



Abstract Submission Overview

This guide provides all the information you need to submit an abstract for consideration. Please read it carefully before completing the online submission form.

The SCTS Annual Meeting 2027 will take place from Sunday 21 to Tuesday 23 March 2027 at the ICC Birmingham. Coordinated by the SCTS Meetings Team, led by Carol Tan, Meeting Secretary, and Gianluca Lucchese, Deputy Meeting Secretary, the SCTS Annual Meeting combines cutting-edge science, hands-on training, wellbeing initiatives, and valuable networking opportunities across the cardiothoracic community. The meeting offers delegates a comprehensive professional and educational experience while showcasing developments in cardiac, thoracic, aortic, and transplant surgery.

An international faculty of cardiothoracic specialists and experts will deliver a comprehensive educational programme covering a broad range of topics, including Thoracic Surgery, Cardiac Surgery, Aortic and Transplant Surgery, Congenital Cardiothoracic Surgery, surgical innovation, and dedicated NAHP (Nursing and Allied Health Professional) wet and dry lab sessions.

Successful authors may be invited to present their work as either:

- An **Oral Presentation** (5-minute presentation followed by 3 minutes for questions and discussion)
- A **Moderated Poster Presentation** (3-minute presentation followed by 2 minutes for questions and discussion)

Accepted presentations will form part of the official scientific programme.

Alternatively, accepted abstracts may be selected for display as an **E-Poster**, hosted on the virtual meeting platform and displayed on digital poster boards throughout the venue. Please note that E-Posters will not be included in the main conference programme and will instead be available via the official conference app. Accepted **Movie Abstracts** will not be presented live but will be shown on screens throughout the meeting venue and exhibition hall during the Annual Meeting.

The nominated presenting author for each accepted abstract must register for the conference and attend in person on the allocated presentation date.

Registration for the SCTS Annual Meeting 2027 is scheduled to open on 1 December 2026.



Abstract Submission Process

Step by Step Guide

Step 1: Submit your abstract online via the Mice Concierge Abstracts platform

Step 2: Abstracts are reviewed by the expert panel

Step 3: Your abstract is declined or accepted (either as an Oral Presentation, Moderated Poster presentation or as a digital E-poster)

Step 4: Download the slide and poster templates from the SCTS meeting website

Step 5: Prepare your poster or oral presentation

Step 6: Submit your final abstract (oral or poster) online via the abstract submission link

Step 7: Book your place to attend the SCTS Annual Meeting 2027

Key Dates

Abstract Submission Opens - **1st September 2026**

Abstract Submission Deadline - **5th November 2026**

Successful Abstracts Announced - **15th December 2026**

Final Abstract presentation and posters submitted - **27th February 2027**

Requests to amend or withdraw a submission – **1st March 2027**



Instructions for Author

Authors

- Enter all authors that were involved in the work of the abstract.
 - A maximum of 10 authors including the presenting author is permitted.
 - If you wish to submit an abstract on behalf of a trials groups/investigators group, please contact SCTS in order to submit manually.
- Please note that this kind of submission would only have a corresponding author who will present on behalf of the trialist.

Title

A maximum of 50 words is permitted. A word count will automatically guide you.

Abstract Body

Your abstract body should not exceed 250 words (excluding title and authors and tables). A word count will automatically guide you.

Suggested structure:

1. Objectives - the overall purpose of the study and the research question
2. Methods - the basic design of the study and the methodology used
3. Results - major findings or trends found as a result of your analysis
4. Conclusions - a brief summary of your interpretations and conclusions

Insert only a single image OR a single table. Your table must not exceed 10 rows and 10 columns. If you insert an image or table, you must include a legend for this.

IMPORTANT - Please do NOT include the name of an author or institution in the body of the abstract text. If the abstract text allows identification of the author and/or their institution, the abstract will be rejected.

Movies

Movies should be submitted in MP4 format with narration and subtitles. The maximum file size is 500mb and limited to 5 minutes.

Topic:

Select the topic that is most appropriate for your abstract. The reviewers retain the right to move abstracts from one topic to another, where appropriate. Please select your preferred presentation type from the options in the drop down box. (Note that you can only select an oral abstract/poster or movie. Some abstracts will be accepted for oral presentations and others for poster and you will be notified in due course).



Evaluation Process & Acceptance

All submitted abstracts will undergo a rigorous, blinded peer-review process following the submission deadline. This process is conducted with the highest standards of integrity to ensure impartiality, fairness, and scientific merit.

In addition to the reviewers' expertise and subject knowledge, the scoring and evaluation criteria may include the following:

- Originality / Scientific Merit: Novel concepts or advances in cardiothoracic care
- Organisation & Clarity: Logical structure and readability
- Technical Quality: Rigorous methodology, robust data
- Relevance / Practicality: Clinical or operational applicability
- Overall Presentation: Conciseness and professional formatting

Each abstract is independently assessed by multiple reviewers using a standardised scoring system. Final decisions on acceptance are made by the Scientific Committee based on the aggregated scores. Accepted abstracts are then assigned to a category - Oral Presentation, Moderated Poster Presentation or E-poster Display - and grouped by scientific specialty for inclusion in the conference programme.

Only those accepted will be invited to present or display at the meeting, either presenting an oral abstract, presenting a moderated poster, or displaying a digital e-poster.

You will receive a notification confirming whether your abstract has been accepted or declined by Friday 5th December 2026.

Who can submit an abstract?

Anyone with an interest in cardiothoracic practice can submit an abstract to the SCTS Annual Meeting 2027, including:

- Consultant surgeons, registrars/trainees, and specialist trainees
- Nursing and allied health professionals (NAHPs) — for dedicated streams
- Medical and NAHPs students
- Early Career Researchers (ECRs)
- Medical & clinical scientists, and multidisciplinary team members

All submissions are peer-reviewed, and accepted oral abstracts and moderated poster presentations are included in scientific oral sessions or E-poster display boards. If you



are happy for accepted abstracts to be published in the Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery, please indicate this on your abstract submission by checking the relevant box.

Accepted Abstract Categories

Oral Abstracts

Oral abstract presenters will be required to deliver an engaging presentation as part of the educational programme. Each oral presentation will be allocated 5 minutes for the presentation followed by 3 minutes for Q&A.

Moderated Posters

Moderated poster presenters will be required to deliver an engaging poster presentation as part of the educational programme. Each moderated poster presentation will be allocated 3 minutes for the presentation followed by 2 minutes for Q&A.

E-Posters

Accepted e-posters will be accessible through the conference app and showcased on digital display boards throughout the venue.

Movie Abstracts

Movie abstracts are short video summaries that visually present the key points of your research. Your movie submission may be accepted to be shown with subtitles as part of the programme or hosted on the conference app and showcased on digital display boards throughout the venue.

Contact Us

We hope you found all of the information you need, however if you do have any further questions or queries, please don't hesitate to reach out. tilly@scts.org