**Welcome to NCS 16th Annual Meeting!**
The Neurocritical Care Society invites you to submit an abstract for the 16th Annual Meeting in Boca Raton, Florida. This year’s theme, *Neurocritical Care Without Borders*, is intended to take us to the next level by pushing each and every one of you to consider the limitless possibilities of our reach as neurocritical care professionals.

**2018 Abstract Categories:**

**General Categories:**
1. Clinical
2. Basic Science
3. Case Report

**Specific Categories:**
1. Coma/Brain Death and Post-Cardiac Arrest
2. Head and Spine Trauma
3. ICU Organization, Staffing, and Education
4. Intracerebral Hemorrhage
5. Ischemic Stroke
6. Medical Issues, Pharmacology & Coagulopathy
7. Monitoring, Technology, and Temperature Modulation
8. Neurosurgical & Peri-Operative Management
9. Seizures/EEG
10. Subarachnoid Hemorrhage
11. Pediatrics, CNS Infections/Inflammatory
12. Emerging and Mics. Topics

**Submission Process**
Submitters must pay the $40 abstract submission fee. The abstract submission fee is non-refundable and is not based on approval of your abstract submission or attendance at the conference. Abstracts not accompanied by a submission fee will not be considered.

**Submission Deadline**
Poster Abstracts are due by **May 15, 2018**. There will be no extension date and no late breaking or just-in-time submissions this year.

**Submission of Work Previously Presented:**
The Neurocritical Care Society strives to support and present original work. We will not accept work that has been previously published in peer-review journals. We also will not routinely accept work that has been previously presented at other national and international scientific meetings.

If there is a compelling benefit for the society, previously presented works may be accepted. Please clearly state if an abstract has been previously presented and the reason why this work should be presented at the NCS meeting.

**Important Information**
1. The Lead Author is most responsible for the content of the abstract and should be listed first (this may be different from the person submitting the abstract online).
2. If the Lead Author cannot present the abstract, another Presenting Author can be specified during submission. The Presenting Author of accepted abstracts is **required to register** for the meeting and present the poster on-site.
3. NCS will be using the traditional poster method. Accepted abstracts must create a printed poster for the meeting. Accepted abstracts are encouraged to submit an ePoster in addition to the standard poster so it may be viewed electronically on the mobile app and online.
4. Oral platform presentations will be awarded to the top scoring posters only.
5. Tables, figures and graphs are not allowed as part of the abstract submission; however they can be presented on the poster.
6. There is a maximum of **THREE** abstracts that may be submitted from each Lead Author. Submitters are required to pay the fee for EACH abstract submitted.
7. All authors and co-authors are required to disclose any financial relationships on the submission form.

**Preparation of Your Abstract**
The character limit for all abstracts is **300 words** NOT including Title, Authors, Affiliations, and Disclosures.

The title should be as brief as possible but long enough to indicate clearly the nature of the study. Capitalize the first letter of each word; do NOT capitalize every letter. Please capitalize the first letter in each name as well.

Do not include the names of authors or institutions in the body of the abstract. The names of authors and their affiliations (institutions) will be submitted online when you submit the abstract.

**Abstracts require:**
- **Introduction:** Clearly state the purpose of the abstract and rationale supporting it.
- **Methods:** Describe your selection of observations or experimental subjects clearly. Describe analyses performed.
- **Results:** Present your results in a logical sequence.
- **Conclusion:** Emphasize new and important aspects of the study and conclusions that are drawn from them.

Case Reports of high quality and relevance may be submitted. Methods may briefly explain how data was collected. Descriptions of the case(s) can be provided under the Results section.

Submitters will be expected to remain within the 300 word limit for the sum of these four sections.

**Awards**
The Lead Author is eligible for the two awards below if he or she is a current member of NCS but will be expected to present the abstract as an oral platform presentation:

- **Young Investigator Award**
  One award will be given at the 2018 meeting for the outstanding abstract submitted by a junior member of the society (student, resident, or fellow).

- **Best Scientific Abstract Award**
  One award will be given at the 2018 meeting for the outstanding scientific abstract submitted by a member of the society.