

INFORMATION FOR ASSIGNED DISCUSSANTS – 2026 AAPOS ANNUAL MEETING

March 18-22, 2026, The Westin Seaport District, Boston, MA

- AAPOS is planning a fully live, in-person meeting with all presenters in attendance.
- The preliminary program is available on the AAPOS website at www.aapos.org. Please contact Maria Schweers, CO, the scientific program coordinator, at aaposmaria@gmail.com, **immediately** if there are any conflicts or other problems with the scheduling of your presentation.
- All presenters are required to submit an electronically signed AAPOS Agreement for Presenters. This signed agreement acknowledges your responsibility to present your work at the annual meeting and acknowledges your permission for your presentation to be videorecorded. This form must be submitted by **December 16, 2025**. Go to <https://hub.aapos.org/login> Select “Edit Profile” to update your Display Name field to show how your name should be displayed in the program and click Submissions to access and complete the 2026 AAPOS Presenter Agreement Form.
- The author of the paper you will be discussing has been asked to forward a manuscript to you at least four weeks prior to the meeting. If you have not received a copy of the appropriate manuscript by February 16, please contact Maria Schweers, C.O., the scientific program coordinator, at aaposmaria@gmail.com. You are encouraged to contact the author directly for clarifications of the paper to allow for revisions and improvements to be made prior to the meeting.
- Information regarding PowerPoint presentations including format, turn-in/upload and speaker ready will be sent to all presenters in January, 2026. Updates will be posted on the AAPOS website.
- CME providers require that everyone who is in a position to control the content of an education activity disclose all financial relationships with any ineligible companies within the past 24 months. Those who have nothing to disclose must declare so, and an individual who does not file a disclosure must be disqualified. If you have not already completed a disclosure electronically for the 2026 AAPOS Annual Meeting, please complete your disclosure electronically by **December 16, 2025**. Contact Maria Schweers at aaposmaria@gmail.com for a link to the form.
- Every presenter must disclose their financial interest during their presentation in written and verbal form. Each presenter must have a first slide separate from their title slide that discloses all financial interests. The presenter must also clearly verbalize any financial interests that specifically pertain to the presentation. In addition, any off-label use of drugs or devices must be orally acknowledged. If there are no financial interests, the slide must state, “I have no financial interests or relationships to disclose” and the presenter must verbally state that they have no financial interests or relationships to disclose.
- Please note the AAPOS Policy for CME violations. *When a potential violation of ACCME rules occurs during a CME-generating activity at an annual AAPOS meeting, the Secretary for Program, if he/she has not personally witnessed the violation, will initiate an investigation into the occurrence by speaking with selected members of the audience, as well as the speaker(s) charged with the violation. The Secretary for Program may require consultation with the CME-accrediting body to determine if a violation has occurred. If it is determined that a violation exists, the Program Secretary will communicate directly with the offender to educate him/her on the nature of the violation, review ACCME rules, and issue a warning that potential penalties for future violations may include inability to present at future meetings. Copies of all communication in this regard will be filed with the CME accrediting body. If an individual commits a second violation, the Secretary for Program will convene the Program Committee to review the details of both violations and to issue a recommendation to the AAPOS BOD regarding an appropriate penalty for the individual. The AAPOS BOD may accept, deny, or modify the Program Committee recommendations. The Secretary for Program (or in combination with AAPOS president) will then communicate this final decision to the offending individual.*
- **CME POLICY** – Presenters should NOT use product logos or the name/address of specific companies in any visual aids. (Slides, posters, handouts, etc). Generic names should be used for all medications and technical devices when possible.
- **All participants must preregister for the meeting by December 16, 2025.** If you are not registered for the meeting by this date, you will be removed from the program. If you decide to withdraw your paper after this date, you will not be allowed to participate in any part of the program for the following 2 years unless a medical or personal emergency has caused the withdrawal. Registration opened November 18, 2025. Go to <https://hub.aapos.org/login> and click “2026 Annual Conference Registration” in the left side menu.

- AAPOS has a housing block at the Westin Seaport Harbor, Boston. The hotel reservation deadline is **February 24, 2026 or until rooms sell out**. After you register for the meeting, you will receive an email confirmation that includes a link to online hotel reservations for the AAPOS block. The group rate of \$319++ is honored so long as rooms in the block are available. Rates quoted are per room, per night based on Single or Double occupancy, and are not inclusive of applicable taxes and resort fees.