



2027 WOUND HEALING SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING ▪ SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS ▪

Abstract Electronic Submission Deadline: Monday, November 16, 2026 @ 11:59 pm (EDT)

**This is the final Abstract Submission Deadline, No Extension will be provided this year.*

Maximum Character Count:	3000
Minimum Word Count:	50

All abstracts for the 2027 Annual Meeting must be submitted electronically via the official abstract submission website at <http://woundheal.org>

General Requirements & Information:

The 2027 Wound Healing Society Annual Meeting is a forum for the presentation of the best original work in the field of Wound Healing. *The work presented in abstracts must not be previously published.*

- Session assignment is decided by the program committee.
- Authors grant license to the Wound Healing Society for publication of the abstract.
- Indicate your presentation preference (oral, rapid fire poster, display poster or either). The program committee will make every effort to accommodate your request.

Abstract Title:

- An abstract must have a short, specific title that clearly identifies the nature of the study.
- Abstract titles that identify presenting institution, authors or geographic area will be disqualified.
- The title must be entered with **all capital letters**, no bolding or italicizing.
- Title should be no longer than 200 characters with spaces.

Author and Affiliation Information: List the presenting author as the Primary author, then any additional authors and Senior author last. Please list corresponding affiliation for each.

Abstract Body: The abstract is limited to 3000 Maximum Character Count (with spaces) excluding title, authors and affiliations.

The abstract Body should be broken into 4 sections (Background, Methods, Results, & Conclusion)

- 1) A sentence stating the purpose of the study
 - 2) A brief description of methods
 - 3) A summary of results with sample size and statistical results as appropriate
 - 4) A statement of conclusions reached. Do not state that the “results will be discussed”
- Single case reports are acceptable, but are low priority, unless exceptionally innovative or informative
 - Abbreviations should conform to the Style Manual for Biological Journals (American Institute of Biological Sciences, 3900 Wisconsin Avenue, Washington, DC 20016)
 - Place nonstandard abbreviations in parentheses after the full word the first time it appears
 - Non-proprietary (generic) drug names are required (lower case) the first time mentioned, e.g. furosemide. Proprietary drug names should be capitalized, e.g. furosemide (Lasix)

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

- Acute Wounds
- Aging & Senescence
- Angiogenesis
- Bioengineering/Biomaterials
- Burn Wounds
- Chronic Wounds
- Epithelialization
- Extracellular Matrix
- Fibrosis/Scarring
- Growth Factors
- Infections & Biofilms
- Inflammation & Immunity
- Novel Therapies
- Oxygen/Hypoxia
- Regeneration
- Stem Cells

ABSTRACT SCORING RUBRIC

Active WHS members read and score abstracts, including those in the Program Committee.

	High 1-3	Medium 4-7	Low 8-10
Purpose (What): Identify goal of the work or question being addressed.	Strong, clear, and thorough, yet concise, statement of objective.	Clear and somewhat thorough statement of objective.	Unclear question or objectives not stated.
Relevance/Significance (Why): Describe relevance and why investigating is necessary	• Author clearly describes the knowledge gap • Outlines need for improvement	• Author hints at knowledge gap/has to be inferred by reader • Somewhat disorganized presentation	• Knowledge gap not identified • Irrelevant background • Disorganized description
Study strategy/approach (How): Describe study design and rationale.	• Specific, clear, testable objective • Methods, resources, and design have rationale • Presented in organized, specific, and concise manner	• Methods, resources, and design discussed lack specificity • Somewhat disorganized presentation	• Vague, untestable research objective • Lacking rationale • Disorganized and poorly presented
Results/outcomes/evaluation: Describe study findings, include actual data and significance, aka results + interpretation	• States all results with quantitative data (if applicable) • Includes evidence of statistical analysis in organized, specific, and concise manner • Provides comparisons to benchmark data • Clear, precise interpretations • Thorough, organized explanation if unexpected/negative data/results achieved	• States some, but not all results with quantitative data (if applicable). May have qualitative data. • Some/incomplete evidence of statistical analysis, or lacks specificity • Some comparisons to benchmarks • Superficial explanation if no data/results achieved • Interpretation present but disorganized/wordy or unclear	• Restatement of methods • No results stated or no explanation for lack of results • Conclusion/evaluation lacks organization, specificity
Implications: Describe implications for field or for clinical practice. Place the findings in context of field.	• Clear, concise description of how project fits within larger field • Places investigation in context of continuing work	• Generic, not specific about how investigation fits within larger field or continuing investigation • Somewhat disorganized/wordy	• No implications provided • Re-statement of results • Does not place work in context of field or clinical practice

AWARDS

- Please read the award eligibility criteria carefully. We will not consider you for an award if you do not check the box during abstract submission.
- Please **check all awards boxes you are eligible for**. However, please **do not check every box** as that will be **automatic disqualification** for award eligibility (example, you cannot be a trainee and faculty simultaneously).
- **WHS awards** will be Presented at the WHS Annual Meeting during the **WHS Awards Ceremony**. Winners must be present.
- **SAWC awards** will be presented during the **SAWC Awards/Poster Gala**. Winners must be present.

Award	Objective	Award Details	Eligibility	Award Process
Young Investigator (YI) <i>(YI Session offers CE credit; ALL authors must complete a non-disclosure form upon acceptance)</i>	Recognize promising young scientists and foster scientific dialogue around their innovations Top-scoring individuals present their abstract in the YI podium session.	- Each winner receives \$500 and certificate. - Top four (4) presentations receive additional \$500. 1st place is invited to present at the next European Tissue Repair Society annual meeting.	- Must check correct box during abstract submission - Must be a trainee (faculty or equivalent not eligible) at time of application. - Must be first author - Must be a WHS member upon abstract acceptance. - Prior YI finalists (top 4) and projects from the last 3 years are ineligible.	- Awards Committee selects 8 finalists from top 20 YI abstracts. Multiple finalists from same lab group allowed if no significant project overlap. - Finalists must present at the Young Investigator Session at the Annual Meeting. - Winners selected by on site scoring of YI Session podium presentations, by vetted judges with no conflicts of interest.
Industrial Research & Development Poster	Spotlight corporate R&D scientists advancing product development through rigorous research on mechanisms of action and efficacy	\$500 (1 award)	- Must check correct box during abstract submission - First or senior (last) author must be from a corporate, non-academic entity. - Must have WHS member among authors and presenter must become member upon notification of abstract selection.	- Top 10 abstracts selected for on-site presentation at the Annual Meeting - Finalists give oral presentation during the poster session, evaluated by WHS Awards Committee - Only presentations by primary author considered; proxy presentations by coauthors not accepted, except in extenuating circumstances approved by WHS Awards Committee
Trainee Travel	Recognize top trainee abstracts in wound healing research by supporting attendance at the WHS Annual Meeting	- Monetary award - Number of awards dependent on funds	- Must check correct box during abstract submission - Must be a trainee (faculty or equivalent not eligible) at time of application. - Must be first author - Must be a WHS member upon abstract acceptance.	- Must present at the Annual Meeting - Top-scoring trainee abstracts referred to the WHS Awards Committee for selection. - Multiple trainees from a single lab group allowed if no significant project overlap.
Excellence in Translational Regenerative Science	Recognize scientific work that advances cell-based and other therapies in wound healing and regenerative medicine toward clinical application	\$500 (2 awards)	- Must check correct box during abstract submission - Must be a wound healing researcher/practitioner (basic scientist, physician, nurse, physical therapist, etc.) who is or has been a WHS member for at least past 3 years. Corporate sector ineligible. - Research must be unpublished	- Must present at the Annual Meeting - Winning research should demonstrate a clear path toward defined clinical application, such as Phase I studies planned/in progress - Applicants add separate 100-word statement describing potential for clinical application.
WHS Members Junior Faculty Travel Grant	Recognize junior faculty in wound healing research by facilitating attendance at the WHS Annual Meeting.	\$1,000 (1 award)	- Must check correct box during abstract submission - Must be non-tenured junior faculty, within 10 years of receiving terminal degree. - Must be WHS member in good standing.	- Winner selected by the WHS Awards Committee - Must present at the Annual Meeting
SAWC Physician Research Scholar	Recognize top-scoring physician abstract submitted to the WHS Annual Meeting and presented at the WHS/SAWC Spring Meeting	1 award	- Must check correct box during abstract submission - Must be WHS member in good standing	- Winner selected by the WHS Awards Committee - Must present at the Annual Meeting
SAWC Nurse Research Scholar	Recognize top-scoring nurse abstract submitted to the WHS Annual Meeting and presented at the WHS/SAWC Spring Meeting	1 award	- Must check correct box during abstract submission - Must be WHS member in good standing	- Winner selected by the WHS Awards Committee - Must present at the Annual Meeting
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