



Fellow and Resident Complex Cases Submission Guidelines

Submission Opens on September 15, 2025, and Closes on December 1, 2025

The Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists invites the submission of **complex cases** to be presented during the Fellow and Resident Program during the SCA 2026 Annual Meeting & Workshops from **April 23-26, 2026**.

Note: If your project is a research study and not a complex case, please consider submitting it to the SCA Scientific Program.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Submission system **opens on September 15, 2025**.
- Submission system **closes at 11:59 PM (Eastern) on December 1, 2025**.
- Additional submissions will not be accepted after the submission system closes.
- If you do not receive email confirmation of your abstract submission within 30 minutes of finalizing your abstract submission, please contact SCA Program Manager at nbaus@veritasamc.com
- Co-Authors must complete their bio and disclosure forms by **December 2, 2025**.
- The submission will not be reviewed unless **all** listed authors complete a disclosure form by the deadline.
- Notifications regarding abstract selection will be sent by the end of January 2026.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE SUBMISSION

Submission Requirements

- All submissions will include three (3) sections:
 - Introduction
 - Case Presentation
 - Discussion
- Submissions are limited to a 3,300-character count, including the body text and spaces. Tables, graphs, and references do not count against the character count.
- Tables, figures, images, or other graphics will only be accepted as still images in the following file formats: .jpg, .png, .tiff, or .bmp.
- Submissions must include at least one (1) but no more than three (3) references. References do not count against the character count.
- The submitting author will be designated as the presenting author and must attend the 2026 Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee if the abstract is accepted.
- All communication from/to the SCA will be with the submitting author only.
- All submitting authors must complete a disclosure of relevant financial relationships at the time of submission.
- Submitting authors are responsible for providing the names and emails of their co-author(s) at the time of submission.

General Rules

- **Submitting/presenting author must be a Fellow or Resident. Program Directors or other faculty may not submit on behalf of their trainee.**
- **The submitting/presenting author must attend the 2026 Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee if the abstract is accepted.**
- Submissions that do not include all the previously listed requirements will not be reviewed.
- Submitted text and images must be HIPPA compliant, including masking of all patient identification material. Images with patient identifiers will not be considered for presentation.
- Only one Fellow and Resident Complex Case submission is allowed per presenting author. If you have additional cases to submit, you may do so in the Scientific Program or Thoracic Anesthesia Symposium abstract submission systems.
- An abstract or case may be submitted for consideration to multiple calls (For example: Super Echo and Complex Cases; however, the submission will not be accepted for presentation to more than one call. The author must indicate submission to multiple calls at the time of submission.
- Abstracts/cases that are published or presented at other national and international meetings prior to the SCA Annual Meeting will not be permitted to be presented.
 - If there is a potential conflict regarding an abstract already being presented or published, it is the responsibility of the submitting author to contact the SCA. Failure to comply may result in the abstract being disqualified.
- Once the abstract is submitted, no revisions are permitted.
- Failure to follow SCA abstract policies may result in disqualification of your abstract.
- Abstract co-authors will receive requests by email for disclosures of conflicts of interest after the presenting author submits the abstract. If any co-author fails to submit his/her disclosures, the abstract will not be reviewed and will be rejected.
- All abstracts will undergo a blinded review.
- Accepted abstracts will then be presented in electronic format for the 2026 Annual Meeting. Authors of accepted abstracts are responsible for submitting electronic versions of their posters for presentation at the Annual Meeting. The deadline for poster submissions will be **Friday, March 20, 2026.**
- The top scoring six cases will be presented orally at a special session.

Presenting Author Rules

- **If due to an extenuation circumstance, the submitting author is unavailable, an alternate presenting author must be designated after submission, please adhere to the following:**
 - The presenting author must be a co-author listed on the case submission at the time of submission. Please notify the SCA at nbaus@veritasamc.com to make this change.
 - **The presenting author must either be a current fellow in cardiothoracic anesthesiology (or related field) or a resident in anesthesiology (or related field) or completed such a fellowship/residency program within the past six (6) months.**
 - Presenter changes made after **February 27, 2026**, will not be reflected in any printed or online materials or applications.
 - If a co-author cannot be identified to present the case, the case must be withdrawn from presentation. Please notify the SCA immediately at nbaus@veritasamc.com.
- The presenting author is responsible for case content – SCA will not edit submissions.
- All communications regarding the abstract submission will be sent to the presenting author.

SUBMISSION REVIEWS

All submissions undergo a blinded peer-review process and will be scored on the following criteria:

- Description of challenges during anesthetic management
- Discussion of the decision making during the perioperative period
- Presentation of knowledge regarding the novelty or uniqueness of the case
- Quality of written submission