

EATA Research Committee's 2017 Call for Abstracts & Submission Guidelines
Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposium January 6-9, Philadelphia, PA



DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS: 11:55 p.m. October 1st 2016

Reports on experimental research, injury surveys, case studies/series, evidence based practice, critically appraised topics (CATs), systematic reviews/meta analyses, or other original research projects that are pertinent to the practice of Athletic Training or educational processes are welcomed from ATs, MDs, exercise physiologists, biomechanists, healthcare educators, and other relevant health care professionals. **Literature reviews are unacceptable.** All abstracts will undergo a blinded and comprehensive review.

- 1) All abstracts must conform to published [NATA REF Guidelines](#); instructions for Student Abstract Preparation can be found [here](#).
- 2) **New for the 2017 Conference, we are excited to receive and review 3 Different Levels of Case Study Research based on their respective Level of Evidence (Note: We are NOT soliciting Level 4 Case Study Research, only Levels I - III. See the [EATA Case Study Abstract Guidelines](#) for more Author Guidelines for the type of Case Study you are submitting:**
 - Level I - Validation Clinical Case Report
 - Level II - Exploration Case Series Report
 - Level III – Exploration Case Study Report

- 3) **Submission Process & Guidelines: New for 2017, we are using an electronic, online format for all submissions.**

- a) **PRIMARY AUTHOR:** Log onto the [EATA Abstract Submission Application](#) site and follow all directions for Parts A, B & C. Keep in mind that you should have ALL of your materials handy when initiating the process, as you will **NOT** have the ability to save portions of the application and finish at a later time.
- b) Before uploading your files, you will need to save your files with appropriate file names. Type the Primary Author's "*Last Name* EATA Abstract Submission", inserting **your last name** before the "EATA Abstract Submission" text. The **submitting email should have 2 separate files attached, both as PDFs**. For example, 1 should be titled, "**GeislerAbstract.docx**", and the 2nd titled "**GeislerBlind.docx**" (be sure to substitute **your** last name for "*Geisler*"). Make sure your "BLIND" copies are "blind"; they should not contain any author or affiliation names in the header of the abstract. Lastly, be SURE to upload your BLIND and FULL file copies into the correct folder during the online submission process.
- c) **If submitting an abstract as an UNDERGRAD student**, your abstract **MUST** be authenticated and approved by your Program Director, Clinical Coordinator or Professional Preceptor/Mentor **before** submission in order to ensure accuracy, integrity and quality. If you are an UNDERGRAD author, you will need to confirm compliance with the following 2 statements in Part C of the online process:

____ I here fore contest that as the primary author of this abstract, I was principally and centrally involved in the study under consideration, and further that I am chiefly responsible for the accuracy, content and production of this abstract.

____ My AT Director, Clinical Coordinator, or Preceptor has authenticated and approved this abstract for submission to the EATA Research Committee, and deems it to meet ALL requirements relative to accuracy, integrity and quality, including my precise role in the case or study under question, and actual writing and production of the abstract.

- d. An auto confirmation messages will be sent to primary/submitting authors once all required files have been *properly* received electronically. Your abstract **WILL NOT** be reviewed until all documentation has been properly received, **AND** found to be in the proper format. Improperly formatted materials will be returned to the primary author, and the expectation is that re-submissions will also meet the 10/1 dead line (so plan ahead).
5. Accepted abstracts will appear *as submitted*, in the online *EATA Conference Proceedings/Compendium*. Thus, *carefully check for formatting, spelling and grammatical errors before submitting*. Before final distribution, your accepted abstract *may be reformatted* to ensure consistency.
 6. The majority of accepted abstracts will be presented in poster format; however 1 outstanding **UNDERGRAD** and 1 outstanding **GRAD** submission will be chosen for a *15' Oral Free Communication Presentation*; each *Free Comm* winner will receive a plaque &

\$100 award at the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening. Pertinent information for the Oral Presentation winners will be sent under separate cover.

7. *EATA Abstract Research Awards* are selected yearly and in addition to the Oral Presentations mentioned above, 1 UNDERGRAD and 1 GRAD winner in the poster presentation categories will be chosen from 3 finalists in each category following review of the presented posters. Recipients are announced and each winner will receive a monetary award & recognition plaque at the *EATA Annual Meeting Awards Banquet*.

8. Any abstract submitted for presentation at the *Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium* is eligible to, and encouraged to submit their work to subsequent *National Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Conferences*. **However**, abstracts previously presented at national or international meetings, and those published elsewhere are prohibited for *EATA* submission.