

16th Annual Scientific Meeting

Call for Abstracts



September 9 – 12, 2012

Washington State Convention Center
Seattle, WA

Abstract Deadline: April 9, 2012 (11:59 PM CT)

Hotel Reservation information available online.
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GENERAL INFORMATION

About HFSA

The Heart Failure Society of America (HFSA) represents the first organized effort by heart failure experts from the Americas to provide a forum for all those interested in heart failure research and patient care.

The HFSA is dedicated to:

- Promoting research related to all aspects of heart failure and to providing a forum for presentation of basic, clinical and population-based research.
- Educating health care professionals through programs, publications, and other media in the areas of basic science, clinical medicine, patient management, and social, ethical and economic issues to enable them to diagnose and treat heart failure and concomitant medical conditions more effectively.
- Encouraging primary and secondary preventive measures to reduce the incidence of heart failure; serving as a resource for government, private industry, and health care providers to facilitate the establishment of programs and policies that will better serve the patient.
- Enhancing quality and duration of life in those with heart failure.
- Promoting and facilitating the formal training of physicians, scientists and allied health care providers in the field of heart failure.

Typical Attendees Expected

- Cardiologists, CV Surgeons, Internists and Primary Care Physicians
- Clinical Researchers
- Cardiac Rehabilitation Professionals
- Nurses, Nurse Practitioners
- Epidemiologists
- Health Care Administrators
- Industry
- Pharmacists
- Research Scientists

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CME Information

The Heart Failure Society of America is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Scientific Program

The Heart Failure Society of America designates this live activity for a maximum of 25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in these activities.

Nurses: Nursing credit will be applied for.

Satellite Symposia

Credits will be provided for physicians and nurses who attend satellite symposium programs. Satellite symposia on Sunday each provide 2 hours of credit, Monday and Tuesday morning provide 1 hour credit each.

Badges will be automatically scanned when entering a session (including satellite programs). This information will be used to identify attendance for CME credits and will be used exclusively by the HFSA. No information will be sold or shared with anyone outside the HFSA.

Preliminary Plenary and Symposia Topics

- Cardiovascular physiology
- Pharmacologic therapy
- Epidemiology, prevention
- Outcomes, health service research
- Clinical trials
- Cardiovascular structure
- Neurohormones, tissue factors
- Molecular biology genetics
- Surgery, transplantation devices
- Electrophysiology, arrhythmias

Poster Sessions

Poster sessions provide opportunity for interaction between the presenter and the audience. Posters will be on display Monday, September 9 and Tuesday, September 10, 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM. Presenters will be at their posters between 5:45 PM and 6:45 PM.

Special Needs

The HFSA strives to hold meetings that are accessible to all. Please tell us what you require to help make your participation more enjoyable and meaningful. Contact Gudrun Echterhoff, Global Meetings & Incentives at gudrun@global-mtgs.com (201-850-7607).

Conference Location

The 16th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Heart Failure Society of America will be held at the Washington State Convention Center, Seattle, Washington. Located in the heart of Seattle, the jewel of the Pacific Northwest, this high-tech, state-of-the-art facility is just steps away from dozens of the city's best restaurants, cultural attractions, and entertainment, including breweries, museums, trails, ferries, shopping and more. The Center features a variety of function rooms and exhibit space as well as advanced audiovisual and telecommunications services.

Visas / Letters of Invitation

If you have visa requirements it is highly recommended that you begin the process soon. Letters of invitation for visa purposes will be provided by the HFSA office upon request. Please email your request to info@hfsa.org. It should be understood that the letter of invitation is meant to help members obtain a visa and is not a commitment on the part of the organizers to provide any financial support. The decision to grant a visa belongs solely to the embassy/consulate. Should your application be denied, HFSA cannot change the decision of the government agency.

Registration Fee

The registration fee includes admittance to all meeting events, including scientific sessions, opening reception, poster sessions, satellite symposia, and commercial exhibits.

Registration Hours

Saturday	September 8	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sunday	September 9	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Monday	September 10	7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Tuesday	September 11	7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday	September 12	7:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Exhibit Hours

Sunday	September 9	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Monday	September 10	9:30 AM – 7:00 PM
Tuesday	September 11	9:30 AM – 7:00 PM

An application to exhibit and exhibit prospectus may be obtained by contacting the HFSA at info@hfsa.org or download a copy at hfsa.org (annual scientific meeting).

New this year: Leading Research Session

A special general session for complete oral presentations of accepted abstracts representing major evolving concepts in clinical care or physiology in heart failure has been added to the 2012 scientific program.

Returning by popular demand

Rapid-fire Oral Poster Presentations by poster authors. As introduced last year, posters judged most notable for impact or controversy will be selected for presentation with slides and audience comment in the rapid fire oral abstract sessions. If your abstract is chosen as a 3-minute rapid-fire oral presentation, the notification and details will be included with the abstract acceptance letter. Abstracts accepted for rapid fire oral presentation will also be featured posters on the same day as part of the poster session.

INVESTIGATOR AWARDS

The HFSA offers 3 award competitions at its annual meeting: the Jay N. Cohn New Investigator Award – Basic Science; the Jay N. Cohn New Investigator Award – Clinical/Integrative Physiology; and the Nursing Investigator Award. These awards are to recognize research excellence in young trainees and investigators. Finalists will present their work in highly-profiled scientific sessions at the annual meeting.

Jay N. Cohn New Investigator Awards

The HFSA is sponsoring the Jay N. Cohn New Investigator Award (JNCNI) as part of its 16th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Heart Failure Society of America. A special committee will choose up to five finalists in each of two categories (basic science, clinical/integrative physiology research). The finalists will be invited to present their research results in respective JNCNI Award sessions during the Annual Scientific Meeting. Cash prizes will be awarded based on the abstract presentation.

Eligibility: Candidate must have completed training no earlier than 2009. Candidate must be first author and presenter of abstract submitted and have played a major role in research study being submitted.

Nursing Investigator Award

The HFSA is sponsoring a Nursing Investigator Award as part of its 16th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Heart Failure Society of America. The award is established to recognize outstanding, innovative research in the field of heart failure from a nurse researcher.

Eligibility: Candidate must be a nurse investigator or a student in an accredited nursing program and first author and presenter of the abstract submitted. Candidate cannot be a member of the HFSA Nursing Award Committee. Previous winners of this award are ineligible. Individuals cannot apply for both the Clinical Excellence in Nursing and Nursing Research Awards in the same year.

Finalists for each award will be notified on or about June 1, 2012.

Award Application Submission

Award Application is available on-line and must be completed and submitted with the abstract in order to be considered for an award.

Complimentary registration will be provided to finalists. Other expenses to attend the meeting are the attendee's responsibility.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Electronic Submission

The electronic submission method works optimally with Microsoft Internet Explorer version 7.0 or higher, Safari version 4.0 or higher, or Mozilla Firefox version 6.0 or higher. The electronic Call for Abstracts screen provides links so that you can download this free software.

On-line submission will allow you to create a user name and password, enter your abstract and save it and then return to it from anywhere you have Internet access to edit and update it (until you have submitted the abstract).

The Web site is available 24 hours a day until 11:59 PM (CT) on Monday, April 9, 2012, from any location that has access to the Internet.

Multiple authors can easily review and/or work on the abstract from different sites (not at the same time).

The Web site supports graphic images, tables (with special characters/symbols), Greek characters and special symbols.

Follow the on-screen instructions for on-line submission.

If technical assistance is needed, please contact Marathon Multimedia at (507) 333-1000. Technical support is available from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM CT (Monday through Friday).

Abstract Deadline

Abstracts must be received electronically no later than 11:59 PM (CT), Monday, April 9, 2012. **Paper submissions or faxed abstracts are not acceptable.** You will receive notification by e-mail that your abstract has been received. Notification of acceptance or rejection of abstract(s) will be mailed on or about May 27, 2012.

Acceptance:

Some accepted abstracts will be selected for presentation in rapid fire oral abstract sessions. If your abstract is chosen for an oral presentation, notification will be included with the abstract acceptance letter. Abstracts accepted for rapid fire will also present as a poster on the same day during the afternoon poster session.

1. Abstracts accepted are embargoed for release until the time of presentation at the Heart Failure Society of America's Scientific Meeting.
2. Abstract grading is blinded. Abstracts are selected on the basis of scientific merit.
3. Acceptance notifications will be sent on or about May 27, 2012.
4. Abstracts accepted for presentation will be published as a supplement to the Journal of Cardiac Failure. Authors whose abstracts are accepted give HFSA permission and the authority to submit and have published his/her abstract, without compensation, in the Journal of Cardiac Failure.
5. Authors will be expected to attend the meeting and present their posters.
6. All abstracts submitted must comply with the guidelines to be considered for acceptance.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Rules for Submission:

Author Name(s)

1. If an author's name appears on more than one abstract, it must be identical on each abstract.
2. The submitting author is designated as the presenting or primary author. You may re-arrange the order of the authors; however, the senior author must always be listed last.

Abstract Data

1. The Heart Failure Society of America is a forum for presentation of novel research findings. Therefore, work covered by the abstract must not have been published (manuscript or abstract), prior to March 31, 2012.
2. Abstract data may not be presented at a national meeting or world congress in the United States prior to July 1, 2012.
3. Authors should not "split" data to create several abstracts from one. If splitting is judged to have occurred, scores of related abstracts will be reduced.
4. Abstracts containing identical or nearly identical data submitted from the same institution and/or individuals will be disqualified.
5. Informed consent: any studies involving human subjects must conform to the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki of the World Medical Association (Clinical Research 1996;14:103) and must meet all of the requirements governing informed consent of the country in which the study was performed. Any procedures performed must meet with prevailing ethical standards.
6. Use of Animals: All studies involving the use of animals must conform with the 1991 revision of "Guiding Principles in the Care and Use of Animals" (American Physiological Association).

Industry Abstract Submissions

Abstract submissions from industry representatives are allowed. Submissions are required to focus on science and research and not on specific products or services. Abstract presentation may NOT be sales presentations and/or endorsement for products or services.

Abstract Withdrawal:

Withdrawal of accepted abstracts must be received, in writing, by HFSA no later than June 15, 2012 to avoid publication in the *Journal of Cardiac Failure* supplement.

Abstracts submitted to HFSA and AHA:

The American Heart Association has modified their policy regarding abstracts accepted for presentation at the 2012 AHA Scientific Sessions and other scientific meetings including the HFSA. This is for early career Investigators only.

"If early career investigators feel compelled to increase their opportunity of scientific interaction, then the abstract submission to the AHA must have incremental information from the abstract submitted elsewhere to justify submission and presentation at the AHA, should the investigator's work be accepted at both meetings. Each investigator will determine, in good conscience, what constitutes incremental information and should notify AHA staff."

Rules for Preparation of Abstracts

Title:

1. An abstract must have a short, specific title (no abbreviations) that clearly indicates the nature of the investigation.

Text:

1. Briefly describe the objectives of the study unless they are contained in the title. If applicable, include a brief statement of methods. State findings in sufficient detail to support conclusions. Abstracts should not describe research in which the chemical identity or source of the reagent is proprietary or cannot be revealed.
 2. Use generic names wherever possible. Product-based names are to be used only when necessary.
 3. Avoid beginning sentences with numerals.
 4. Standard abbreviations may be used without definition. Nonstandard abbreviations (minimum number) should be placed in parentheses after the first use of the word or phrase abbreviated.
 5. No references, credits or grant support should be included in the abstract.
 6. No identifying information about patients participating in a study or trial should be used (name or personal information).
 7. Check category for submission carefully to assure proper scientific consideration.
- 8. Proofread abstracts carefully to avoid errors before submission. No corrections will be allowed once abstract has been submitted.**

Writing an Abstract

1. **Title:** Make the title dynamic and conclusive, rather than descriptive
2. **Structure:** A well written abstract should have the following identified sections: Introduction, Hypothesis, Methods, Results and Conclusions.
3. **Category:** Carefully choose the correct category for submission of your work.
4. **Length:** Maximum length is 2,800 characters including tables and graphs.

Award Competitions

If also submitting for an award competition, please check the appropriate box and complete information as required.

Co-Author Approval

The submitting author will be required to check a box verifying that all co-authors have read and approved the submission of the abstract.

Disclosure Form

A disclosure form identifying commercial relationships for all co-authors will need to be completed online for each abstract by the submitting author. *When the box has been checked, the submitting author is signing and verifying disclosure on behalf of all co-authors.* Disclosure information for accepted abstracts will be made available to the 2012 scientific meeting attendees.

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

	Sunday 9/9	Monday 9/10	Tuesday 9/11	Wednesday 9/12
6:00 AM				
		Continental Breakfast	Continental Breakfast	Continental Breakfast
7:00 AM		Satellite Symposia	Clinical Fundamentals Sesssion	Clinical Fundamentals Sesssion
8:00 AM		Opening Remarks		HFSA Business Mtng
9:00 AM		Opening Plenary Session	Scientific Sessions	Scientific Sessions
10:00 AM		Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
11:00 AM	Clinical Fundamentals Sesssion	Scientific Sessions	Scientific Sessions	Scientific Sessions
12:00 PM		Lunch Break	Lunch Break	
1:00 PM	Satellite Symposia	Rapid Fire Abstract Session	Rapid Fire Abstract Session	
		How-To Sessions	How-To Sessions	
1:45 PM			Award Announcements	
2:00 PM		Scientific Sessions	Hyde Park Session	
3:00 PM			Scientific Sessions	
		Coffee Break	Coffee Break	
4:00 PM	Excellence in Basic Science Scientific Session 3:30 - 6:00	Scientific Sessions	Debates	
5:00 PM	Satellite Symposia 4:00 - 6:00		Scientific Sessions	
6:00 PM	Opening Reception (Refreshments and Hors D'oeuvres)	Poster Session (Refreshments)	Poster Session (Refreshments)	
7:00 PM				

Satellite Symposia

These special one or two-hour programs are supported by industry. Although these programs are not part of the scientific program as planned by the 2012 Scientific Program Committee, they have been reviewed and approved by the Satellite Program SubCommittee. Each satellite program is CME accredited. All guidelines related to accreditation apply.

To attend a satellite program, individuals must be registered as an attendee at the Annual Scientific Meeting. No additional registration fee is required. Each attendee's badge will be automatically scanned upon entering each satellite program. This information will only be used to verify attendance and to receive CME credits.

Excellence in Basic Science

This Sunday afternoon scientific symposium will bring together research scientists with an interest in basic mechanisms of heart failure. This session is part of the 16th Annual Scientific Meeting of the HFSA. Check the HFSA web site (www.hfsa.org) for details regarding speakers and topics to be discussed.

Poster Schedule

Posters will be displayed on Monday, September 10, and Tuesday, September 11, 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM. Presenters will be at their posters between 5:45 PM and 6:45 PM.

Details regarding speakers and presentations will be posted on the HFSA website once the program has been finalized.