



## Complex Case Abstract Submission

**Deadline: Submissions close at midnight on April 24**

The American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists is pleased to offer a scientific session highlighting the outstanding investigative work within the field of anesthesiology and the subspecialties. The peer-reviewed and accepted abstracts will be presented with a short PowerPoint Slide as a live presentation or as a poster during the Annual Convention & Conclave. Abstracts accepted for PowerPoint presentation will be eligible for award recognition.

Abstracts will be accepted in the following two categories: Complex Case submission and Scientific Investigation. **Abstract submission will close at midnight EST, April 24, 2026.**

CME PROGRAM: *The AOCA 2026 Annual Convention & Conclave*

DATE: *October 21 - 24, 2026*

LOCATION: *Las Vegas, Nevada*

### Complex Case Abstract Guidelines:

The following are the submission guidelines for the AOCA Annual Convention & Conclave. Compliance with the guidelines is required for abstract consideration. Content should be relative to the specialty of anesthesiology and its subspecialties.

- Title (Short, specific indicating the nature of the work)
  - Use title case when entering the title
  - Avoid abbreviations
- Authors and institutional affiliations should be listed
- Complex case submissions will include three (3) sections:
  - Introduction
  - Case Presentation
  - Discussion
- Submissions are limited to 3,300 characters
  - Character count includes:
    - Body text
    - Spaces
    - Figures, tables, and other graphics (300 characters each)
      - Tables, figures or other graphics should be inserted on individual pages and labeled
      - Permission to use copyrighted material must be obtained and proof submitted prior to use
    - Standard abbreviations may be used without definition
      - Non-standard abbreviations should be kept to a minimum
    - Use generic drug/product names rather than trade names
    - Submissions must include at least one (1), but no more than three (3) references
      - References are not included in the character count
    - The names and email addresses of all authors should be listed on the final page



- Once the abstract is submitted, no revisions are permitted
- Complex Case Abstracts will be scored on the following:
  - Clear description regarding the unique/challenging aspects of anesthetic management
  - Inclusion of clinical data and anesthetic management
  - Statement of how the observation supports a clinical or scientific principle for possible future investigation
  - Content organization
  - Presentation of subject knowledge
  - Clarity
    - Well-written in a style that is understandable by even a non-specialist
  - [Examples and resources](#)

### **General Guidelines**

- Primary abstract authors are encouraged to present in person at the AOCA Annual Convention & Conclave
  - In the rare case that the primary author is unavailable, a co-author may present
    - In fulfillment of scholarly project requirements, the intention is that trainees will present their work in the moderated sessions and be able to respond to moderator and audience questions
  - 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 submission is allowed per category per presenting author
  - The submitting author is responsible for abstract content
    - AOCA will not copyedit submissions
    - Permission must be obtained in writing by the primary author for uses of any copyrighted material
  - All communications regarding the abstract submission will be sent to the presenting author
  - The presenting author is responsible for providing the email for all authors
  - Abstract authors and 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 before the selected deadline, the abstract will not be reviewed and will be rejected
  - Failure to follow AOCA abstract policies may result in disqualification of an abstract
  - Resident and Student presenters are eligible for monetary recognition for the top abstracts