



2026 Call for Abstracts and Applications

Deadline January 26, 2026 — 5:00 PM CST

Share your knowledge with orthopaedic surgeons from around the world at the 2026 OTA Annual Meeting, **September 23-26, 2026 in Nashville, TN. The deadline for submissions is January 26, 2026 – 5:00 PM CST.**

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SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

Podium: Podium presentations are five minutes in length. There is not a separate submission form for posters. The OTA Program Committee will determine the most effective presentation method, either podium or poster (accepted posters may fall under the Annual Meeting Program, Basic Science Focus Forum or International Trauma Care Forum).

New!

- If selected for a poster presentation, presenters are required to stand by their poster during designated times to engage with attendees and answer questions.
- If a presenter does not display their poster at all, all authors and the institution will receive a warning. Repeating the offense the next year will lead to a 1-year ban on presentations from the entire institution in any format.

Breakout: One main topic with a moderator and 3 to 4 faculty. Open to questions from the audience. This includes case presentations. Concurrent & unopposed breakout sessions are held throughout the meeting — 60 min in length.

Main Symposium: One main topic with a moderator and 3 to 5 faculty. Leave a minimum of 10 minutes for discussion and questions at the end of the session. This is held in the general session room and runs unopposed with no concurrent sessions — up to 60 min in length.

Late Breaking: Abstracts with primary outcome data that are not available at the time of abstract submission. Submitted abstracts will need to include sufficient data for the committee to judge the scientific rigor and magnitude of the research (i.e., demographic data, study interventions, study outcome, follow-up rates, etc.). If accepted, authors will need to provide the Program Committee Chairs an unblinded abstract by July 1, and the full manuscript at the standard September deadline. There will be no exceptions. The data collection should be completed or near completion.

The Late Breaking category is reserved for high-impact papers, typically prospective multicenter studies with large sample sizes, that are likely to be published in major medical journals and would not be eligible for presentation at the following OTA meeting. This does not include literature reviews, retrospective studies (even if multi-center). This category is specific to high impact prospective studies only.

New Techniques (Video format): Abstracts submitted to this category address a clinical innovation of interest to the membership, not yet at a level of evidence that supports its inclusion as a typical podium submission. These abstracts may address a novel solution to a clinical problem, a new technique, or a new implant supported by early clinical data.

This category is not designed to serve as an advertisement for a particular commercial product, please avoid commercial bias; this includes any mention of a commercial device name. Please describe the novel device without mentioning the proprietary name. You cannot submit your abstract to both this category and the podium category. You must choose one category.

Video presentation details/instructions will be provided if accepted.

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Note: Financial disclosures will not be required for corresponding authors or co-authors.

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IMPORTANT DATES

January 26, 2026 5:00 PM CST	Abstract Submission Closes
Early April 2026	Accepted / Declined Notifications Sent
May 2026	Annual Meeting Registration Opens
July 1, 2026	Late Breaking Unblinded Abstract Due

QUESTIONS: Contact [Sheila Alegria](#) with any questions.