



• SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS •

**Electronic Submission of Abstracts Deadline:** Monday, May 7, 2018 at 11:59 pm (EDT)  
**Maximum Word Count:** 250  
**Minimum Word Count:** 25

All abstracts for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting must be submitted electronically via the official abstract submission website. To submit an abstract, please visit <http://pediatrictraumasociety.org/meeting/>. Please note that paper abstract submissions will not be accepted.

**ABSTRACT REQUIREMENTS**

- All abstracts must be submitted electronically or will not be considered.
- Abstracts must be limited to 250 words and one table or figure. The table or figure will count as 25 words toward the 250 word limit.
- Tables are limited to a maximum of 5 columns and 5 rows.
- The abstract should clearly state the purpose of the study or review, methods used, the results obtained and the conclusions.
- Authors and institutions must be omitted from the abstract text due to the blinding process used during the review. Failure to omit this information will result in the abstract not being considered.
- All presenters are required to register for the meeting and pay the registration fee. PTS does not offer an honorarium. Travel and housing arrangements are the sole responsibility of the presenter unless otherwise specified.
- Abstracts accepted for either an oral or poster presentation will have content published online at [pediatrictraumasociety.org](http://pediatrictraumasociety.org) and in the PTS program book given to participants at the meeting.
- Deadline for abstract submission for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting is **May 7, 2018 at 11:59 pm EDT**.
- Authors will be notified with the status of their submission by July
- Abstracts that have been presented at a national conference will not be considered. Abstracts presented at a local or regional meeting will be considered.

The PTS Program Committee will review and select abstracts for oral or poster presentations. Abstracts submitted for oral presentation not accepted to the program will be considered for poster presentation. Abstracts will be reviewed on originality, scientific merit, study design (if relevant), clarity of expression and presentation of data. The Committee will not accept abstracts previously presented at a national conference but will give priority to those works that have not been previously submitted. PTS will not accept abstracts already published.

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION CATEGORIES**

- Abdominal & Thoracic Trauma
- Basic/Translational Science
- Clinical Care
- Critical Care
- Education & Injury Prevention
- Emergency Medicine
- Innovation
- Neurosurgery/Neurological Trauma
- Orthopedics/Orthopedic Trauma
- Outcomes/Guidelines
- Pre-hospital/EMS
- Quality & Process Improvement
- Rehab/Psychology/Social Work
- Trauma Nursing
- Trauma Systems & Epidemiology
- Vascular Trauma

## WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE YOUR ABSTRACT

You will need the following materials and information in order to complete your abstract in the system:

- Two (2) evidence based references used in developing the abstract, furthermore they should be less than 6 years old unless it is a classic/seminal source. References need to be submitted in MLA style format.
- The presenting author's full contact information, including email address.
- Abstract text and corresponding tables or charts.
- Previously presented data information.
- Overall objective of the abstract and objective content outline.
- ALL disclosure information for ALL authors in the author block.

## THE JOSEPH J. TEPAS, MD AWARD

Established in 2016, the Joseph J. Tepas, MD Award will be presented to the authors who demonstrate excellence in trauma related research and best exemplifies Dr. Tepas' commitment to education and research. Two awards will be presented: a physician award AND a non-physician award. The lead author for the physician award must be either a medical student, resident, or fellow, in clinical training or a junior faculty member no more than five years past completion of their training. The non-physician award will recognize work in nursing, allied health, or other areas of trauma research.

### To be considered for the award:

- The research must be original and related to the continuum of pediatric trauma
- Not previously published or presented at a conference
- One author must be a member of the Pediatric Trauma Society
- The manuscript must be completed and submitted one month prior to the meeting

\*Finalists for this award will be notified and must submit an electronic copy of their manuscript to the Society's office 6 weeks prior to the meeting. You may indicate your interest in being considered for this award, by checking the appropriate box during the abstract submission process.

## SOCIETY OF TRAUMA NURSES (STN) SPONSORED NURSING RESEARCH PAPER COMPETITION

The Pediatric Trauma Society (PTS) and the Society of Trauma Nurses (STN) are leaders in promoting trauma nursing, including trauma nursing research and publication. Through a partnership with STN, PTS will host a dedicated nursing research paper competition at the 2018 PTS annual conference. This collaboration will promote and advance nursing research and acknowledge nurses' dedication in the field of pediatric trauma nursing research. Included in the website's submission form will be a list of criteria, and if needed examples of research. At a session during the 2018 Annual Meeting, a predetermined number of papers submitted will be presented orally. Both the paper and the presentation will be graded by a judging panel. Please note the winner will be required to submit a manuscript to the JTN.

### Criteria submission:

- A nurse is the first and/or senior author
- A nurse is the lead on the project.
- A nurse will be the presenter