



# 31st ESTS MEETING

4 - 6 JUNE 2023 • MILANO, ITALY

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## Instructions to Authors

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**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION OPENS 1 DECEMBER 2022**

A summary of the guidelines is as follows:

- The abstract language is English
- The text should be not more than 300 words
- The use of 1 table or 1 graph is possible
- The abstract must consist of four paragraphs labelled: OBJECTIVE, METHODS, RESULTS, CONCLUSIONS
- The text and the title should be free from abbreviations, except those commonly used. It should concisely address the problem and the purpose of the study (OBJECTIVE); how the study was performed (METHODS); the main findings with numerical data and statistical significance (RESULTS); and the principal conclusions drawn from the study (CONCLUSIONS)
- The title of the abstract should be printed in CAPITAL LETTERS; the name(s) of the author(s) should be preceded by the full first name (middle name Initial optional) - omit titles. The number of authors is unlimited.
- Since the abstracts will be judged anonymously, the text should not reveal the institutional affiliation
- Company or product names are not allowed in the title
- Mark the category which best describes the subject of your abstract
- The material should not have been published, or presented at any international meeting before, nor submitted to another meeting during the same period.
- Only co-authors are allowed to present the paper

**4 types of abstracts will be considered:**    † Oral/Poster            † Videos  
   † Case reports            † Nurse symposium

**Abstracts will not be accepted by e-mail or fax**  
**All abstracts should be submitted and posted according to the format and instructions described above no later than Monday 16 January 2023, 23:59 h CET**

The best abstracts are selected based on the average score by the reviewers from one round - and allocated for presentations as oral, case report, video or poster, nurse symposium. Abstract acceptance and Program scheduling will be communicated to the corresponding author's e-mail address early March 2023.

For your abstract to be included in the final scientific Program, it is mandatory to register for the congress and to settle payment as soon as you have received the notification of abstract acceptance.

Please check the eligibility for prize awards.

The presenter of an accepted abstract will also be asked to complete a form to be signed at the time of uploading the presentation to state whether his/her presentation can be released or cancelled after the meeting

### **IMPORTANT:**

All speakers presenting in the oral sessions must **submit full manuscripts online** for review to the European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EJCTS) by **1 September 2023**.

Note that the Program Committee will consider the previous manuscript submission record of ALL speakers when preparing future ESTS meetings.



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Submission for review of case report, and video or poster presentations to either EJCTS or ICVTS is optional but welcomed.

Manuscripts should be prepared and submitted according to the Instructions to Authors (follow relevant link):

- [EJCTS](#)
- [ICVTS](#)

The manuscript submission is online only at: <https://ejcts.oxfordjournals.org/>

Please mention "Presented at the 31<sup>st</sup> European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery of the European Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Milano, Italy, 4 – 6 June 2023 on the title page of the manuscript.

ESTS requires that all speakers competing for the Brompton & Young Investigators Prizes sessions submit full manuscripts by e-mail to the ESTS Executive Director ([sue@ests.org.uk](mailto:sue@ests.org.uk)) one month before the meeting at the latest, since these papers are included in the total scoring by the jury. The audio-visual recording of the scientific presentations will be the property of the ESTS.

## **ABSTRACT SESSIONS**

Papers are allocated 7 minutes presentation time followed by a discussion period of 3 minutes. Please note that only data projection will be available.

## **INTERACTIVE CASE PRESENTATION SESSION**

The Program Committee invites submissions of case reports for interactive presentation. It is an opportunity for any thoracic surgeon, particularly trainees and young surgeons, to present a case for discussion by the meeting and the experts who will be present. We encourage you to submit cases that are of interest in any of the followings:

- An uncommon clinical problem
- A particularly challenging problem of diagnosis or management
- An innovative surgical technique
- A clinical lesson
- A particularly illustrative case of interest for the thoracic community

The interactive presentations should be 7 minutes long including interactive discussion of 3 minutes. Video clips are welcomed but must be included within the time limit. The speaker should present the clinical case only, NOT a literature review or case series.

We would like you to explain in the abstract (300 words) what your case is about, what you think is of special interest for the audience and its clinical implications.

## **POSTER SESSION**

A number of abstracts will be selected for poster presentation as moderated posters. There will be a Junior Poster Session and a Senior Poster Session.

Moderated posters are allocated 3 minutes presentation time followed by a discussion period of 2 minutes.

Presenters of display posters should be available at their poster during coffee and lunch breaks to answer any questions.



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Maximum dimensions: Portrait: Length 140 cm, width 90 cm

The option is offered for printing your poster in Milan:

Printing company: Allianz MiCo – ESTS 2023

Contact for orders: [ests2023@fieramilanocongressi.it](mailto:ests2023@fieramilanocongressi.it)

Cost: 19,00 euros (exclusive of VAT) for color print including delivery to the Conference Venue on Friday 2 June 2023. Payment required prior to print and delivery

**Deadline for orders:** Monday 22 May 2023.

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## VIDEO SESSION

Submitted videos should be uploaded online in a compact-sized, average-quality format up to 100 MB for scoring by reviewers. The film should be 5 minutes maximal duration and it will be followed by a 3-minute discussion. The following formats are supported to upload:

PC formats: .WMV and .AVI

MAC formats: .MOV

Sound is acceptable but not necessary. However live narration by the principal surgeon is a requirement of participation.

Authors will be asked to present their video at the meeting in a high-quality format without changes if accepted.

## SYMPOSIUM FOR NURSES AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Abstracts for the Symposium for Nurses AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS should be submitted online using the same system as other abstracts. Abstracts should not exceed 300 words. Videos can be considered, and they should be uploaded online.

Submitted videos should be uploaded online in a compact-sized, average-quality format up to 100 MB for scoring by reviewers. The film should be 7 minutes maximal duration followed by a 3-minute discussion. The following formats are supported to upload:

PC formats: .WMV and .AVI

MAC formats: .MOV

Sound is acceptable but not necessary. However live narration by the presenting nurse is a requirement of participation.

Authors will be asked to present their video at the meeting in a high-quality format without changes if accepted.

## NEW: CLINICAL BREAKING TRIALS

Large scale randomized controlled trials can be submitted to Program Committee for individual approval to be presented in a separate session with exemption for publication in EJCTS.

To be submitted by email by close of abstract submission, 16 January 2023, 23:59 hours CET to: [cbtabstract2023@ests.org.uk](mailto:cbtabstract2023@ests.org.uk)



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## **NO-SHOW AND WITHDRAWALS**

**Presenter:** please note that if you accept to present your paper and then subsequently do not show up for presentation at the meeting in Milan you will be excluded from presenting at the next three annual ESTS meetings. If you are experiencing any unexpected problems to attend the meeting, please notify the Program Committee and ask one of your co-authors to replace you as presenter of the abstract. Only co-authors may present.

**If you WITHDRAW your presentation less than four weeks prior to the meeting, after Friday 12 May 2023, the Presenter will be considered as No-Show.**

## **DUPLICATE SUBMISSION**

**We will use special software to check for duplicate submission. Duplicate submission will be defined according to the below indicated joint statement. For duplicate submission, the first author will be excluded from presenting abstracts to the next three ESTS meetings. The first author will not be permitted to be included in the list of authors for the next three years.**

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## **JOINT STATEMENT ON REDUNDANT (DUPLICATE) PUBLICATION BY THE EDITORS OF THE UNDERSIGNED CARDIOTHORACIC JOURNALS**

Full Text: [http://www.jtcvsonline.org/article/S0022-5223\(15\)01306-9/fulltext](http://www.jtcvsonline.org/article/S0022-5223(15)01306-9/fulltext)