<h1 style="color:blue; text-align:center">INTERNATIONAL TRAUMA CONFERENCE</h1>

November 2-5, 2023

Houston, Texas, USA

ABSTRACT RULES AND SUBMISSION FORM

Deadline: Friday, August 25, 2023

POSTER PRESENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

We are now accepting research abstracts to be considered for poster presentations at the 2023 International Trauma Conference. The Conference will be held November 2-5, 2023 in Houston, Texas, USA. All poster presentations for the Research Forum will take place during open exhibit hours that open on Friday, November 3rd from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm and continue on Saturday, November 4th from 8:00 am – 3:15 pm. We are looking for timely, thought-provoking research projects that aim to improve trauma care and are relevant to the following audiences: EMTs, paramedics, critical care providers, emergency nurses and physicians, EMS medical directors, EMS educators, administrators and managers.

The Research Forum is open to all pre-hospital and hospital-based providers to present a poster presentation on trauma research. All abstracts will be considered, even if previously presented at other meetings.

Judges will present an Excellence in Research Award to the investigator/author of the winning abstract.

Investigator/Author Guidelines:

- Only electronic submissions will be accepted. All abstracts should be sent to Alexa Franks at Alexaf@itrauma.org. This form may be duplicated for additional submissions. All submissions must be typed.
- The deadline for submission of abstracts is Friday, August 25, 2023 at 4:30 pm Central Time. This deadline will be strictly enforced.
- Abstract grading is blinded and abstracts are selected on the basis of scientific merit. Please attach a blinded copy (without the authors listed) of the research abstract for judging purposes.
- The final grading on-site at the conference for the poster format will include
- All presenters are required to be registered for the conference.
- Notification letters of acceptance will be sent out by Monday, September 18, 2023. Notification will be given in writing via email only.
- *All presenters are required to complete a Continuing Education (CE) Disclosure Form in advance of the Forum. All research presenters will be required to have this disclosure on file.*

Abstract Submission Guidelines:

- 400-word count limit.
- Structure headings, including Background, Objective, Design/Methods, Results, Conclusion and Impact. See Attached Sample Layout.
  Abstracts that do not conform to these guidelines will be disqualified.
- This is an international audience, so please use universal metrics and language.

Helpful Writing Tips:

- Your Objective statement should naturally lead to your Conclusion.
- Your Methods should explicitly define the type of study (e.g., retrospective vs prospective; chart review; randomized control; survey), enrollment period (e.g., 1/1/16 – 12/31/16), and inclusion/exclusion criteria.
- Your Methods should explicitly define your analytic strategies (e.g., descriptive, Fisher exact, multiple linear regression).
- There is no need to mention IRB oversight (this is understood).
- Your Results should explicitly disclose your N (# of subjects).
- There is no need to mention limitations.
- Use a leading zero for all decimal figures (e.g., 0.3).
- Include a space between a value and its units (e.g., 120 mmHg rather than 120mmHg).
- Do not mention your institution or hospital anywhere in the abstract.
- Case reports are not eligible for submission.
- Use graphics and key figures more than just plain text in the final poster.

Research Poster Scoring guidelines are:

- **An 20-point scoring system has been developed by the Research Committee. Understanding the criteria below will help optimize your Abstract submission.**

Objective total = 2 points
0=No stated hypothesis or objective
1=Stated hypothesis or objective difficult to test
2=Clearly stated and testable hypothesis or objective

Design/Methods total = 2 points
0=Chosen design not stated or chosen design did not test the stated hypothesis
1=Chosen design is reasonable for study objective but not the best
2=Chosen design is ideal for study question

Outcomes total = 2 points
0=Chosen outcomes are not stated or inappropriate for study objective
1=Chosen outcomes are reasonable for study objective, but not the best
2=Chosen outcomes are ideal for study objective

Bias total = 2 points
0=Multiple bias, such as wrong or inadequate population studied
1=Adequate population sampling but bias in assessment, measurements, and/or comparison
2=Adequate sampling and no obvious bias

Results total = 3 points
0=Critical data to interpretation of study absent
1=Study size stated
2=Study size acceptable but statistics, if applicable, not adequate
3=Both study size and statistics adequate

Conclusion total = 3 points
0=Conclusion not supported at all by data
1=Conclusion minimally supported by data
2=Conclusion somewhat supported by data
3=Conclusion fully supported by data

Impact total = 2 points
0=Study will not change EM practice or make no meaningful contribution to current fund of knowledge
1=Study will possibly change EM practice or modestly contribute to current fund of knowledge
2=Study will definitely change EM practice or significantly change current fund of knowledge

Quality of Writing and tables/figures total = 2 points (final poster – onsite)
0=Poor
1=Generally good
2=Exceptional

Quality of Verbal Delivery = 2 points (final poster – onsite)
0=Poor
1=Generally good
2=Exceptional

Maximum total score = 20

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM

Title: _____

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Author(s): (List first name, middle initial, and last names of all authors and titles such as EMT-P, MD, DO, RN, PhD. Place an asterisk next to the name of the principal investigator.)

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Author presenting study: _____

Position/title: _____

Institutions: (If none, list city and state)

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Mailing address: (List address of presenter. Correspondence will be sent to presenter unless instructed otherwise.)

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Phone:_____**Fax:**_____**Email:**_____

Will this abstract be presented prior to the International Trauma Conference? ☐ YES   ☐ NO

If so, where and when? _____

☐ **I certify that this research has been approved by my institutional review board in all instances where this would be considered appropriate.**

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Name of Principal Author   **Date**

☐ **I agree to present this research if accepted.**

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Name of Presenter   **Date**

PLEASE ATTACH A BLINDED COPY OF THE RESEARCH ABSTRACT FOR JUDGING PURPOSES.

ABSTRACT

Abstract Title

Background:

Objective:

Design/Methods:

Results:

Conclusion:

Impact: