

Abstract Submission Guidelines for Posters and Oral Presentations

Key dates

Abstract submission deadline: 30-November-2026

Notification of abstract selection to authors: late January 2027

Information

All in-person attendees are invited to submit an abstract, indicating their preference for a poster presentation and/or a short talk (10-15 minutes).

Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by an international panel of experts (the Medical Panel). Authors' requests on the presentation format will be considered but the final decision rests with the evaluation committee.

Main sessions will address the pathophysiology, clinical presentation, prevention, management, and clinical decision-making associated with musculoskeletal complications in SMA, including scoliosis, contractures, and hip, joint, and thoracic conditions. The programme will further examine physiotherapy approaches, evolving perspectives on long-term functional outcomes, novel assessment methodologies, technology-enabled care, and other innovative strategies with the potential to advance clinical practice.

Abstract submissions are encouraged on all musculoskeletal aspects of SMA, including basic, translational and clinical research, clinical presentations and practical approaches to prevention, management, and clinical decision-making. Contributions addressing broader innovations in SMA care are also welcome.

Authors will be requested to indicate one of the following topic categories for their abstract:

- Musculoskeletal System Development and Complications in SMA
- Bone Health in SMA
- Spine in SMA
- Hip in SMA
- Contractures and Joints in SMA
- Prevention and Rehabilitation in SMA
- Innovation in SMA Care
- Other topics in SMA

All accepted abstracts will be published in the Symposium abstract book.

It is the author's responsibility to obtain approval from all co-authors before submitting the abstract. If accepted, any spelling, grammatical or scientific errors will be reproduced as typed by the author.

An acknowledgement of receipt of the submission will be sent to the e-mail address of the presenting author specified in the registration form. The presenting author will receive all correspondence concerning the abstract and is responsible for informing co-authors of the status of the abstract.

Abstract instructions

- Please note that abstract submission is available only **after registration**. The Registration Reference Number (sent in the registration confirmation email) will be required for the abstract submission.
- In case an abstract is fully rejected, the author will have the option to receive a full refund of the registration fee.
- Abstracts must be submitted through the dedicated website:
<https://na.eventscloud.com/eSites/885183/Welcome>
- Abstracts must be submitted by the presenting author.
- Abstracts must be written in English.
- Title: up to 200 characters.
- Body text (including spaces but excluding title and author's information): up to 3000 characters.

Please include the co-author names in the uploaded abstract file, but copy only the body text in the box on the portal.

- Listed co-authors for each abstract: maximum 20. Additional co-authors should be referred to as a Study Group and can be displayed on the poster or acknowledged during an oral presentation.
- References and credits should not be included in the abstract, nor subheadings or keywords. Subheadings will automatically be removed.

If a selected presenting author cannot attend, they should assign a substitute and inform the SMA Europe Research and Medical Manager (federica.fontana@sma-europe.eu) of this replacement in due time.

Poster requirements

If the abstract is selected for a poster presentation, please note the following:

- Posters will be displayed throughout the event in the dedicated poster room.
- The presenting author must be present at the poster during the entire duration of the assigned session.
- Poster size should not exceed H = 150 cm, W = 90 cm, in portrait mode.

Contact

For any technical questions on the registration portal, please contact Ms. Astrid Dedrie:
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