

CATEGORIES OF ABSTRACTS:

ORAL PRESENTATIONS There are two types of oral presentation:

Varied Length Papers

• **10 minute presentation plus five minutes discussion.** This variation is generally for major clinical retrospective or prospective studies, comprehensive clinical series, and experimental studies with statistical results.

• **8 minute presentation plus 2 minutes discussion.** Most appropriate for retrospective case series, experimental studies, new techniques or operations, etc.

POSTERS: Suitable for small series, case reports, new techniques, etc.

RULES FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS:

DEADLINES:

Deadline for submission of abstracts is December 17, 2010.
Deadline for videos is December 17, 2010.

- 1. No Previously Published Submissions:** The abstract submitted must present original work that has not and will not be published or presented prior to the 2011 MIRA meeting.
- 2. No Dual Submissions:** The abstract submitted must not have been submitted to any subsequent meetings.
- 3. No Previously Presented Abstracts:** All abstracts must be new and original content OR include at least 50% new data if previously presented at a meeting.
- 4. LENGTH AND FORMAT –** Abstracts should include four sections:
 - (1) objective of the study
 - (2) methods and procedures
 - (3) results (except in short papers/case reports)
 - (4) conclusions based on the results.

Allotted Space: Every abstract submitted must adhere to a **500 word limitation**. This restriction is strictly enforced via the online submission system.

TITLE – Must be short and specific. The body of the abstract should follow logically from the title. **TITLE SHOULD BE TYPED IN ALL CAPS.**

AUTHORS/INSTITUTION – List all authors with first author listed first. Underline name of presenting author. Follow list of authors with the primary department and institution of the main authors.

INTRODUCTION – The first sentence(s) must state the hypothesis, purpose, or specific objective of the study.

METHODS AND PROCEDURES – Describe the study design, subjects and evaluative procedures briefly. Clear documentation of statistical methodology should accompany the methods/results section.

RESULTS – A summary of the results must support the final conclusions and be stated in the abstract. Do not include statements about providing further data or conclusions at the time the manuscript is presented. (e.g. "results and recommendations will be presented" etc.)

CONCLUSION(s) – The abstract should close with a brief statement of the conclusion(s). All data presented must confirm,

refute or modify the purpose of the specific objectives of the study as stated in the introductory sentence.

NEW SYSTEMS & NOVEL APPLICATIONS FORMAT – These categories of abstracts will be judged primarily on novelty, uniqueness, interest and potential application/impact. **FORMAT: 1.** Objective of the study/technique; **2.** Description of the methods; **3.** Preliminary results if available; **4.** Conclusions/Expectations.

New Systems: Other robotic platforms besides Da Vinci robot
Novel Applications: New techniques utilizing Da Vinci robot for clinical or educational purposes

These categories should be used PRIMARILY FOR NEW TECHNIQUES OR TECHNOLOGY WHERE DATA IS STILL SPARSE OR INCONCLUSIVE. The technique or technology must clearly hold promise for potential future application and be unique. Except for the need for conclusive data, abstracts in this category are subject to all other rules and regulations of submission, presentation, and manuscript submission as standard categories.

4. PUBLICATION AND COMPLETE MANUSCRIPT – All Accepted Oral AND VIDEO Abstract Presenters are highly encouraged to submit a complete manuscript to the International Journal of Medical Robotics + Computer Assisted Surgery (IJMRCAS)

Manuscripts submitted to IJMRCAS will be fast tracked. Papers must be submitted prior to or at the time of presentation. To fulfill the video manuscript submission requirement, authors must submit the presented video (complete with English narration) and the video abstract summary text. Manuscripts must be submitted electronically via the following web site:

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5. NOTIFICATION – The Program Committee will send notification no later than January, 2011 indicating whether the abstract has been accepted for oral, video or poster presentation and indicating the time, date and session number of the presentation. Please note that there will be both plenary and concurrent sessions at the 2011 meeting.

6. SUBMIT ABSTRACTS –

All abstracts summaries **MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE**. Please visit the below link for instructions.

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7. RECOMMENDATIONS –

- Avoid the use of non-standard abbreviations. Too many abbreviations, especially non-standard ones, make the abstract difficult to follow.
- Consider displaying the data in table form. This often improves the clarity of the abstracts and can save space.
- Be certain that the number of experiments performed is sufficient to statistically justify the conclusion.
- English is the official language of MIRA. All abstracts and manuscripts should be carefully proofread.