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20th Annual SOCS Scientific Symposium Abstracts

The Scientific Symposium brings together international colleagues, residents, and research fellows who present on new research, share experiences, and discuss the new direction of the special interest of dermatology-skin of color. The **20th Annual Skin of Color Society Scientific Symposium** will take place on **Thursday, March 7, 2024 in San Diego, CA.**

- **Abstract Entry Deadline:** October 2, 2023 at 12:00PM (Noon) CT
-The system will automatically prevent entry submission after the deadline.
- **Status Notification:** After Scientific Committee reviews, notifications will be sent via email between November-December to all submitters.

Presenting Author Responsibilities:

- The first author listed for each abstract will serve as the presenting author and the primary contact for all correspondence regarding the abstract.
- Responsibilities:
 - Ensure that all authors have read the abstract and have agreed to be co-authors.
 - Obtain all the disclosure information from co-authors.
 - Forward all correspondence to all co-authors.
 - If abstract is accepted, presenting author must register for the Scientific Symposium, and be available present abstract. Registration is required for all accepted abstracts to be listed in the final program.

Guidelines:

- This program is reserved to Skin of Color Society **current members** and **pending-members with a complete membership application**. Apply [here](#)
- **Abstract Presentations:** Open to Medical Students, Research Fellows, and Residents member categories only.
- **Poster Presentations:** Open to all member categories.
- The Skin of Color Society encourages submission of original studies or observation that would be of interest to dermatologists with an interest in skin of color.
- The abstract must address scientific or clinical questions, detail clinical observations, or contain primary scientific data.
- Abstracts that do not report any data or have incomplete data will not be considered.
- Data not generally eligible for consideration:
 - Data published, either in print or online, by the abstract submission deadline.
 - Data being submitted or presented at a session of the AAD Annual Meeting in the same calendar year.
 - Case studies or reports will not be accepted.

Clinical Trials:

- Interim analysis of a prospective clinical trial will be considered only if it is performed as planned in the original protocol and is statistically valid.
- Data from follow-up of previously presented clinical trials may be submitted only if significant new information can be shown.
- All research and studies that involve human and animal subjects reported in submitted abstracts must comply with the guiding principles found in the * Declaration of Helsinki of the World Medical Association.
- No revisions can be made to the abstract after the submission deadline.

Abstract Withdrawal:

Once accepted, a written request for withdrawal must be submitted by the author by January 4, 2024.

SOCS reserves the right to withdraw any abstract that is in violation of SOCS policies and guidelines, including but not limited to:

- Previous publication
- Deemed scientifically unsound
- Found to include inaccurate data

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General Information

- **Eligibility:** The presenting author must be a SOCS member and available to present the abstract at the Symposium. For abstracts submitted by medical students, residents, and research trainees, the presenting author's attending, mentor, last author or principal investigator must also be a SOCS member.
- **Membership:** This program is reserved for Skin of Color Society members and pending members with a complete membership application. Non-members should submit a complete membership application by Thursday, October 2 to meet eligibility requirements. Apply for membership [here](#).
- **Submission Deadline:** Monday, October 6, by 12:00 PM CT.
- **Notification:** Acceptance and rejection notices will be sent to the submitter in November 2025.
- **Registration:** All accepted presenters must register for the 22nd Annual Skin of Color Society Scientific Symposium to be included in the program.

Presenting Author Responsibilities

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Responsibilities:

- Ensure all authors have read the abstract and agreed to be co-authors.
- Obtain disclosure information from all authors.
- Submit the abstract application via AwardForce.
- Forward all correspondence to all authors.
- If selected, register for the Scientific Symposium.

Submission Guidelines

The Skin of Color Society encourages the submission of original studies or observations of interest to dermatologists, particularly those focused on skin of color.

Presentation Types:

- **Oral Abstract Presentations:** Exclusively available to members in the Resident, Research Trainee, and Medical Student categories.
- **Poster Presentations:** Available to members eligible for oral presentations and those in the Fellow, International Fellow, and Associate member categories.

Abstract Requirements:

- Abstracts must address scientific or clinical questions, detail clinical observations, or contain primary scientific data.
- Incomplete abstracts or those lacking data will not be considered.
- Case studies or reports will not be accepted.

Ineligible Data:

- Data published by the abstract submission deadline.
- Data presented at the AAD Annual Meeting in the same calendar year.
- Encore presentations, including those previously presented at SOCS as a poster or oral presentation.
- Data submitted by industry.

Clinical Trials:

- Interim analysis must align with the original protocol and be statistically valid.
- Follow-up data must present significant new information.

Compliance:

All research involving human and animal subjects must comply with the Declaration of Helsinki of the World Medical Association.

Additional Information:

No revisions are allowed after the submission deadline.

Submission Requirements

All submissions must include:

- **Abstract:** A clear, concise, and structured abstract of no more than 250 words in English, adhering to sections for Introduction/Background, Methods, Results, Discussion, Limitations, and Conclusions.
- **Title:** A title in Title Case.
- **Author Information:** Full names of all authors and their institutional affiliations.
- **Membership:**
 - The presenting author must be a SOCS member.
 - The presenting author's attending, mentor, last author or principal investigator (where applicable) must be a SOCS member.
- **References:** Up to five references or citations, formatted according to any major academic citation style.
- **Conflict of Interest:** Disclosure of conflicts of interest for all authors

Abstract Withdrawal

- **Withdrawal Requests:** Written requests for withdrawal must be submitted by January 10, 2026.

Policy Compliance

SOCS reserves the right to withdraw abstracts that violate its policies, including those involving previous publication, scientific unsoundness, or inaccuracies.

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☐ I am a pending SOCS Member

Membership in the Skin of Color Society is required for all abstract and grant submissions. A SOCS membership application can be found [here](#).

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☐ Dermatologist/Physician

☐ Researcher in the field of skin of color dermatology

☐ Dermatology Resident

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☐ Medical Student (4th year)

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☐ Medical Student (2nd year)

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☐ POSTER presentation (all SOCS members)

☐ Either an ORAL presentation (dermatology residents/research fellows and medical students only) or POSTER presentation (all SOCS members)

Additional Authors

Please list any additional authors with names, credentials and affiliations.

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Abstract

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Enter the full text of your abstract by clearly noting the sections: **Introduction/Background, Methods, Results, Discussion, Limitation, and Conclusions**. Abstracts are limited to a maximum of **250 words**, excluding references and disclosures. Submit only one abstract at a time.

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References

Up to five references or citations, consistently formatted according to any major academic citation style (e.g., APA, Chicago, MLA, Bluebook)

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