



WELCOME TO THE ESA 2025/2026 ABSTRACT SUBMISSION PAGE for the ESA Annual Meeting in Rome, May 14-16

ESA invites you to submit abstracts of scientific communications for presentation at the upcoming Annual Meeting in Rome (Italy), May 14-16 2026.

Submitters have the choice to submit an abstract for

- Classical scientific presentations
- Special Lecture

All submitted abstracts will be peer-reviewed and the selection of the classical scientific presentations will be made by the Programme Committee, chaired by Prof André D'Hoore. The selection of the Special Lecture will be made by the ESA Council, at the Council Meeting at the end of November.

As usual, out of the selected abstracts, a limited number will be selected for publication in the Annals of Surgery.

CLASSICAL SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS

Abstracts within the following themes can be submitted:

- Bariatric
- Basic Research
- Colorectal
- Endocrine
- General
- HPB
- Teaching
- Transplantation
- Upper GI
- Digestive Surgery
- Vascular
- Other

If you are selected out of the submitted abstracts, you will be invited to give an oral presentation.



SPECIAL LECTURE

Since 2014, one “special article” (up to 500 words) that “aims to address important issues relevant to healthcare or medicine in general and which are of specific interest to the profession of surgery such as quality or safety, surgical reimbursement, surgical education, or other issues facing the profession” is included as presentation in the programme.

Also this year, ESA offers you the opportunity to submit an abstract for the Special Lecture that would suite the “Surgical perspectives” format of the Annals of Surgery, that addresses important issues relevant to healthcare, medicine in general, and which are of specific interest to the profession of surgery.

The topics of these articles may include

- surgical quality or safety
- surgical reimbursement
- surgical education
- or other issues facing the profession

Unlike the other abstracts, the selection of this Special Lecture will be performed by the ESA council at the end of November.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINES

- Abstracts for **Classical Scientific Presentations** can be submitted until **October 15, 2025** (23:59 CET).
- Abstracts for the **Special Lecture** submission can be submitted until **October 30, 2025** (23:59 CET).
- A notification regarding acceptance or rejection of abstracts to the submitting author will be sent via email (please make sure to check your spam folder) in the beginning of December

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstracts must be submitted via the abstract submission tool, available on the ESA website.

In order to smoothen the selection process, the ESA Programme Committee has added the following questions into the online submission process:

- Clearly state who is the ESA sponsor of the abstract
We would like to remind you that it is mandatory that the sponsor of the abstracts is a member of ESA. Without an ESA sponsor, the abstract will not be considered for evaluation.



- Declare if it concerns an RCT or not
- Make sure to choose the surgical specialty to which the abstract belongs
- Select if you would like to be considered for a Classical Presentation or for the Special Lecture
- Please note that at the time of submission, the material should not have been published or accepted for publication elsewhere.
- You can upload a maximum of two tables and two figures in a separate jpg or pdf.

Furthermore, please carefully read through the instructions for abstract submission.

Format of the abstract

All abstracts should be submitted electronically in .doc or docx format.

Please make sure to

- Underline the name of the presenter
- Put in bold the name of the ESA sponsor
- Add the names of all co-authors

Number of words

The abstract length is increased to maximum 500 words (title excluded) to allow clearer information in terms of novelty, clinical relevance or translational research, robustness of the statistical analysis and study endpoints.

Title

According to Annals of Surgery Editorial guidelines.

Background and Aims

Please provide here what is the established knowledge about the topic of the study, the rationale and the need for the present study and the future clinical implications deriving from conducting the study.

Study Design

Please provide here the setting of the study, if it is an observational retrospective, prospective or randomized controlled trial or any other type of study design. Please unequivocally define primary and secondary end-points of the study, how the recruitment of patients is accomplished, reasons for eventual exclusion, and the analysis planned to verify the initial hypothesis. These aspects are essential to verify the transparency regarding "what was planned and what was done", in particular, in this section it must clearly specified what specific hypotheses the researchers intended to test and the analytical methods by which they planned to test.



Statistical analysis

If an RCT, please provide here details about sample size estimation and power of the study. Do not report in this section the sample size of the study population. Provide also specific details about statistical methodologies applied especially when inferential statistic is applied. Statistic must be rigorous and the corresponding author must declare who performed it in the eventual subsequent full submission. Help from a bio-statistician is strongly encouraged. Please include registration number of RCT.

Results

Please provide here synthetically the results obtained according to the methods used in the study design section. Reviewer will expect to evaluate results that are correctly obtained.

Discussion

Please be very clear and synthetic. Provide only discussions which are in clear agreement with the results obtained.

Conclusion

Please explain with few, clear sentences the novelties or innovations contained in the study you are submitting.

Acceptance and presentation

Notification of abstract acceptance or rejection will be sent via email to the submitting author in the beginning of November. Please ensure you check your spam or junk folder in case the message is filtered.

A few weeks prior to the Annual Meeting in Rome, you will receive your assigned time slot for the oral presentation. Please note that the programme is final, **and no changes to the schedule will be permitted.**

Presenters are expected to be available at the time allocated by the ESA. If you are unable to attend, please arrange for a co-author to deliver the presentation on your behalf.

According to ESA guidelines, the **presence of the promotor** of the abstract is also required at the time of the presentation.

NEED HELP?

If you encounter any difficulties during your submission, please don't hesitate to reach out to esa@beyond-associations.be

