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NYRIF ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

Abstract Guidelines: NYRIF East 2027

Rheumatology residents and fellows from across the U.S. and Canada are invited to submit abstracts showcasing original basic research, clinical research, or unusual clinical cases. Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to present at NYRIF East 2027 (Destin, Florida), May 12–16, 2027.

Please read through the abstract format and submission process before you begin.

1. Who may submit

- Residents and fellows-in-training in rheumatology. Medical students must have prior approval from CCR before submitting.
- Early-career clinicians or researchers (fellowship or earlier) with a special interest in rheumatology and a relevant submission.

2. Example topics

- Unusual and fascinating clinical rheumatology cases.
- Results of clinical trials.
- Scientific observations, or partially or fully tested scientific or clinical hypotheses relevant to rheumatology.

3. Reasons to attend

- Present to and talk with leading faculty and your peers while learning about the latest discoveries in rheumatology.
- Prizes are awarded for the top poster in each presentation group and for the best and runner-up oral presentations.
- Poster presenters receive a travel stipend of the announced amount to help offset travel costs.
- The top 10 presenters are invited to give oral presentations and receive a travel stipend of a larger amount instead.
- There is a limit of one travel stipend per presenter. Stipend eligibility is a separate question from whether you may submit or present.
- Accepted NYRIF presenters receive complimentary registration for CCR East 2027.
- NYRIF presenters may also present their posters at the CCR East 2027 faculty poster rounding session (a time announced by NYRIF staff), for another chance to discuss their research with experts.

4. Deadline

Abstracts must be submitted through the portal by 11:59 PM CDT on Friday, March 19, 2027.

5. Abstract format and preparation

- Upload the abstract as Word (.docx) or Word 97–2003 (.doc). Your CV is uploaded in the portal, and the COID is completed and signed online when it's required. Research and case study templates and a formatting guide are available to download at the end of these guidelines.
- Structure a research abstract into Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusion; the Conclusion states the main clinical implications, significance, or relevance. A case report has a brief introduction, the case presentation, and a summary of why the case matters to rheumatology.
- The abstract body is no more than 2,000 words. The title, authors and affiliations, disclosures, references, and any tables, graphs, or images don't count toward it.
- Up to five graphs, charts, tables, or images may be included in the body of the abstract. Images must be at least 300 dpi so they can be read in the printed program book.
- If patient images are included, hide every identifying characteristic that isn't pertinent to the case (for example, black boxes over faces).
- The title reflects the abstract in no more than 255 characters (including spaces). Don't italicize, underline, superscript, subscript, or use all capitals; capitalize major words; no final period; only standard abbreviations (DNA, TNF, IL-6).
- Use generic names, not brand names, for drugs and devices (for example, "pegloticase" rather than "Krystexxa").
- List authors under the title with complete first and last names (not initials), with up to two affiliations each. Other authors may list degrees, but the presenter's name appears without credentials or degrees. An author's name must be spelled the same way on every abstract.
- Don't put contact information in the abstract.
- Single-space the abstract in Times New Roman 12-point. Insert special characters with the Symbol font in Word.
- Clarity of expression is considered in review: check grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
- Avoid abbreviations where possible; define each one the first time it appears, with the abbreviation in parentheses.
- Revisions can be made until a date announced by NYRIF staff. Later changes, including adding, removing or changing authors, won't appear in the printed program and may not appear online.
- Abstracts can be withdrawn by emailing support@ccrheumatology.com; after a date announced by NYRIF staff they will still appear in the program book and may appear online.
- Every abstract states whether commercial interests funded or supported the research. If so, name the company and its role; if not, end the abstract with "No Disclosures." Without this statement the abstract will be rejected.
- Human research must conform to the Declaration of Helsinki, and animal research to the responsible-use requirements endorsed by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

6. Submitting in the portal

- Don’t register for the main CCR meeting yourself: accepted presenters receive a link for complimentary registration.
- Sign in with your email address; we email you a secure sign-in link. There is no password.
- Choose Submit Abstract and follow the steps: event, presenter CV, these guidelines, your abstract file, abstract details, the automated guideline checks, the CCR disclosure (if you present at CCR), and review and submit. Each step saves automatically.
- Each presenter may submit up to 2 abstracts.
- You’ll receive an email confirming your submission. If it doesn’t arrive, check your junk or spam folder, then contact support@ccrheumatology.com.
- Watch your email for the decision, and follow your abstract’s status on your dashboard at any time.

7. Notes

- Submitting an abstract does not register you for NYRIF or CCR, you will need to complete registration after acceptance.
- Only one travel award is given per presenter, even if more than one abstract is accepted.
- Submitting an abstract is a commitment to present it in person at the NYRIF symposium (a date announced by NYRIF staff).
- Abstracts accepted for NYRIF are automatically included for the main CCR poster session. Presentation at that second poster session is optional, but encouraged.
- All abstracts and posters appear online and are printed and distributed at the NYRIF symposium and CCR. Poster presentations are recorded for registrants. Make sure every permission needed for publication is in place before you submit.

8. Selection of abstracts and awards

- The faculty judging panel chooses 10 exceptional abstracts for oral presentations, with a larger amount stipends. A the announced amount stipend toward travel and meeting expenses is given to all other poster presenters.
- Presenters must attend the NYRIF symposium and present to receive travel stipends and complimentary CCR registration.
- The panel also chooses the top, runner-up and second runner-up oral presentations for an additional prize. All judges’ decisions are final.

9. Submission policies

- After the deadline the system closes and complete abstracts go to faculty review; abstracts can’t be revised or resubmitted after the deadline unless staff ask for changes.
- Proofread carefully. Selected abstracts are published exactly as submitted, though formatting may be adjusted for printing.
- To withdraw after the deadline, write to support@ccrheumatology.com before a date announced by NYRIF staff. Later withdrawals are accepted, but the abstract may still appear in print.

- Every abstract and poster must contain disclosures. Because the CCR poster session is approved for CME credit, no abstract or poster is accepted without them.

10. Poster preparation

- Each board is 4 feet high (121 cm) by 8 feet wide (244 cm), including the frame. We recommend a landscape poster no larger than 3 ft 6 in by 7 ft. Push pins are provided; one board per abstract.
- Text and illustrations should be readable from at least three feet away.
- Hang your poster at the time announced by NYRIF staff. NYRIF poster rounding: a date announced by NYRIF staff.
- After NYRIF, leave your poster on its board for the CCR faculty poster rounding session (a time announced by NYRIF staff). Don’t remove it before the end of the session; posters left afterwards are discarded.
- Post disclosures for the presenting author and lead investigator on your poster board.
- No audiovisual, projection, or powered computer equipment is permitted in the poster area.
- Presenters print and bring their own posters. Institutions, local print shops and online poster printers can produce large-format posters.

11. Style templates

Research abstract template
Background, Methods, Results, Conclusions, References, Disclosures and Figures, ready to fill in.

Abstract formatting guide
Fonts, sizes and section limits for each part of the abstract.

Case study abstract template
For an unusual clinical case: Background, Case Presentation, Summary / Clinical Relevance.

Questions? Email nyrif@ccrheumatology.com.