



ASCCP Abstract Review Process Policy

Summary of the ASCCP Abstract Review Process

- Each abstract is sent to 3 reviewers
- Reviewers rate each abstract independently on a scale of 1–5 (double-blind procedure) and optionally submit comments
- The overall mean score is calculated with is an average of each reviewer’s individual scores, and then each of the 3 reviewers composite scores averaged together
- Abstracts are ranked by overall mean score and COI compliance
- Approximately 20 orals and 50 posters are chosen (this changes annually depending on program availability and quality of abstracts)
- Program Directors determine when each oral presentation is given based on their category
- and subject matter

Assignment of Abstracts to Reviewers

Abstracts are individually assigned to 3 reviewers on the basis of category submitted by the author, and the abstract reviewers’ self-identified category expertise.

Rating by External Reviewers

- Reviewers rate each abstract independently on a scale of 1–5 (double-blind procedure) over 3 criteria: Originality, Relevance, and Overall Impression. These ratings then calculate an overall abstract score.
- Reviewers vote Yes/No if the Abstract followed abstract and ethics guidelines.
 - Note: Guidelines are updated annually and provided to Reviewers for reference.
- Reviewers vote Yes/No if the Abstract is recommended for an Oral presentation.
- Reviewers vote Yes/No if an Abstract should receive an award, and specify which award. Program Directors make the final decision.
 - Note: If an award winner is industry, they either need to decline the award or have ASCCP donate the monies to a charity of their choice.



COI Review

- Abstracts that are distinctly about a specific product and/or has an author who is an employee (including those with stock) of a commercial interest are not accepted for CME (oral presentation). These abstracts are automatically considered for posters only.
- Disclosure box is on the poster template and disclosure instructions added to the guidelines.

This policy has been reviewed, approved, and adopted by the Board of Directors on January 11, 2022