



## Poster Abstract Submission and Digital Poster Display Guidelines

AVA Scientific Posters are a method for authors to present research and/or to display original work. All posters should convey relevance to AVA's mission, vision, and values. The mission of AVA is to advance the global practice of vascular access through awareness, advocacy, and education to improve healthcare outcomes.

**Note that to eliminate touch-points onsite, all posters will be digital and visible only in the conference app.**

Timeline Summary - Abstract Submission and Digital Poster Display at the AVA 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting:

***Please read below for full details***

- The deadline to submit an abstract for digital poster display consideration is **Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**.
- All poster abstract submissions will be notified of acceptance or rejection for digital poster display, and eligibility for Scientific Poster Presentation, by **Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**.
- Posters selected for Scientific Poster Presentation will be notified by **Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**.
- Poster abstracts that wish **to be considered for a Scientific Poster Presentation** must pay the \$50 submission fee AND upload the digital poster by no later than **Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**.
- Accepted poster authors that wish **to display a digital poster without presentation consideration** must pay the \$50 submission fee and complete their digital poster by no later than **Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**.

### Abstract Submission Process

Each poster that you would like to display must have a corresponding abstract submitted, by no later than **Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**, through the online Call for Posters, which may be found [HERE](#).

Prior to beginning the submission process, you will be prompted to create a Login ID and Password. Please keep the Login ID and Password until the close of the submission process: you may want to log in to make changes before the closing date.

For each submission, you will be required to:

1. Provide a title for your abstract.

2. Indicate whether your poster abstract is or is not associated with research.
3. Provide a full contact information on a primary author (typically the submitter).
4. Provide a list of co-authors (required details for each co-author includes name, degrees, email, organization, city, state, and country).
5. Agree to the guidelines set forth in this document.
6. Select a track from the list provided below under Abstract Criteria.
7. Provide abstract details for each of the headers listed below under Abstract Criteria.
8. Provide financial disclosures for the primary author, if applicable.

## Abstract Criteria

### Abstract Content

Content should reflect the diversity of the Vascular Access specialty. Submissions are accepted from professionals working in clinical and non-clinical settings, research and development, management, business, the sciences, and technology. In 500 words or less, provide an accurate, succinct, and informative abstract that represents your submission and/or poster. All abstracts must be submitted typed, in English, and must be well organized. Content should be written in complete sentences without abbreviations. References are not included in the abstract. The judging process is blinded and peerreviewed: Do not include author(s) name, facility name, or identifying factors in abstract. It may cause disqualification.

### Research abstracts are required to include the following headings:

1. Purpose/Design (*50 words maximum*)
2. Methods (*150 words maximum*)
3. Results (*150 words maximum*)
4. Limitations (*50 words maximum*)
5. Conclusions (*100 words maximum*)

### Abstracts not associated with research are required to include the following key points:

1. Purpose - What was the goal of the study? (*50 words maximum*)
2. Background - What was the problem? Why was it important? (*175 words maximum*)
3. Results - What were the findings? (*175 words maximum*)
4. Conclusions - What do the final outcomes mean? (*100 words maximum*)

### Abstract submissions will be judged based on the level of clinical evidence presented as follows:

Strength	Level	Design
High	1	Randomized prospective blinded clinical trial
		Meta-analysis of clinical trials

Low	2	Prospective clinical trial
	3	Retrospective clinical trial
	4	Series of Case Studies
	5	Case report or individual case study
		Expert Opinion
		Personal Observation

### Tracks

Abstracts must be applicable to at least one of the tracks listed below. The track must be identified at the time of poster abstract submission and be relevant to the art and science of vascular access.

- Pediatric/Neonatal Vascular Access
- Continuum of Care Throughout Vascular Access
- Systems, Process and Communication
- Care & Maintenance of Vascular Access Devices
- Leadership, Education and Development in Vascular Access
- New Technology and Applications in Vascular Access
- Education Pertaining to Vascular Access

### Additional Criteria

- All research based and evidence-based practice must have documented and completed outcomes prior to submitting.
- ***Research posters involving human subjects must address protection of human subjects in keeping with International Standards governing human research (IRB approval if applicable).***
- All abstracts should:
  - Have adequate relevance to the field of vascular access.
  - Be appropriate to the current (or future) trends within the field of vascular access.
  - Describe how it could be incorporated into the field of vascular access if not already present.
  - Present a question that may be expanded to a general, breakout, or professional development session at future AVA scientific meetings.

### Abstract Selection Process

All abstracts submitted are subjected to an objective, blinded peer review and are evaluated on quality of the project/research, content, and relevance to the field of vascular access. All entries will be notified

of selection or rejection by **June 17<sup>th</sup>** via email.

Please note:

- AVA reserves the right to reject submissions that do not meet these objectives and criteria, are deemed inappropriate for the meeting, or do not meet the quality standards of the meeting.
- AVA reserves the right to waiver publication on a case by case basis.
- AVA does not perform independent research of submissions and relies on the author to demonstrate veracity in their posters and presentations.

## Digital Poster Criteria

If your abstract is selected for digital poster display, you will receive notification and given access to the online e-Poster Gallery by **July 17<sup>th</sup>**, where you will create your digital poster.

### Submission Fee

If selected to exhibit an AVA Scientific Poster, please note that there is a **\$50 submission fee** for each **accepted** poster. This fee must be paid for each poster that you wish to display at AVA 2026. Payment should be submitted through an online payment form, which will be distributed in the acceptance notice.

### Helpful Hints for Digital Poster Design

- Select colors wisely, remembering that not all attendees may be able to distinguish between red, green and grey.
- Use pictures, diagrams, figures, etc. rather than text when appropriate, to best describe your work.
- Excessive use of text should be avoided.
- The average poster has from 2-5 figures/diagrams.
- Please ensure the content is clear to the reader when you are not present at the display.
- Your poster should be arranged and organized professionally, with the method and results clearly displayed.
- Your poster should be visually interesting and creatively designed.

## Scientific Poster Presentations

The AVA Scientific Poster Committee, composed of clinical and industry reviewers, will blindly judge the digital posters created by the top scoring abstracts to determine the **12 posters** that will be given a poster presentation time slot, based on criteria (as listed above).

Each poster will be presented by one author for 12 minutes, plus 3 minutes of time for Q&A.

Each presentation should include a high-level overview of poster findings and an open discussion between the poster author and the audience.

**The 12 poster presenters will receive the following discount on registration fees:**

\$50 off registration to AVASM26.

## Commercialism/Marketing for Scientific Poster Presenters

NOTE: If your poster is selected for a presentation, the poster must stay unbranded for CE purposes.

AVA sessions are noncommercial forums. Individuals are prohibited from using brand names and specific product endorsement. Under no circumstances should the session podium be used as a place for promotion of a speaker's product, service, or monetary self-interest, nor for promotion of a product or service offered by Speaker's employer or client.

In addition, Speaker agrees that content presented by Speaker shall not infringe or violate any copyright, trademark, patent or intellectual property rights of any person or entity. Presenters from any session podium must refrain from overt statements or pointed humor that disparages the rightful dignity and social equity of any individual or group.

## Awards

During the meeting, attendees will participate in voting for the "People's Choice Award". First, Second, and Third Place posters will receive a certificate and a cash award. The award winners will be announced at the end of the Scientific Meeting, on the AVA website and in Intravascular Quarterly.

## Electronic Disclosure

Providing AVA with an electronic abstract, presentation and/or handouts constitutes agreement that AVA and its designated agent are expressly authorized and granted the right to reproduce the presenter's electronic presentation or handout file(s) and include the file(s) on the AVA 2026 e-Poster Gallery, which will be provided to meeting participants as part of their registration package.

## Contact

Please contact the meeting organizers with any questions related to the abstract submission process at [AVAspeakers@discoversb.com](mailto:AVAspeakers@discoversb.com).