ Check accuracy of SPELLING and HYPHENATION.
- _____ Single space. There should be no space between lines of paragraphs in text of abstract.
- _____ A conclusion should be stated. A hopeful promise of additional data or discussion is not satisfactory unless a scientific exhibit is being submitted.
- _____ Be certain to designate the category and subject classification for program.
- _____ Be sure to fill in name and address of principal author.
- _____ Be sure to fill out two pressure-sensitive labels with principal author's name and address for future mailings.

ENCLOSURES

- _____ Original abstract form.
- _____ For scientific papers, nine (9) copies (with supporting data, if submitted, stapled behind each copy).
- _____ For scientific exhibits and works-in-progress, six (6) copies (with supporting data, if submitted, stapled behind each copy).
- _____ Two pressure-sensitive labels with principal author's name and address.
- _____ One 4 x 6-inch card containing title, authors, and telephone number of principal author.
- _____ One self-addressed, stamped postcard with title and authors.

EXAMPLE:

IMPORTANT

All abstracts accepted for the program of the Society of Nuclear Medicine Annual Meeting will be printed directly from the typed copy of the abstract form. To ensure printing quality, the instructions must be followed completely for all abstracts. Abstracts that do not conform will be retyped by the publisher at a cost of \$40.00 to the author or will not be printed.

TECHNETIUM-99m POLYPHOSPHATE BONE IMAGING IN LEGG-PERTHES DISEASE. J.A. Danigelis, R.L. Fisher, and M.B. Ozonoff. Newington Children's Hospital, Newington, CT.

This investigation was undertaken to compare the diagnostic usefulness of radionuclide bone imaging techniques to standard radiographic...

This abstract is a scientific exhibit. If accepted, we will require (check only *one* response):

- a 39" × 59" viewbox
- a 4' × 8' posterboard
- a 10' × 10' booth for a free-form display.

Mail the items listed below to:

The Society of Nuclear Medicine
ATT: Abstracts
136 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10016-6760
(212)889-0717

Note: Supporting data are **not required** for scientific papers, scientific exhibits, or works-in-progress. If submitted, supporting data must not exceed one standard 8½×11-inch page.

- **For scientific papers**, original abstract plus nine (9) photocopies of the official abstract form (page 1 only).
 - **For Scientific Exhibits and Works-in-Progress**, original abstract plus six (6) photocopies of the official abstract form (page 1 only).
 - **One 4 x 6-inch card** containing title, authors, and telephone number of principal author.
 - **One self-addressed, stamped postcard** with title and authors should be enclosed with abstract if receipt is to be acknowledged. *Note:* Overseas or non-U.S. abstracts do not require return postage.
 - **Two pressure-sensitive labels** with principal author's name and address for future mailings.
- DO NOT FOLD abstract form; please mail in a large envelope using a cardboard backing. Abstracts received after the deadline will not be accepted.