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Dear Colleague:

The Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons will be held on Friday, November 6th at the Farmington Marriott in Farmington, CT.

The Program Committee has reformatted the 2015 meeting and has moved the resident portion to the afternoon. Here is a breakdown of the working agenda for the day to allow you to plan:

- 8:00 Registration for Attendings
- 8:30 Morning Lectures
- 10:00 Committee Meetings
- 10:45 Break
- 11:15 Distinguished Service and Legislative Awards and Business Mtg
- 12:00 Registration for Residents**
- 12:15 Foster Lecture
- 1:00 Lunch
- 2:00 Paper Competitions
- 3:30 Resident Program – *How to Choose a Fellowship*
- 4:30 Surgical Skills Competition
- 6:45 Resident Awards

All residents are welcome to attend the morning sessions if schedules permit but you are expected to arrive at noon.

The Program Committee believes that the new format will create a more participant friendly day and increase meeting attendance overall. We welcome your feedback.

Paper Competitions

The Chapter welcomes submissions in the following areas of clinical study:

- Trauma/Critical Care* - Sponsored by the CT Committee on Trauma
- Clinical Oncology - Sponsored by the CT Commission on Cancer
- General Surgery
- Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
- Bariatric Surgery
- Surgical Subspecialties
- Surgical Quality and NSQIP - Sponsored by the CT Surgical Quality Collaborative

**The winner of the Trauma competition will be competing in the New England Trauma Competition in Boston on Monday, November 9th.*





These presentations are 7 minutes long followed by a 3 minutes for questions and answers. The abstract must describe work performed during residency or research training or by a physician assistant and should indicate the mentor and institution where the work was performed.

The Connecticut Commission on Cancer is pleased to announce that the winning paper from the Clinical Oncology competition will be submitted to the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer's national competition. The author of the first place winning abstract in the ACS-CoC Research Paper Competition will receive a plaque and cash award of \$1,000, travel expenses to the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress with the opportunity to make a presentation on his/her research to the Annual Meeting of the Commission on Cancer. The authors of the second and third place winning abstracts will receive a cash award of \$500, and an invitation to present a poster presentation of their research during the Annual Meeting of the Commission on Cancer.

Any work that has been previously published or presented at a national meeting is ineligible for presentation at the CTACSPA meeting. Work presented locally or regionally is eligible.

Resident and Physician Video Poster Session – At the sole discretion of the Program Committee, abstracts may be selected for a video poster presentation. Categories include General Surgery, Trauma and Critical Care, and Surgical Subspecialties.

Acceptance Policies

Papers will be reviewed for acceptance in all sessions for all categories by the Chapter. Final decisions regarding placement will be made by the CTACSPA Program Committee. All submissions must conform to the procedures outlined in the submission template and on the submission website.

The competitions are coordinated by the Committee on Trauma, the Commission on Cancer, the Committee on Bariatric Surgery, and the Program Committee of the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association. Prizes will be awarded for the best presentations of the meeting.

Deadlines

All submissions of abstracts for all competitions must be received by 5pm Tuesday, September 8, 2015. Please visit www.ctacs.org on or after August 14th, 2015 to submit your abstracts online.

Authors will be notified of abstract acceptance by end of day Friday, October 9, 2015.

Notifications will be provided via e-mail and posted on our website www.ctacs.org. Authors of all accepted papers will be required to comply with the Chapter's CME Conflict of Interest disclosure policy or risk the removal of your paper from the competition.

Please note that for this year's meeting the Chapter will require that you submit your PowerPoint presentation to online by end of day on Friday October 30, 2015 or your paper will be ineligible for presentation.



We welcome you to attend the Chapter's business meeting to learn more about how your Chapter is run. No matter where your surgical career takes you, there will be a local College chapter there to help you and hopefully you will rise to the challenge of leading it forward.

The afternoon Resident lecture will again be our very popular *How to Choose a Fellowship*. We will again conclude the day with the Surgical Skills Competition and then the presentation of all of the resident awards for the meeting!

Thank you for your continued support of the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association. Please reserve Friday, November 6 to attend the Annual Meeting!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Deren, MD, FACS'.

Michael Deren MD, FACS
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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES SUMMARY

DEADLINE:

All submissions of abstracts for all competitions must be received on or before 5:00 PM on **Tuesday, September 8, 2015.**

All abstracts must be submitted in MS-Word (Macintosh files will not be accepted) adhering to the guidelines outlined below, including fonts and type size. Please go to www.ctacs.org on or after August 14, 2015 to submit your paper.

Contact Christopher Tasik at 203-674-0747 or info@ctacs.org with questions.

OVERALL FORMATTING INSTRUCTIONS

You must use the template that can be downloaded from www.ctacs.org to submit your paper.

The abstract should clearly state the reason for doing the study, the exact results obtained, and the conclusions reached. Vague descriptions and promises to explain the importance of the work should not be included.

Submission of an abstract that deals with experimentation on humans or animals implies that the authors adhere to the federal and institutional guidelines dealing with human or animal experimentation and that the appropriate approval has been granted from the institutions review committees.

Notification of Acceptance/Rejection

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Oral Presentation Guidelines

Please note that the Chapter requires you to submit your PowerPoint presentation to us by 5PM on Friday, October 30, 2015 or your paper will be ineligible for presentation.

- Presentations must conform to the time length specified for your session or you will be cut short by the moderator to allow the program to run on time.
- An LCD video projector and a laptop will be provided. You are not permitted to present from your own equipment no can you make any changes to your presentation once it is submitted.