



## **MIDWESTERN VASCULAR 2026**

### **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

*(Please read all instructions carefully. Abstracts that do not adhere to the instructions may not pass the submission process.)*

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS: Abstracts may only be submitted electronically.** To submit your abstract, visit the [Society's Web Page](#) and go to the *Call for Abstracts* section on the *Annual Meeting Page*. The Society encourages members to submit your own original work, or to sponsor the original work of a colleague.

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Monday, April 6, 2026 (11:59 p.m. Central Time)**

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### **MVSS DUAL PRESENTATION/PUBLICATION POLICY**

The Midwestern Vascular Surgical Society has a policy that prohibits dual submission, presentation, or publication of research:

#### **SVS and SVS VAM Poster Session**

1. An abstract submission that has been accepted for oral presentation in the plenary session at the SVS VAM or will be published prior to presentation at the MVSS annual meeting, should *not* be submitted.
2. Work submitted to the SVS and accepted as poster at the SVS VAM can be submitted to the MVSS. If accepted to MVSS for oral presentation it can still be presented as a poster at the SVS Annual Meeting, but the authors are NOT ALLOWED to participate in the SVS VAM Championship Rounds.
3. Additional Items at risk for dual presentation/publication:
  - Any abstract/data that has been presented at a Regional, International, National, or International English language meeting or published in an English language journal prior to the annual MVSS meeting and is presented at the annual MVSS meeting will be considered a dual presentation or publication.
  - Presentations at local and state level meetings that do not publish in English language journals are exempt. Presentations in languages other than English are exempt.
4. Items under consideration for presentation at the MVSS annual meeting:
  - Items submitted to the MVSS for consideration for presentation at the annual MVSS meeting shall not be published in an English language journal before the annual MVSS meeting. Furthermore, at the time of abstract submission to the MVSS, the data shall not be under review for publication in a peer-review English language journal.

#### **Penalty for dual publication or dual presentation:**

- Both the submitter and the senior author may be barred from submitting abstracts/data to the MVSS for 3 years. The department chair of the submitter and senior author may be notified by letter.

**Due Process:**

- The Executive Committee of the MVSS will review the case and render a decision within 3 months of the discovered dual publication or presentation. The submitter and/or senior author may appeal the decision to the MVSS within 90 days of notification. The MVSS will complete the process within 6 months following initiation of the appeal.

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## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION POLICIES

### ACCME Disclosure

Authors are required to complete the Conflict-of-Interest section when submitting an abstract. Your submission will not be complete until your CME information is entered.

### ACCME Policy on Employees of Commercial Interests

Industry employees can be authors but **cannot be presenters** if the content of the abstract relates to the business lines and products of its employer.

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## JOURNAL OF VASCULAR SURGERY PUBLICATIONS

### Journal of Vascular Surgery Publications

Abstracts accepted for presentation at Midwestern Vascular 2026 will be published online in a future issue of the *Journal of Vascular Surgery*. The author confirms that the data in this abstract are accurate and final and will not be changed in the subsequent manuscript. It is imperative that the abstracts be accurate and final, as when published, they will be citable.

Abstracts Submitted for **Midwestern Vascular 2026** must adhere to the **Abstract Preparation Instructions** from the *Journal of Vascular Surgery Publications* regarding formatting, graphics, and tables. These instructions are noted on the next page. If the preparation of the abstract does not adhere to these instructions, your table(s) and/or graphic(s) WILL NOT be included for publication.

### GRAPHICS (TABLES & FIGURES)

- Figures & Tables must not exceed (2) two for each abstract.
- Figures must be the original, unpublished property of the authors, or permission must be included if the author is using the figure from another source.
- In MS Word, each figure must span 3 inches and all text and graphics must be easily legible at this size. Sketches must be done by a professional artist. Sketches that are not neat and professional will not be published. Figures must NOT contain patient information and empty space surrounding the figure must be cropped out. Figures must be separate from each other so they can be arranged properly in the Journal. **Figures must be referenced in the abstract and each figure must include a title.**

For example:

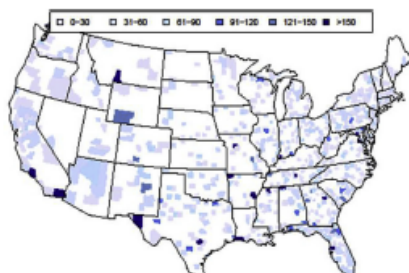


Figure 1. Intensity map demonstrating variation in median annual endovenous therapy (EVT) services per provider by county

○ **Tables**

- Tables & Figures must not exceed (2) two for each abstract.
- Tables must be the original, unpublished property of the authors, or permission must be included if the author is using the table from another source.
- Tables must be editable in the MSWord document.
- Tables may not contain information that could identify patients.
- Tables must use 12-point Times New Roman font and must NOT span more than one page in the Word Document.
- Tables must be cited in the abstract, include a title, and all columns and/or rows must be labeled.

*Example: Table I. Demographic Data following reconstruction.*

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- ❖ **Previously published images. It is highly recommended that you submit only your own original work with your abstract.** If any part of your submission has been previously published, or is not the original work of the authors, you must give full credit to the original source in the legend, or in the abstract text. A letter from the original source giving permission to reproduce the figure must be uploaded with the submission.

**Manuscript Submission to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery Publications*\***

The authors of abstracts that come to oral presentations **are required to submit** a manuscript to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery*.

- *If authors do not submit a manuscript by 90 days after the conclusion of the meeting, then the first and senior authors will not be allowed to submit an abstract for one year (i.e., the 2027 meeting) . The exception to mandatory submission will be made for authors whose abstracts are accepted for case report presentations and poster presentations, who will be encouraged but not required to submit a manuscript to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery Publications*.*

The guidelines for submission of your Manuscript(s) may be found on the ***Journal of Vascular Surgery Publications*** website [www.editorialmanager.com/jvs](http://www.editorialmanager.com/jvs). Please refer to the "Instructions for Authors." Once the manuscript is submitted, please send a confirmation of submission to **Dr. John Rectenwald MVSS Recorder** at [rectenwald@surgery.wisc.edu](mailto:rectenwald@surgery.wisc.edu).

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## **ON-LINE SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

If you have submitted an abstract to the Midwestern Vascular meeting using OASIS, **please use the same login information.**

If this is your first time visiting the Midwestern Vascular Surgical Society abstract submission site, please select **"Click here to create a new user Account"**. You will be prompted to enter your contact information, and to select a new login and password for use with the abstract submission system.

- Follow the instructions as requested by the program and complete all submission steps.
- To complete each step, make sure that you have entered information into all the required fields and click the "Continue" button to save your work.
- Abstracts that do not adhere to the submission policy will not be confirmed as complete by the system. Only completed abstracts will be considered.

- When you have completed your work, click on the “review my work” link to verify that your submission is complete and appears the way you want to submit it.
- If requested, the Oasis Abstract System will send you a confirmation email once your submission is complete.

## PRESENTATION TYPES

You must indicate the presentation type as follows:

- Free Paper Presentation Only
- Case Report
- Both Free Paper and \***Guthrie Award** – Basic Science Research by a Trainee
- Both Free Paper and \***Szilagyi Award** – Clinical Research by a Trainee
- Both Free Paper and \***Pfeifer Award** – Best Venous Paper
- **Case Reports:** Your abstract length should be in the form of a case study, technique descriptions or other topic amenable to a **3-minute presentation** (typically less than 8 slides). Time limits and a limited question and answer will be strictly enforced.

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARDS

- **Guthrie, Szilagyi and Pfeifer Award Submissions:** Submissions for these awards are: Basic Research by a Trainee for the Charles C. Guthrie and Clinical Research by a Trainee for the D. Emerick Szilagyi Award. John R. Pfeifer Award for Best Venous presentation does not have to be submitted by a Trainee. Awards will be given based on the best abstract and presentation at the Annual Meeting.
- **MVSS Disparities Research Award:** Presented to the trainee or medical student with the most outstanding full-length research presentation related to healthcare disparities.
- Presentations will be judged at the Annual Meeting by members of the Program Committee.

## ABSTRACT PREPARATION GUIDELINES

### AUTHORS/MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT

It is the policy of the Midwestern Vascular Surgical Society that either the primary author or one of the co-authors of each abstract be a member of the MVSS. If none of the Authors are members of the Society, a member of the MVSS must sponsor your abstract. *\*If a member is not included, or sponsorship information is not entered, your abstract will not be reviewed by the Program Committee.* Member Sponsors are required to contact the Society’s Administrative Offices or upload the letter with your on-line abstract submission.

The MVSS will send all correspondence to the primary author or member sponsor regarding the submission.

### AUTHOR BYLINE

All authors must be listed in the order they will be published. Each author must have clear institution information. If medical degrees are listed, all authors in all submitted abstracts must have medical degrees unless the author(s) does not have a medical degree. If medical degrees are not listed, none of the authors in all submitted abstracts may have medical degrees.

## ABSTRACTS/ABSTRACT TEXT

- Do not include title or authors within the abstract text.
- Format in boldface type the Objective(s), Methods, Results and Conclusions.
- Do not use footnotes or references.
- Follow the abstract preparation guidelines from the JVS on pages 2 and 3 for formatting, graphics/figures, and tables.

**IMPORTANT:** No reference should be made in or on the abstract to the name of the authors or institutions. Failure to follow this guideline will result in the abstract being excluded from Review by the Program Committee.

**Case Report:** Your abstract length should be in the form of a case study, technique descriptions or other topic amenable to a **3-minute presentation with less than 8 slides**. Time limits and limited question and answer will be strictly enforced. Structure your abstract as a "case" report. Disregard the electronic structure for free paper submissions.

**Free Paper Submissions:** Abstracts are limited to **2,000** characters maximum (50 characters minimum) which does not include title and graphics (spaces not counted) and structured as follows.

**Title:** A short declarative title is required. Do not phrase your title as a question or submit a two-part title.

**Objectives:** A brief statement of the purpose of the study and the current state of research in the field.

**Methods:** The methods of study or experimental approach clearly, but briefly, defined.

**Results:** A summary of the results of the study, including sufficient details to support those conclusions. These may be presented in a brief table.

**Conclusions:** A statement concerning the significance of the work and its possible implications for future research.

- PowerPoint and Excel files cannot be uploaded in the system.
- If you do not maintain within with minimum or maximum character limit, the system will not accept your submission as "complete" and will show your submission as "incomplete" in the list of submitted abstracts.

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