



ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

The 2024 VASSA Congress will be hosted by the Vascular Society of Southern Africa (VASSA). The programme will include presentations by invited Vascular Surgeons from around the world, as well as abstract presentations.

14 June 2024	Deadline for abstract submissions
5 July 2024	Feedback in terms of whether your submission has been accepted
15 July 2024	Deadline for accepted authors and co-presenters to complete their online registration
30 August 2024	End of early bird registration rate
18 – 20 October 2024	Congress

- All submissions are to be done online at www.vassacongress.co.za
- The congress will be in-person only, and conducted in English.
- Presenters must cover the costs of their congress registration, accommodation and travel expenses.

AUTHORS MUST AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The requested presentation type may be changed following review in order for it to be accepted and included in the programme.
- The presenting author is responsible for submitting the abstract. The presenting author is the main contact for this abstract, and it is their responsibility to communicate with the other co-presenters and ensure that they register for the congress.
- Accepted abstracts may be withdrawn from the programme if the presenting author does not confirm their acceptance of the offer by the date given above and/or does not register for the congress by the stated deadline.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION TYPES:

Oral presentation:

- 15 minute time allocation and will be allocated within a plenary | parallel session.
- Presenters may be required to participate in a Q&A at the end of their presentation.
- Only MS Power Point will be accepted for oral presentations.
- MS PowerPoint presentations must be saved as a .pptx file. 16x9 formats.
- Video presentations (if applicable) are to be in mp4 format.

Poster presentation:

- The poster boards are 2.45m high and 90cm wide, posters should comfortably fit onto the boards in portrait style - in A0 or A1 format. Oversize posters can unfortunately not be accommodated.
- Poster adhesive will be supplied by the organisers for each poster.

NOTE: At the review stage, the congress programme committee may request that the presentation format be changed / adapted in order to create a balanced congress programme. The presenting author will be informed of the decision. The decision of the programme committee is final, and presenters will be given the chance to accept or decline.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

- Abstracts must be submitted online via www.vassacongress.co.za

The following fields should be completed during online submission of the abstract:

- **PROFILE**
The presenting author should create and complete the online submission and not a co-author.
All communication will be sent to the author who created the profile.
The biography is compulsory (max 100 words).
- **TITLE**
Insert the full title of the proposed presentation. Title should not exceed 20 words.
- **PRESENTATION TYPE**
Select the type of presentation
- **CO-AUTHORS | AFFILIATIONS**
Names and affiliations of all co-authors
- **TEXT**
Insert the text of the abstract. You will not be able to type additional words once the 300-word limit has been reached, so please check your abstract once submitted. Do not insert the title or co-authors in this text block. Check that special characters have been copied correctly. Check that the full abstract has been successfully uploaded by logging out and logging in to your profile again.

Text will be limited to 300 words. Your abstract should state clearly what your presentation will cover how it will contribute to the particular session and be of benefit to the audience.

If you have any questions regarding abstract submission, please contact: Kristy Muller - kristy@confpartner.co.za