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PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

- Research that has been published or is scheduled to be published prior to POSNA should not be submitted for consideration. Case reports will not be accepted.

- Members and non-members can submit an abstract. If accepted, the PRESENTER must be a POSNA member or meet the non-member requirements below:

  If the presenter is not a member of POSNA, he/she must be a physician who has completed an orthopaedic residency, or equivalent training program, at the time of the presentation. Residency/training program graduates are allowed to present. This applies for Podium, Paper Poster and ePoster presentations.

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  (a) Purpose
  (b) Methods
  (c) Results
  (d) Conclusion
  (e) Significance

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- If you are unable to find a replacement that meets the criteria for presenters, you will not be permitted to present an abstract the following year.
- Urgent issues will be handled at the discretion of the POSNA Program Committee Chair.

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