SITC 2019

Regular and Late-Breaking Abstract Reference Guide
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SITC Annual Meeting Overview

The Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer's (SITC) 34th Annual Meeting provides a multidisciplinary educational and interactive environment focused on improving outcomes for current and future patients with cancer by incorporating strategies based on basic and applied cancer immunotherapy. As the largest annual conference solely dedicated to cancer immunotherapy, submitting an abstract provides the opportunity to share the latest research with thousands of colleagues and leaders in the field.

SITC Annual Meeting Audience

The SITC Annual Meeting audience includes U.S. and international researchers, regulators and healthcare professionals involved in cancer research and clinical care. This includes, but is not limited to basic, translational and clinical researchers; postdoctoral fellows; oncologists; registered nurses; nurse practitioners; pharmacists; payers; and other allied health professionals.

Reasons to Submit Your Abstract to the SITC Annual Meeting

- Free submission for members and nonmembers.
- Young Investigator Awards are offered in conjunction with regular abstract submission.
- All accepted abstracts will be published as a supplement in the Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer (JITC), the society's global, open access, peer reviewed journal.
- Over 75 oral presentation spots available.
- The opportunity to present and discuss your research with luminaries in the immunotherapy field.

SITC Annual Meeting by the Numbers
Abstract Submission Information

Submitting an Abstract
To submit a regular or Young Investigator Award abstract or a late-breaking abstract application, click here.

Abstract Submission Deadline
Regular abstracts and late-breaking abstract applications are due by 5 p.m. PDT on Aug. 1, 2019.

Abstract Types
Three types of abstracts are accepted for the SITC Annual Meeting:

Regular Abstract
Submit your latest research in the cancer immunotherapy field to the 34th Annual Meeting for consideration as an oral abstract presentation, rapid oral abstract presentation, and/or poster abstract presentation.

Late-Breaking Abstract
Late-breaking abstract (LBA) submission is solely for abstracts with late-breaking data and not for abstracts submitted “late”. The late-breaking abstract deadline is not intended to be an extension of the general submission deadline.

All LBA submitters must submit an application by 5 p.m. PDT on Aug. 1, 2019 to be eligible for the LBA submission period. Applications will be reviewed and all submitters will be notified if they qualify to submit a late-breaking abstract during the submission period from Aug. 23, 2019 to 5 p.m. PDT on Sept. 12, 2019. If an application does not qualify for late-breaking abstract submission, the submitter will be notified by Aug. 9, 2019 and will have the opportunity to submit a regular abstract by 5 p.m. PDT on Aug. 14, 2019.

Late-breaking abstracts are considered for, but not limited to, oral abstract presentations during the Late-Breaking Abstract Sessions from 12 – 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 8, 2019 and 11:50 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019.

For more information about the criteria and eligibility for late-breaking abstracts, please see page 14.

Young Investigator Award Abstract
Regular abstracts with primary and presenting authors that are students, postdoctoral research fellows, clinical fellows, or junior faculty with three or fewer years on staff and are current SITC members, may be eligible to receive a Young Investigator Award. Young Investigator Award abstracts require a letter of recommendation as well as additional information regarding the percentage of contribution by the primary and presenting author.

Those selected for the Presidential Travel Award will be invited to give an oral abstract presentation during the Presidential Session from 2:05 – 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019.
For more information about the young investigator award abstracts as well as the criteria and eligibility, please see page 14.

Selection Criteria
Abstract reviewers consider a number of variables in rating the abstracts for selection for awards and oral presentation. General considerations include quality of the research and presentation, the strength of the results and methods, and whether the reported research significantly advances the field.

Quality of Research and Presentation of Results
- Overall quality of the research as described in the abstract is high
- Reported results are novel and scientifically important
- Results are presented clearly

Methods and Results
- Abstract includes clear description of reliable methodology and models
- Abstract includes specific results and data on sample size, endpoints and outcomes, with statistical analysis demonstrating significance of findings

Research Advances the Field
- Abstract includes concise description of the implications of the research to advance basic scientific understanding, translation and/or clinical application of cancer immunotherapy

Publications
Accepted regular and late-breaking abstracts will be published in the 34th Annual Meeting Abstract Book and in the Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer (JITC) as a supplement. Full abstracts will also be available on the Annual Meeting website and app. For publication dates, please see the SITC Embargo & Release Information Policy on page 24.

In addition to publishing the abstracts, all abstract submitters are also encouraged to submit a manuscript to JITC for consideration for article publication. For more information about submitting a manuscript to JITC, please visit jitc.biomedcentral.com

Questions
The rest of this guide highlights important information, criteria, guidelines, policies, and instructions for using the abstract submission site. More information can be also be found at sitcancer.org/2019. For any other questions regarding abstract submission, please contact education@sitcancer.org or 414-271-2456.
### Important Abstract Dates

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*A Conflict of Interest Disclosure form for the presenting author of the abstract must also be submitted by the abstract deadline. Please see page 8 for more information about the COI for presenting authors.*
Abstract Guidelines

Submission Guidelines
Below are the guidelines for your abstract submission. The submitting author is responsible for assuring that the abstract adheres to these.

General Requirements
- Type the text unjustified without hyphenating words at line breaks.
- Use single line spacing. Use hard returns only to end headings and paragraphs.
- Abbreviations should be used as sparingly as possible and should be defined when first used.
- All abstracts must be in English. Spelling within any one abstract should be US English or UK English, but not a mixture.
- In most cases, Greek letters and other special characters will transfer from your word processing software via copy and paste functions. If you are unable to reproduce a particular special character, type out the name of the symbol in full.
- SI units should be used throughout (liter and molar are permitted, however.)

Title
The title must be entered exactly as it should appear and should be in sentence case. Do not put the title in quotes, underline it, or use punctuation. The title can be a maximum of 200 characters, including spaces.

Example: Novel pharmacologic approach to enhance the epigenetic and immune priming effect of decitabine in patients with advanced non-small cell lung cancer

Presentation Type
Abstracts can be considered for “Oral or Poster” OR “Poster ONLY.” Those who select “Poster ONLY” will not be considered for oral presentation within SITC’s Annual Meeting. Selecting “Oral or Poster” will allow you to be considered for oral presentation (during plenary sessions, concurrent sessions, rapid oral abstract presentation sessions and the poster symposium) within the Annual Meeting and/or poster presentation.

Clinical Trial Question
Abstract submitters must answer whether the abstract being submitted is based on a clinical trial and will be presenting clinical data. If the abstract being submit is a clinical trial abstract, please mark whether it is an in progress or completed clinical trial. For more information about what is considered a clinical trial in progress, see page 16. If the abstract will incorporate basic or pre-clinical research, please mark that it is not a clinical trial abstract. Please note, the response to this question will determine which abstract categories you see.

Abstract Category
All abstract submitters will be asked to indicate the primary category and subcategory with which the abstract most closely aligns. This primary selection will aid the abstract reviewers in placing the abstract into the most appropriate session, if accepted for oral presentation. Accepted abstracts are also listed
according to the primary category and subcategory selected within the Annual Meeting Abstract Book, the SITC 2019 website, mobile app, the JITC supplement, and the Poster Hall.

Should the submitter believe more than one category is applicable, they can select a secondary category and subcategory. The secondary category and subcategory will only be used to aid the abstract reviewers in placing the abstract into the most appropriate session, if accepted for oral presentation. The secondary category and subcategory WILL NOT be used for the abstract listing in publications or placement in the Poster Hall.

For more information about the abstract categories and subcategories, please see page 17.

Keywords
All abstract submitters will be asked to indicate keywords for their abstract. Keywords are included in the Annual Meeting Abstract Book, SITC 2019 website and mobile app to assist attendees in searching for abstracts. Up to 10 keywords can be selected. The following is the list of keywords:

- Adoptive immunotherapy
- Angiogenesis
- Antibody
- Antigen presenting cells
- Autoimmunity
- B cell
- Bioinformatics
- Biomarkers
- CAR T cells
- Carcinogenesis
- Checkpoint blockade
- Chemokine
- Chemotherapy
- Clinical study
- Clinical trial
- Coinhibition
- Costimulation
- Cytokine
- Dendritic cell
- Epidemiology
- Gene expression
- Genetic polymorphism
- Granulocyte
- Immune adjuvant
- Immune contexture
- Immune monitoring
- Immune suppression
- Immune tolerance
- Immune tolerance
- Immune toxicity
- Immunoscore
- Inflammation
- Leukemia/Lymphoma
- Monocyte/Macrophage
- Myeloid cells
- MDSC
- Metabolism
- Microbiome
- Neoantigens
- NK/NK T cell
- Pediatric tumors
- Proteomics
- Radiotherapy
- Regulatory T cell (Treg cell)
- Stem cell/cancer-initiating cell
- Solid tumors
- Surgery
- Systems biology
- T cell
- T cell lineages
- Targeted therapy
- Tumor infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs)
- TLR
- Tumor antigens
- Tumor evasion
- Tumor microenvironment
- Tumor stroma
Abstract Structure
The following is included in the abstract body and must not exceed 400 words total.

- **Background**
- **Methods**
- **Results***
- **Conclusions***

* For Clinical Trials in Progress, if results and conclusion are not applicable these can be left blank.

In addition to the abstract body, you should include the following information if applicable:

- **Acknowledgements**: Brief acknowledgements may be included.
- **Trial Registration**: If applicable, abstracts related to randomized controlled clinical trials (RCTs) should include the trial registry along with the unique identifying number. Trial registers that currently meet the publisher’s requirements can be found at [http://www.icmje.org/about-icmje/faqs/clinical-trials-registration/](http://www.icmje.org/about-icmje/faqs/clinical-trials-registration/).
- **References**: Citations to references should be included in square brackets [1,2]. All references need corresponding citations in the text, and vice versa.

Journal abbreviations should follow MEDLINE standards. References should be laid out at the end of the abstract. Example:


Web links (URLs) should be provided in full, including both the title of the site and the URL, in the following format:


- **Ethics Approval**: If the abstract discusses studies involving human subjects, human material, or human data, or involving animals, an ethics statement should be included: “This study was approved by XYZ institution’s Ethics Board; approval number 12345.” The committee and approval number should come from whomever reviewed and approved the use of the data. The ethics statement must cover all patients in the study even at multiple institutions. For more information about Ethics Approval, please [click here](http://tumor.informatics.jax.org/cancer_links.html).
- **Consent**: If applicable, for abstracts containing sensitive or identifiable information, written consent to publish must be obtained from the study participant(s) by authors. In these cases authors should include a ‘consent’ section in their abstract and we recommend using the following wording: “Written informed consent was obtained from the patient for publication of this abstract and any accompanying images. A copy of the written consent is available for review by the Editor of this journal.”
Authors and Institutions

- All authors and contact information must be listed in the correct order. The order in which authors will be listed in the author block of all publications including online, the Annual Meeting Abstract Book, and the JITC supplement is the order that they are entered.
- Each author MUST indicate at least one institution affiliation. Affiliations should include Department, University, Town, State, USA OR Institution, Town, Country, for example:
  1 Pathology Department, New York School of Medicine, New York, NY, USA
  2 Roche Innovation Center Penzberg, Penzberg, Germany
- Your submission needs to have a minimum of:
  o 1 Corresponding Author
  o 1 Presenting Author
  o 1 Primary Author
- The presenting author will need to complete a Conflicts of Interest Disclosure Form. Once the abstract is submitted, the presenting author will be sent an automatic email to complete the form with a link to take them directly to their online Conflict of Interest. If you need to confirm if a presenting author has submitted their COI, please email education@sitcancer.org. If the COI of a presenting author has not been received by August 2, a notification will be sent to the submitter and presenting author.
- The corresponding author will be highlighted and their email provided in the JITC supplement.
- If you are submitting the abstract but ARE NOT an author, please select “Submitter Only” as your role. Those with “Submitter Only” as their role will not be included in the abstract author list.
- There is no limit to the number of authors you can include.
- The author submitting an abstract to the SITC 34th Annual Meeting must agree to the following:
  o Serve as the contact for all correspondence about the abstract and inform co-authors about its status.
  o Confirm all authors are aware of and agree to the content and data presented in the abstract.
  o Verify the abstract has not been published prior to the SITC 34th Annual Meeting, or if previously published, contains significant new data.
  o Agree that the full regular and late-breaking abstract content submitted to the SITC 34th Annual Meeting will be embargoed until 8:00 am EST on November 5, 2019.
  o Agree to release of the regular and late-breaking abstract titles prior to the SITC Abstract Embargo & Release date and time of 8:00 am EST on November 5, 2019. Regular abstract titles will be released on October 1, 2019 and late-breaking abstract titles will be release on November 1, 2019.
  o Agree to follow all guidelines and policies set forth by SITC.
  o Agree that, if accepted, the presenting author or a co-author noted will present the abstract at the 34th Annual Meeting.
Tables, Figures and Images
- Tables, figures and images should be numbered (i.e.: Table 1, Figure 1, or Image 1) in the title field with an optional caption.
- The background, methods, results and conclusions are the only fields included in the word count. The fields that are no longer in the word count include the acknowledgements, trial resignation, references, ethics approval and the consent.
- All figures, tables, and images need corresponding citations in the text, and vice versa. Citations to any figures (Figure 1), tables (Table 1) or images (Image 1) must be included in round brackets.
- There is not a limit to the number of figures that can be included.
- Figures must be supplied electronically at 300 dpi minimum (600 dpi preferred).
- Do not include figures with embedded hyperlinks.
- The following file types will be accepted: .png, .jpg, .gif.

Formatting Your Font
If you would like to format your font to include italics, bold, or underline, you may use tags such as <i>Italics</i>, <b>Bold</b>, or <u>Underline</u>.

Additional Fields
Late-Breaking Abstracts: Late-breaking abstract applications will need to indicate if it is a clinical or lab-based study and will need to include the following information in their application:
- Clinical Study
  - Closure date of the study
  - Primary clinical endpoint for analysis
  - Type of analysis
- Lab-Based Study
  - Provide an explanation why the experiment(s) could not be completed before the regular abstract submission deadline, Aug. 1, 2019, and needs to be considered for late-breaking submission.

Young Investigator Award Abstracts: Presenting authors that qualify for a Young Investigator Award and indicate they would like their abstract to be considered for a Young Investigator Award will need to include the following information in their application:
- Upload a letter of recommendation from a supervisor (.doc, .docx, .pdf).
- Confirm if they are a SITC member.
- Confirm if they are a student, postdoctoral research fellow, clinical fellow, or junior faculty with three or fewer years on staff, and if so, which they are.
- Indicate the percentage of contribution by the primary and presenting author in regards to conception and design, collection and assembly, data analysis and interpretation, and abstract writing.

Additional Young Investigator Award information can be found on page 14.
Abstract Management System Instructions
To submit a regular or Young Investigator Award abstract or a late-breaking abstract application, click here.

Logging In
If you have a SITC CONNECT account, enter your username and password. If you forgot your username and/or password, you can retrieve that information by selecting click here in the first bullet point and entering your email address.

Creating a SITC CONNECT Account
If you do not have a SITC CONNECT account, you can create one by selecting click here in the second bullet point, then:

- You will be asked to enter your email address.
- An email will be sent to that address. You will need to click on the link in the email to confirm and set up your account.
- You will be asked to enter information for your account profile and select continue.
- You will then need to set up your username and password and select continue.
- You will see a confirmation screen that your account has been created and will be asked to log in.

Creating an Abstract Submission
Once you are logged in, you will be shown the abstract submission home page with important information regarding the submission process.

When you are ready to submit your abstract, select Begin the Abstract Submission Process at the bottom of the page.

If this is your first abstract, you will receive a message that you have no abstract on file and will need to select Click here to add your first abstract.

You will then want to complete the information for your abstract including the required fields which are marked with this symbol ». For questions about the required information, please see the Submission Guidelines starting on page 5.

Please be sure to select Save and Continue at the bottom of each page after adding information to save it and move on to the next page.

Adding Images
To add an image, you can drag and drop the image from your computer into the shaded box or select Upload a file to select an image from your files.

A title is required and needs to include whether the object is a table, figure or image and what number it is (ie: Table 1, Figure 1, Image 1). You will also need to add a caption for the image added. The title and caption do not count towards your abstract word count.

An image thumbnail will keep this viewable in the submission form, but you can also download the image to see it in the correct resolution by clicking the blue arrow next to the image. To delete the image, select the X below the image.
To add additional images, mark Yes next to Do you want to add another? If you are done adding images, select No.

Authors

Submitters

As the submitter, you will be automatically added to the author list. Your role is defaulted to Submitter Only. Submitter Only means that you are the submitter, but NOT AN AUTHOR. If you are an author, you must update your role by clicking the box under the role column and selecting the appropriate role from the list and selecting Save.

Adding an Author

To add another author, select Add Person, then

- You can search for authors by entering their first name, last name, and email address. If the author is in our database, they will appear in your search results and you can add them to your author list.
- If the author is not in the database, you will need to add a new person.
- For a new person, you will need to complete the required information for each author. Please complete this information carefully as not all information can be edited once you submit the author. Once the information entered is complete, select Add this Person.
- Once an author is added, you will see them in the author list.

Updating Author Information

You will be able to update any information for the authors when you add them. Once added, you will only be able to updated the information that is displayed in the author table. If additional information needs to be changed or updated, you will need to delete the author from the author table by selecting the X under the action column and create a new author record by selecting Add Person and reentering the information.
To reorder the authors, you can drag and drop the authors. Again, Submitter Only will not be included as an author, so the placement of submitters with the Submitter Only role will not affect the order of the authors.

Abstract Summary
The information you enter for your abstract will be displayed in a summary page. To print or save this summary as a PDF, select Print this page for your records. To make changes to your abstract, you can select Edit at the bottom of the screen.

Copyright Disclaimer: All submitters must read the copyright disclaimer and agree to the terms by providing their electronic signature (first and last name) and date.

Submitting your Abstract
Once all the necessary information is complete, you can either submit your abstract or save it to submit it at a later date.

If you are missing any required information, you will be notified of the missing information and can either go back to complete those items or save your abstract to complete at a later date.

Navigating your Form
You can move to different parts of the form my using the top navigation bar.

If you would like to save the information submitted and return to your abstract at a later date, select Save & Return in the upper right-hand corner.

My Abstracts
To see a summary of the abstracts you have started and/or submitted, click on My Abstracts. From here, you can

- See if the abstract has been submitted or is a work in progress under Status.
- Use the icons to edit your abstract(s), edit the authors, see the abstract summary or withdraw your abstract under the column.
- You can also see when it was created, submitted and the submission type.
- To add another abstract, select Click here to add another abstract.
Conflict of Interest Disclosure
After you have submitted your abstract, the presenting author will need to complete a conflict of interest disclosure. An email will be automatically sent to the author to take them directly to their Conflict of Interest form to complete online. If you need to confirm if a presenting author has submitted their COI, please email education@sitcancer.org. If the COI of a presenting author has not been received by August 2, a notification will be sent to the submitter and presenting author.

Technical Support
If you have any technical difficulties during your abstract submission process, click on Feedback and Support on the right hand side of your screen. Complete the form and your inquiry will be sent to the technical support team. Please note, regular office hours for the technical support team are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have any non-technical support questions or issues, please contact the SITC Education Department at education@sitcancer.org or +1 (414) 271-2456.
Late-Breaking Abstract Information and Eligibility

Late-breaking abstract submission is solely for abstracts with late-breaking data and not for abstracts submitted “late.” The late-breaking abstract deadline is not intended to be an extension of the general submission deadline. Late-breaking abstracts highlight novel and practice-changing studies, and only apply to data that would have not otherwise have been presented as an abstract at the 34th Annual Meeting.

Examples of acceptable late-breaking abstracts include the following (in each case, results were not available or significant by the regular abstract submission deadline):

- Results of a practice-changing prospective Phase III clinical trial
- Phase II study showing anti-tumor activity in a novel context
- An early clinical trial with novel proof-of-principle data
- Demonstration of novel cancer biology with therapeutic implications

For clinical studies, authors need to justify late consideration by documenting the closure date of the study, and submit a late-breaking abstract application by the regular abstract submission deadline (Aug. 1). This application needs to include necessary abstract information (without results and conclusions) and incorporate the primary clinical endpoint for analysis, type of analysis, date of planned analysis, and planned statistical methods for analysis.

Laboratory-based studies need to be justified within the author’s late-breaking abstract application. Authors need to specify why experiments could not be completed before the standard abstract deadline.

The data in the abstract must not be published prior to the SITC 34th Annual Meeting.

Late-breaking abstracts are considered for, but not limited to, oral abstract presentations during the Late-Breaking Abstract Sessions from 12 – 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 8, 2019 and 11:50 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019.

Young Investigator Award Information and Eligibility

In 2019, SITC will offer 34 Young Investigator Awards, all recognizing excellence in novel research and providing young investigators with experience necessary for successful careers.

Abstract Travel Awards

30 Abstract Travel Awards will be presented by SITC to young investigators who submit an abstract to the society’s 34th Annual Meeting. Abstracts will be judged by a committee of SITC leadership and the Annual Meeting Organizers. Those selected have the opportunity to present a poster of their abstract at the 34th Annual Meeting and are eligible for an oral presentation during the Annual Meeting. Award recipients will also receive:

- Up to $750 in travel reimbursement
- SITC Abstract Travel Award certificate and poster ribbon

Presidential Travel Awards

Four abstracts submitted in any category and authored by young investigators will be selected for an oral abstract presentation during the Presidential Session of SITC’s 34th Annual Meeting. Presenting authors not
selected for the SITC Presidential Award will receive a SITC Presidential Travel Award in recognition of their achievement. Recipients will also receive:
- Up to $750 in travel reimbursement
- One-year complimentary SITC membership
- Presidential Travel Award certificate and poster ribbon

Authors selected for a Presidential Travel Award will present during the Presidential Session on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019 from 2:05 – 3:30 p.m. on. Each presentation will be 10 minutes followed by four to five minutes of questions and answers. Oral presenters must be capable and comfortable presenting the abstract to a large audience and answering audience questions.

Presidential Award
Established in 1991, the SITC Presidential Award serves as recognition to the young investigator deemed to have the most outstanding oral abstract presentation at the SITC Annual Meeting. The recipient of the Presidential Award will receive:
- $1,000 honorarium
- Up to $1,000 in travel reimbursement
- One-year complimentary SITC membership
- A commemorative Presidential Award plaque and a poster ribbon noting them as the Presidential Award Winner.

The Presidential Award Winner will be determined following the Presidential Session on Saturday, Nov. 9, at the 34th Annual Meeting and presented during the Award Ceremony that night from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Individuals who have previously won the SITC Presidential Award are ineligible for the same award.

To qualify for SITC Abstract Travel and Presidential Travel Awards, the abstract author must:
- Be a current SITC member
- Be categorized as a Student, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Clinical Fellow, or Junior Faculty (instructor/assistant professor) with three or fewer years on staff (total from all institutions; inclusive of experience in all fields)
- Serve as both the primary author and presenting author on the abstract
- Meet the Aug. 1 deadline for abstract submission and indicate that they wish to be considered for an award
- Include a letter of recommendation from a lab supervisor stating their categorization
- Outline their contribution level to the four areas listed below. A greater level of participation will be judged more favorably and will be used as one of the criteria for judging award recipients. Categories include:
  - Conception and design
  - Collection and assembly of data
  - Data analysis and interpretation
  - Abstract writing
Clinical Trials In Progress
Overview & Criteria
SITC understands the crucial need for collaboration and discussion surrounding clinical trials in progress. This abstract submission category aims to allow for open dialogue surrounding such trials and hopes to foster a unique environment in which to discuss the research that is being done.

All phases of clinical research may be considered for inclusion in the Clinical Trials in Progress abstract submission.

Although there are no absolute criteria for abstracts submitted under this category, we provide the following general guidelines for your consideration as you prepare your abstract submission for this category. All abstracts submitted under this category, as for all abstracts in any category, are subject to peer review and possible rejection from being included as an oral and/or poster presentation in the 34th Annual Meeting.

Submission Guidelines
- Background
  - Scientific background/rationale for the trial should be included
  - Preclinical and/or earlier-phase clinical data that has already been publically presented or published may be included with references
  - Abstracts should be written/developed with respect to the correlates and hypothesis being tested in the clinical trial
- Methods
  - Clinical trial registry number (required, if appropriate)
  - Trial design and statistical methods (include)
  - Treatment or intervention planned (include)
  - Major eligibility criteria, highlighting unusual aspects (include)
  - It is not a requirement that the trial be recruiting (current status of “Open but Not Yet Recruiting” is acceptable)

NOT acceptable in a Clinical Trials in Progress abstract:
- Completed trials (these should be submitted in other categories)
- Brand or proprietary drug names
Abstract Categories and Subcategories

Primary Category and Subcategory
All abstract submitters will be asked to indicate the primary category and subcategory with which the abstract most closely aligns. This primary selection will aid the abstract reviewers in placing the abstract into the most appropriate session, if accepted for oral presentation. Accepted abstracts are also listed according to the primary category and subcategory selected within the Annual Meeting Abstract Book, the JITC supplement and the Poster Hall.

Secondary Categories and Subcategory
Should the submitter believe more than one category is applicable, they can select a secondary category and subcategory. The secondary category and subcategory will only be used aid the abstract reviewers in placing the abstract into the most appropriate session, if accepted for oral presentation. The secondary category and subcategory WILL NOT be used for the abstract listing in publications or placement in the Poster Hall.

Clinical Trial Question
Before seeing the abstract categories in the abstract submission form, you will be asked the abstract is a clinical trial or not. Based on your response, you will have different abstract category options as noted below. For more information about the clinical trial question, please see page 16.

Abstract Categories and Subcategories

Clinical Trial Abstract
If you respond “Yes” that the abstract is a clinical trial abstract, you will see the respective categories below:

1) Clinical Trials In Progress
   a. Skin Cancers
   b. Lung Cancers
   c. Genitourinary Cancers
   d. Breast Cancers
   e. Gynecologic Cancers
   f. Hematologic Malignancies
   g. Brain and CNS Cancers
   h. Head and Neck Cancers
   i. Gastrointestinal/GEJ/Colorectal Cancers
   j. Hepatocellular Cancers
   k. Multi-Cancer
   l. Biomarker-Defined Cancers
   m. Sarcoma
   n. Other

2) Clinical Trials Completed
   a. Skin Cancers
   b. Lung Cancers
   c. Genitourinary Cancers
   d. Breast Cancers
   e. Gynecologic Cancers
   f. Hematologic Malignancies
   g. Brain and CNS Cancers
   h. Head and Neck Cancers
   i. Gastrointestinal/GEJ/Colorectal Cancers
   j. Hepatocellular Cancers
   k. Multi-Cancer
   l. Biomarker-Defined Cancers
   m. Sarcoma
   n. Other
Non-Clinical Trial Abstract

If you respond “No” that the abstract is not a clinical trial abstract, you will see the categories below:

1) Checkpoint Blockade Therapy
   a. Response/Resistance Mechanisms
   b. Autoimmunity/Toxicity
   c. Innate Immune Checkpoints
   d. Combination Treatments (Other Immunotherapies)
   e. Combination Treatments (Chemotherapy, Radiotherapy, Targeted Therapy)
   f. Other
2) Immuno-Conjugates and Chimeric Molecules
   a. Antibody-Drug Conjugates
   b. Antibody-Radionuclides Conjugates
   c. Bispecific Molecules
   d. Response/Resistance Mechanisms
   e. Combination Treatments
   f. Toxicity
   g. Other
3) Cellular Therapies
   a. Chimeric Antigen Receptors
   b. Non-CAR Adoptive Cell Therapies
   c. Other Cellular Therapies
   d. Response/Resistance Mechanisms
   e. Combinations
   f. Toxicity
4) Immune-Stimulants and Immune Modulators
   a. Vaccines
   b. Cytokines
   c. Oncolytic Viruses
   d. TLR Agonists
   e. STING Agonists
   f. Intra-Tumoral Agents
   g. Immune Effects of Non-immunotherapeutic Treatments
   h. Reponses/Resistance Mechanisms
   i. Toxicity
   j. Other
5) Novel Single-Agent Immunotherapies
6) Combination Immunotherapies
   a. Immunotherapy/Immunotherapy
   b. Immunotherapy/Chemotherapy
   c. Immunotherapy/Radiotherapy
   d. Immunotherapy/Targeted Therapy
   e. Immunotherapy/Other
   f. Response/Resistance Mechanisms
   g. Toxicity
   h. Other
7) Immune Cell Biology
   a. Cellular Metabolism
   b. Innate Immunity
   c. Adaptive Immunity
   d. Antitumor Immunity
   e. Immunogenomics
   f. Epigenetic Regulation
   g. Immunotherapeutic Response/Resistance Mechanisms
   h. Immune Effects of Non-immunotherapeutic Treatments
   i. Toxicity
   j. Other
8) Tumor and Stromal Cell Biology
   a. Cellular Metabolism
   b. Oncogenetics
   c. Epigenetic Regulation
   d. Tumor Antigens (shared and neoantigens)
   e. Virus-Driven Cancers
   f. Cancer-Associated Fibroblasts
   g. Endothelial Cells
   h. Mouse models
   i. Toxicity
   j. Other
9) Microbiome and Other Environmental Factors
   a. Immunotherapeutic Response/Resistance Mechanisms
   b. Diet, Exercise and Metabolism
   c. Microbiome
   d. Other

10) Biomarkers, Immune Monitoring, and Novel Technologies
   a. Non-Imaging Biochemical Approaches
   b. Imaging
   c. Next-Generation Sequencing
   d. Neoantigen Identification and Characterization
   e. Animal Models
   f. Circulating DNA and Other Blood-Based Soluble Markers
   g. Other

11) Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, and Computational Modeling

12) Data Sharing, Handling, and Access
   a. New Data Sharing Initiatives
   b. Data Analysis Platforms
   c. Tumor Sample Libraries
   d. Genetic Data Libraries
   e. Combined Tumor Sample/Genetic Data Libraries
   f. Other

13) Immunotherapy Toxicities
   a. Toxicity Management: Clinical Care and Best Practices
   b. Mechanisms of Toxicities
   c. Long-Term Immunotherapy Toxicities
   d. Other

14) Education and Treatment Management
   a. Post-Immunotherapy Treatment Strategies
   b. Patient Experience and Education
   c. Clinician Education
   a. Best Practices for Cancer Immunotherapy Treatment
   b. Case Studies
   g. Other

15) Regulatory, Financial, and Access Considerations
   a. Immunotherapy Cost and Value Analyses
   b. Patient Access Initiatives
   c. Regulatory Considerations
   d. Reimbursement Initiatives
   e. Immunotherapy Clinical Trial Design
   f. Patient Exclusion/Inclusion Criteria
   g. Other

16) Nursing/Pharmacy
   a. irAE Management: Clinical Care and Best Practices
   c. Best Practices for Improving Cancer Immunotherapy Treatment Administration and Polypharmacy Management
   d. Case Studies Demonstrating Exceptional Responses or Best Practices for Management of irAEs

17) Other
Abstract Presentation Information

After regular and late-breaking abstracts are reviewed and selected, abstract submitters are sent an email notification stating whether the abstract was accepted, and, if so, what type of abstract presentation it was accepted as. Within the notification, the abstract submitter will also be asked to accept or decline participation in the 34th Annual Meeting. If we do not receive a response by the stated deadline, we will assume you accept and include the abstract in all publications.

Abstract Presentation Guidelines

Registration

The presenting author must register for the Annual Meeting to present an abstract. Submitting an abstract does not register you for the meeting. Abstract presenters do not receive complimentary registration.

Abstract Numbering

All accepted abstract will receive an abstract poster number. Numbers are determined by:

- The type of abstract:
  - Oral abstract presentations and rapid oral abstract presentation numbers will start with an “O.”
  - Poster abstract presentation numbers will start with a “P.”
- Abstracts are then ordered by the abstract category, then by the last name of the submitting author.
- Once assigned, abstract poster numbers cannot be changed.

Types of Abstract Presentations

Regular and Young Investigator Award Abstract Poster Presentations

Poster Hall Location: Prince George AB
Poster Hall Hours: Friday, Nov. 8 from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 9 from 7 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Each Regular and Young Investigator Award abstract presenting author will be assigned to present their poster in the Poster Hall (Prince George AB) either Friday, Nov. 8, 2019 or Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019, with odd numbered posters being assigned to Friday, Nov. 8, and even numbered posters being assigned to Saturday, Nov. 9. Author presence is required during the lunch and evening reception times on the day they are assigned to present. In addition to the required hours, all presenting authors are also strongly encouraged to stand by their poster as much as possible during their assigned presentation day, especially during the session breaks.

Friday, Nov. 8, 2019

- **Odd Numbered Posters**
  - Required Hours: Lunch (12:30 – 2 p.m.) and poster reception (6:30 – 8 p.m.)
  - Additional Hours Encouraged: Morning break (10:30 – 10:50 a.m.) and afternoon break (4:20 – 4:50 p.m.)
Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019

- Even Numbered Posters
  - Required Hours: Lunch (12:35 – 2:05 p.m.) and poster reception (7 – 8:30 p.m.)
  - Additional Hours Encouraged: Morning break (10:35 – 10:50 a.m.) and afternoon break (5 – 5:15 p.m.)

Late-breaking Abstract Poster Presentations

Late-breaking abstract presenting authors will present their poster in the Potomac Foyer (outside of the Plenary session room, Potomac Ballroom) on both Friday, Nov. 8, and Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019. Presenting authors are strongly encouraged to stand by their poster as much as possible during presentation days, especially during the session breaks.

Friday, Nov. 8, 2019

- Hours Encouraged:
  - Lunch (12:30 – 2 p.m.)
  - Morning break (10:30 – 10:50 a.m.) and afternoon break (4:20 – 4:50 p.m.)

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019

- Hours Encouraged:
  - Lunch (12:35 – 2:05 p.m.)
  - Morning break (10:35 – 10:50 a.m.) and afternoon break (5 – 5:15 p.m.)

Poster Presentation Guidelines:

- Regular and Young Investigator Award maximum poster dimensions are 4' x 8' landscape (horizontal) orientation. Any dimensions that do not exceed 4' x 8' landscape orientation will be acceptable for Regular and Young Investigator Award poster presentations.
- Late-breaking abstract maximum poster dimensions are 4' x 8' portrait (vertical) orientation. Any dimensions that do not exceed 4' x 8' portrait orientation will be acceptable for Late-breaking poster presentations.
- Posters can provide additional information to attendees either as a printed handout or by including a link or QR code on the poster.
- Posters DO NOT need to have the poster number printed on them. Poster numbers will be on the Poster Boards.
- Poster submitters will have the opportunity to upload an image of their poster to be provided to attendees electronically.
- The presenting author is responsible for printing, bringing and hanging up their poster.
- SITC does not print or provide recommendations on where to print your poster or accompanying handouts.
- Push pins will be provided throughout the Poster Hall.
- Posters can be displayed Friday, Nov. 8 OR Saturday, Nov. 9, with odd numbered posters being assigned to Friday, Nov. 8, and even numbered posters being assigned to Saturday, Nov. 9.
- Posters left in the Poster Hall on Sunday, Nov. 10 will be disposed of.
- SITC does not provide special accommodations for disposing of or shipping posters after the conference.
Poster Set up and Take Down
Regular/Young Investigator Award Abstracts:

• Location: Poster Hall (Prince George AB)
• Dates/Times*:
  o Friday, Nov. 8, 2019 – Odd Numbered Posters
    Poster Hall Hours: 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
    Set Up: 7 – 8 a.m.
    Tear Down: After 8 p.m.
    Required Hours: Lunch (12:30 – 2 p.m.) and poster reception (6:30 – 8 p.m.)
    Additional Hours Encouraged: Morning break (10:10 – 10:25 a.m.) and afternoon break (4:20 – 4:50 p.m.)
  o Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019 – Even Numbered Posters
    Poster Hall Hours: 7 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
    Set Up: 7 – 8 a.m.
    Tear Down: After 8:30 p.m.
    Required Hours: Lunch (12:35 – 2:05 p.m.) and poster reception (7 – 8:30 p.m.)
    Additional Hours Encouraged: Morning break (10:35 – 10:50 a.m.) and afternoon break (5 – 5:15 p.m.)

Late-Breaking Abstracts:

• Location: Potomac Foyer (outside the Plenary session room, Potomac Ballroom)
• Dates/Times*: Late-breaking abstract posters will be displayed on both of the following days:
  ▪ Friday, Nov. 8, 2019 from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
  ▪ Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019 from 7 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. o Set Up: Friday, Nov. 8, 2019 from 7 – 8 a.m.
  o Tear Down: Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019 after 8:30 p.m.

Oral Abstract Presentations

Oral abstracts presentations are selected for each session by the session Co-Chairs. All regular and latebreaking abstracts chosen for oral abstract presentation will present on either Friday, Nov. 8, Saturday, Nov. 9 or Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019 of the 34th Annual Meeting. Oral abstract presentations are 10-minute presentations during a specific Annual Meeting session. Some may also include time for a brief question and answer session after the presentation. Exact presentation dates and times will be provided in the acceptance notifications.

The designated presenting author of all oral abstract presentations will be added to the SITC speaker management system upon confirming participation in the program to collect all required information. Oral abstract presenters will be required to submit a conflict of disclosure form, a recording permission form, a photo, and a biography as well as submit presentation slides prior to the Annual Meeting.
Prior to the annual meeting, all session presenters will be contacted with the final session information so that they may communicate with the session Co-Chairs and other presenters. Some sessions may schedule a conference call to review the session presentations, others may communicate via email. All presenters are required to be responsive to the requests of the session Co-Chairs and SITC staff.

**Rapid Oral Abstract Presentations**

Select abstracts will also have the opportunity to give short oral presentations. Rapid oral presentations will be held during lunch from 12:45 – 1:45 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 8 and from 12:50 – 1:50 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9 near the poster hall. Each day there will be two concurrent sessions, one for basic science and one for clinical abstracts.

The designated presenting author of all rapid oral abstract presentations will be added to the SITC speaker management system upon confirming participation in the program to collect all required information. Rapid oral abstract presenters will be required to submit a recording permission form, a photo, biography, conflicts of interest disclosure form as well as submit presentation slides prior to the Annual Meeting.

Exact presentation dates and times will be provided in the acceptance notifications.

Prior to the Annual Meeting, all rapid oral presentations will be contacted with the final session information so they can communicate with the session moderators. All presenters are required to be responsive to the requests of the session moderators and SITC staff.

**Poster Symposium**

Select abstracts will have the opportunity to give short oral presentations during the Poster Symposium on Thursday, Nov. 7 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The designated presenting author of all Poster Symposium presentations will be added to the SITC speaker management system upon confirming participation in the program to collect all required information. Poster Symposium presenters will be required to submit a recording permission form, a photo, biography, conflicts of interest disclosure form as well as submit presentation slides prior to the Annual Meeting.

Exact presentation dates and times will be provided in the acceptance notifications.

Prior to the Annual Meeting, all Poster Symposium presenters will be contacted with the final session information so they can communicate with the session moderators. All presenters are required to be responsive to the requests of the session moderators and SITC staff.

**Faculty Guidelines and Information**

**Guidelines**

Please take into consideration the following guidelines when creating and presenting your talk for this educational activity. These guidelines were created to help ensure that presentations give a balanced viewpoint to learners that is free of commercial bias.

- Faculty will disclose to SITC all relevant financial relationships, and hereby allow SITC to disclose this information to learners in print.
• Presentations and/or content will need to be reviewed prior to the activity. Educational content and resources must be submitted in advance. Content and resources from faculty of all other programs are due Oct. 15.
• The content and/or presentation of the information with which you are involved, including any presentation of therapeutic options, is expected to be well-balanced, evidence-based and unbiased. It will promote quality or improvements in healthcare and will not promote a specific proprietary business interest of a commercial interest.
• If faculty are presenting research funded by a commercial company, the information presented will be based on generally accepted scientific principles and methods, and will not promote the commercial interest of the funding company.
• If faculty have been trained or utilized by a commercial entity or its agent as a speaker (i.e., speaker’s bureau) for any commercial interest, the promotional aspects of that presentation will not be included in any way with this activity.
• If faculty provide recommendations involving clinical medicine, they will be based on evidence that is accepted within the medical profession as adequate justification for their indications and contraindications in the care of patients. All scientific research relating to this activity in support of a patient care recommendation will conform to the generally accepted standards of experimental design, data collection, and analysis.
• If faculty discuss specific health care products or services, they are to use generic names to the extent possible. If necessary to mention trade names, faculty will use trade names from several different companies when available.
• If faculty discuss any product use that is off-label or investigational, they are to disclose that the use or indication in question is not currently approved by the FDA. Please state in presentations, “There will OR will not be discussion about the use of products for non-FDA approved indications in this presentation.”
• Faculty have not and will not accept any additional honoraria, payments or reimbursements beyond that which has been agreed upon directly with SITC specific to this particular presentation for the SITC educational activity.
• A monitor will be attending the event to ensure that all presentations are educational, and not promotional, in nature.

Faculty Information
• Faculty Resource Room: A Faculty Resource Room will be available onsite during the 34th Annual Meeting for presenters to upload updated slides. All faculty are required to load final presentation slides at least 2 hours before the start of the program in which they are presenting (day before preferred) in the Faculty Resource Room. Due to CME review of slides, there may be a wait time for uploading your slides. Please plan accordingly. We will do everything we can to make wait times brief, but your patience with the process will be appreciated.
• Presentation Requirements: All presentations must be in 16:9 aspect ratio. All Faculty must also have a disclosure slide in the beginning of their presentation, even if just to state that there are no relevant disclosures to the presentation. If faculty intend to discuss any product use that is off-label or investigational, they must disclose that the use or indication in question is not currently approved by the FDA. Faculty must include the following sentence on their disclosure slide: “There will OR will not be discussion about the use of products for non-FDA approved indications in this presentation.” Please use the 34th Annual Meeting slide template for creating your PowerPoint presentation.
Recoding Permissions: To advance the field, SITC requests you complete a recording permission form to give us permission to post your slides on the Society’s website and/or to prepare audiovisual (AV) recordings of your presentation for production, online hosting, and distribution as webinars and/or other electronic media. These enduring materials greatly extend the educational impact and reach of the live meeting.
Policies

Below are the policies of the SITC abstract submission process. By submitting an abstract, you are agreeing to abide by these policies.

Abstract Embargo & Release Information Policy

Regular and Late-Breaking Abstract Titles
Titles for regular abstracts will be available on Oct. 1 and titles for late-breaking abstracts will be available on Nov. 1 on the SITC Annual Meeting website and app. Once abstract titles are listed on the website, press releases can be issued with the titles and logistical information.

Regular and Late-Breaking Abstract Content
Full regular and late-breaking abstracts will be embargoed until 8 a.m. EST on Nov. 5. This includes content within the original abstract submitted, additional data that will be available on a poster of the abstract and/or any updated and/or any new data that will be available in oral presentations in SITC’s Annual Meeting.

Press Release Policy

Any planned press releases and media alerts must be reviewed and approved in advance by SITC Communications staff. Please provide a minimum of two business days for review. Drafts should be emailed to communications@sitcancer.org.

For press releases about abstracts released:

**Before 8 a.m. EST on Nov. 5, 2019:** Press releases can be issued with only logistical information (abstract title, author, poster number, and presentation date and time) about an abstract/poster/oral presentation.

**After 8 a.m. EST on Nov. 5, 2019:** Press releases can be issued with information about the content within the original abstract submitted, additional data that will be available on a poster of the abstract and/or any updated and/or new data that will be available in oral presentation at SITC’s Annual Meeting.

Withdrawal & Editing Policy

The deadline for regular abstract withdrawal or changes, including presenter changes, is Sept. 6, 2019. The deadline for late-breaking abstract withdrawal or changes, including presenter changes, is Sept. 30, 2019. These deadlines are set in place because the abstract information is pulled for publication immediately following these dates and cannot be edited after that. If you would like to withdraw or make a change to your abstract between the submission deadline and this date, you must submit your request in writing to education@sitcancer.org. Upon receipt of your request we will make the change, if possible, and send a confirmation once the withdrawal or change has been completed.

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Encore Presentation Policy
Any abstract that has been previously accepted and/or published (by any meeting or publisher must contain substantial new data in order to be considered. Contact education@sitcancer.org with any questions pertaining to substantial new data.