



2024 Tri-State Pathology Conference
hosted by the
Mississippi Association of Pathologists

CALL FOR
ABSTRACTS and SHOCKING CASES

The Program Committee for the 2024 Tri-State Pathology Conference, on behalf of the Mississippi Association of Pathologists, welcomes your submission for review.

1. Deadlines

The deadline for submission will be Friday, March 15, 2024. Electronic submissions must be received by 11:59 p.m. on March 15, 2024. Mailed submissions must be received in office by close of business on March 15, 2024.

2. Submissions

Submissions will only be accepted from pathology residency/fellowship programs from the 3 states comprising the Tri-State Conference, i.e. Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. There is a limit of 2 submissions per author. Those that have been previously submitted and/or presented at other pathology conferences/events are welcome, permitted the presentation has taken place within the past year. Electronic submissions may be sent to Stacie Johnson at sjohnson@medicalbureau.net. You must also include the submission form located at the end of this document.

3. Review and Presentations

You must be available to attend the conference in Ocean Springs, Mississippi on April 27-28, 2024. Posters displayed will be eligible to compete for one of three Tri-State Pathology Conference Research Awards.

4. CV

A current CV must be attached to your submission. No submission will be accepted for review without this item.

5. Verification of Receipt of Submission

An e-mail address for the author of the submission is required. Confirmations will be sent to that e-mail address within two business days. If you do not receive e-mail notification of receipt of your submission within the stated time, it is your responsibility to contact Stacie Johnson by calling 706-738-3119 for follow-up.

6. Selections
Selections will be made by March 29, 2024. Authors of selected submission will be notified by email no later than April 5, 2024.
7. Conference Registration
If your submission is selected for presentation, you will be required to register for the conference by completing a registration form. Your conference fee will be waived but you will be responsible for your accommodations and travel to and from the conference. Registration information will be available on the MAP website at www.mspathology.net.

Instructions

Instruction for “Shocking Cases”:

This year we are introducing a new section called “Shocking Cases”. These are cases which both shocked you and taught you, which will be discussed in an open forum. Junior faculty, new in-service and senior residents are encouraged to submit proposals for this category.

We would like to keep the case presentation to 10 min with discussion for 5 min.

Instructions for submitting the case would be:

- a) A brief case description (preferably a powerpoint)
- b) Any associated labs or imaging that you may think is relevant
- c) Up to 3 questions that you would like addressed during the discussion.

Instructions for Authors on Setting up Abstract

1. Type the abstract in 10 point Times New Roman. The title, authors, and affiliation must be included on the MSword file that is submitted as well as included in the submission form. Simple graphs and tables may be included if they fit within the template. The size of the template is 6.5 inches wide x 5.28 inches high (portrait mode). The page margins are top, right, and left 0.25 inches and bottom 0.29 inches. *Total words: about 403. Total characters with spaces: about 2,837.*
2. **Title:** The title should be brief, clearly indicating the nature of the study. Type is in bold and all CAPS.
3. **Authors:** State all authors' initials and last names only. Italicize the presenting author's name.
4. **Affiliation:** List institutional affiliations, city, and state, separated by a semicolon (;). The following symbols *, †, and ‡ may be used to denote more than one affiliation.

See the following example:

*N.Varshney, *UMMC, Jackson, Mississippi*

Instructions for Setting Up Posters

The poster board area is approximately **4 feet high by 6 feet wide**

Poster Content

A poster is a visual presentation of your research or clinical project. Use schematic diagrams, graphs, tables and other strategies to direct the visual attention of the viewer, rather than explaining it using text as you would in a journal article.

A poster addresses one central question. State the question or hypothesis clearly in the poster and use your presentation to provide a clear and explicit take-home message. Posters usually have a similar structure to a research paper or journal article: an **abstract**, **introduction** (i.e., brief rationale or review of relevant research), **method** section, **results** section, and a **conclusion** or summary. If your poster is more clinically-oriented, you may elect to use a different format, but breaking things down into clear sections with headings will help your colleagues understand your poster easily and quickly.

In the busy and crowded environment of a poster session, most people do not have the ability to read and process long sections of text. Therefore, keep text to the bare essentials and stick to the most important ideas. You can convey details via discussion when you are standing by your poster.

Format

- Use bullet points to simplify sections like the introduction and conclusions.
- Use large type, such as 36-point type for section headings, and 24-point type for text. Never use type smaller than 18 point for any reason.
- Make effective use of underlines and **boldface**.
- Use graphs and figures whenever possible.
- Make your poster visually pleasing and attractive.

**2024 TRI-STATE PATHOLOGY CONFERENCE
SUBMISSION FORM**

Circle One: **Abstract/Poster** **Shocking Case**

Presenter's Name:

Email:

Title of Submission:

Authors:

Presenter's Affiliation:

Program Chair:

Program Chair's Email:

This form MUST accompany your email submission. Please note, if you are selected to present at the Tri-State Pathology Conference, you will be notified on or before Friday, April 5, 2024. Your acceptance will be required by Monday, April 8, 2024 or you will forfeit your invitation and an alternate abstract will be selected.

If you have any questions regarding this Call for Abstracts, please contact Stacie Johnson at 706-738-3119 or sjohnson@medicalbureau.net