



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstract submission deadline:

March 23, 2026, at 9:00am CDT (Chicago Time)

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Instructions for Abstract Submission

ONLINE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION SYSTEM

All presenting authors are required to submit abstracts via the online submission system called “Abstract Scorecard” by Cadmium. To submit an abstract, go to <http://34thannual.org/> and follow the directions to [Submit an Abstract](#).

AUDIOVISUAL REQUIREMENTS

All Faculty of General Sessions, Pre-Courses, Focused Sessions and other educational sessions happening in Rio are expected to attend the meeting in-person and deliver their talks live. To provide an efficient meeting we require all speakers to deliver their presentations in PowerPoint or video format. Speakers will not be allowed to bring their own laptops to the podium, rather presentations will be loaded onto one master computer in the Speaker Ready Room.

Speakers must include subtitles on any video presentation components.

CSI Presentations

This year CSI Presenters will be required to present a pre-recorded presentation to be viewed on demand by congress attendees. CSI Presenters will be required to submit their presentation files several weeks prior to the live meeting dates for publication in the congress app and on the recorded meeting website. Additional details and instructions will be sent if you are accepted for a CSI presentation. CSI Presenters may attend either the in-person meeting or the on-demand recorded version.

NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING SUBMITTERS

As an option, non-English speaking submitters may wish to write their abstract in their native language and then have it translated to English. For those who do not speak English well and are accepted for a General Session oral presentation, it is **highly suggested** that an English translation of the presentation be pre-recorded and played with subtitles on the PowerPoint or video presentation.

Non-native English speakers who are accepted for an oral presentation may choose to have a colleague sit on the stage with them for the questions and answers portion of the live session.

ONLINE REVISIONS & DEADLINE

Once you create your initial online account, you can return to your abstract as many times as necessary to complete or edit until the cut-off date of **March 23, 2026, at 9:00am (CDT – Central Daylight savings Time/Chicago)**. If you need to update your submission at any time before the deadline, you can find completed abstracts on the homepage after you log in. To edit a submission, click the title, then click into the individual tasks to make changes. Be sure to save any changes you make. Incomplete tasks will not have the green checkmark.

REVIEW PROCESS

Abstracts will be rated without the authors’ names being viewable to the reviewers. Do not include identifying information (e.g. your name, name of clinic or city) in the abstract itself. After the deadline, all complete abstracts in the system will be rated by the World Congress Planning Committee. Any abstracts left “incomplete” will not be reviewed. There are no exceptions.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Accepted authors are expected to pay their own travel expenses and conference registration fees. All accepted presenters must be registered and paid-in-full for the World Congress by the indicated deadline, for their name to be published in the program. Those accepted for oral presentation must be present in Rio. CSI Presenters may register for either the in-person meeting or the on-demand recorded version. Conference dates of presentation cannot be guaranteed. Authors should plan to be in attendance for the entire meeting (Thursday-Saturday).

PUBLICATION

Accepted abstracts will be published in the 2026 *Abstract Book of the 34th World Congress of the International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery*, which will be made available in electronic PDF format. In addition, sessions will be recorded and will be available on demand for several months after the meeting. Some may be further rebroadcast after the meeting.

1. PRESENTATION FORMAT

You will be asked to choose your presentation format preference from the following list:

- Oral Presentation for General Sessions (Live Presentation Only)
- Cases, Studies, and Innovations (CSI) Presentation
- Patient presentation for the Live Patient Viewing
- Oral Presentation for Surgical Assistants / Non-Physicians Program (Live Presentation Only)

NOTE ON VIDEOS: If you plan to include a video component in your Oral or CSI Presentation, you are asked to provide a URL via YouTube for the video to be reviewed. The video should be free of any author names or identifying information. If your video is not yet complete, your abstract must describe what will be demonstrated in the video and the relevance.

NOTE ON CSI Presentations: CSI Presentations are a popular component of ISHRS World Congresses. Those accepted for a CSI Presentation will create a pre-recorded presentation to be viewed on demand by congress attendees. CSI Presenters will be required to submit their digital files several weeks prior to the live meeting dates. CSI Presentations will be reviewed by the CSI Chairs on the World Congress Committee and awards given on the first day of the congress. Further details will be provided if you are accepted for a CSI presentation.

2. CATEGORY

The online system will ask you to choose one category that best describes your abstract from the following list:

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| 1. Anesthesia, Sedation and Pain Management | 9. Donor Harvesting (FUE, FUT, Scar Correction) * | 16. Hair Loss in Women |
| 2. Basic Science | 10. Ethical Issues | 17. Innovations, Inventions, Robotics & Automation * |
| 3. Body Hair | 11. Ethnic Variations | 18. Marketing and Internet Issues |
| 4. Complications and Challenging Cases * | 12. Frontal Advancement: Flaps, Reductions, Expansion | 19. Non-AGA Hair Loss |
| 5. Consultation, Evaluation and Planning | 13. Graft Placement, including Implanters | 20. Non-Surgical or Medical Therapies |
| 6. Diagnostic Methods | 14. Graft Handling, Preservation & Survival * (Preparation, hydration/holding solutions, temperature/ischemia time, storage protocols, trauma prevention, implantation efficiency, and strategies to prevent poor graft growth) | 21. Post-operative Issues |
| 7. Digital Technology, Imaging, and AI in Hair Restoration * (Trichoscopy imaging workflows, AI scalp mapping, densitometry tools, planning software, 3D analysis, automated measurements) | 15. Hairline, Temple, and Crown design (Artistry and Aesthetics) | 22. Recipient Site Creation, Density, and Organization |
| 8. Donor Closure | | 23. Reconstructive, Transgender, and Pediatric Surgeries |
| | | 24. Regenerative Therapies * |
| | | 25. Scalp Micropigmentation |
| | | 26. Staffing, Surgeon & Team Ergonomics, Organization and Efficiency * |
| | | 27. Other |

*Highly seeking abstracts in categories marked with an asterisk.

3. THE ABSTRACT ITSELF

By following the instructions precisely, the chances of your abstract being accepted increase. The abstract limit is 2,000 words, excluding title and authors. There are four types of Abstracts: (1) **Abstract of Scientific Study**; (2) **Abstract on a Position**; (3) **Abstract of a Surgical Technique/Video**; (4) **Abstract on a Case for Live Patient Viewing**.

Title – The title should be brief, clearly indicating the nature of the presentation. In the beginning of the online process you will be asked to enter the title. When entering your title online, use title case (do not use all caps), do not put a period at the end of the title, and do not bold the title. Do not enter the title in the body of the abstract.

Example of correct title: The Effect of Factor Z on Healing Decubitus Ulcers

Authors – List the authors according to the instructions given online. **Do not list the authors in the body of the abstract.**

Body – The online system requires you to enter the body of your abstract in one of two ways: 1) copy/paste from a Word document or 2) type the abstract. Use the correct format below for the type of abstract you are entering:

(1) ABSTRACTS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDIES should adhere to the following format:

- A. **Introduction** – This should give background regarding the topic that you are writing about. This may include what prompted this study and what you are examining, studying or reporting.
- B. **Objective** – This should be a statement explaining what you sought to establish, measure, observe or prove.
- C. **Materials and/or Methods** – This should include how you carried out your study, what you examined and how you measured or analyzed the material or data. If your abstract is accepted, and you are selected to present, you must disclose the methodology used to calculate all rates (e.g. survival rate, transection rates). Report on the number of hairs (if possible), and not only the number of grafts. If you have HairMass Index data, then please include it.
- D. **Discussion/Results** – This should include what your analysis revealed and what it might lead to. Final data must be submitted. Only under extenuating circumstances will preliminary data be acceptable. Please indicate reason if this is the case.
- E. **Conclusion** – Summarize what you proved or disproved. Include patient recommendations, if any. All patient recommendations involving clinical medicine will be based on evidence that is accepted within the profession of medicine as adequate justification for their indications or contraindications in the care of patients. All scientific research referred to, reported or used in support or justification of a patient care recommendation must conform to the generally accepted standards of experimental design, data collection and analysis. **If you refer to research that does not meet the generally accepted standards as described above, then you should indicate this and disclose that the patient recommendations are anecdotal.**

IMPORTANT: Abstracts that do not include final results and instead indicate “results will be presented in time for the meeting” will not be accepted.

(2) ABSTRACTS ON A POSITION should adhere to the following format:

- A. **Introduction**
- B. **Premise**
- C. **Substantiating Data**
- D. **Discussion**

(3) ABSTRACTS OF A SURGICAL TECHNIQUE/VIDEO should adhere to the following format:

- A. **Introduction** – You should indicate that this is an abstract for a surgical video.
- B. **Technique** – Describe the type of surgery and technique that will be show.
- C. **Discussion** – Describe how it is different than other techniques and why it is interesting, important, or noteworthy.

(4) ABSTRACTS ON A CASE FOR LIVE PATIENT VIEWING should adhere to the following format:

- A. **Introduction** – You should indicate that this is a case for the Live Patient Viewing session. Include the patient’s age, type of hair loss, and other statistics.
- B. **Treatment** – Include what the patient had done (type of procedure, how many grafts, technique) and the date of the procedure(s). Don’t forget to attach before and after photos.
- C. **Discussion** – Include what is interesting or noteworthy about this case.

IMAGES

Please use the upload task to include graphics and photos within your abstract. Only .gif, .jpg, .png, and .pdf files are accepted formats for images. Be sure to set the resolution for your files to at least 300 dpi.

PHOTOGRAPHS – Proper pre- and post-operative photographs (before and after photos) are expected and should be included with the abstract.

Permission to use patient photographs is the responsibility of the author(s). All pre- and post-operative photographic results must not be computer altered or retouched. Use .gif, .jpg, .png, or .pdf format. **Photographs must be high quality, clear, and have good lighting.**

4. DISCLOSURES

All who submit an abstract will be asked to disclose financial relationships with ineligible companies and off-label usage as well as complete an author release information on the online system. If you do not have anything to disclose, you must indicate this on the online abstract submission form. **Disclosure information for all authors is required.**

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You will be notified as to whether your abstract has been accepted for presentation via e-mail in June 2026.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

If you have technical questions as you complete the process, you may contact **Cadmium technical support** Monday-Friday from the hours 8:00am-8:00pm (Central Time/Chicago).

You may submit a support ticket from the Abstract Scorecard site, or reach them via phone at +1-401-638-9239 or via email at Support@cadmiumcd.com

Note: Please do not contact the ISHRS headquarters for technical support. The ISHRS staff is not prepared to answer questions on the functionality of the Cadmium Abstract Scorecard system.

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