ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. General Information
Abstract submissions will only be accepted via the submission site at http://www.crf.org/tct/call-for-science/abstracts. Abstracts submitted another way (such as email) will not be considered for review.

The Abstract Submission Deadline is May 15, 2014, 1:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time (-0400 GMT).

Clinical and preclinical studies are equally encouraged. The content may include portions of prior abstracts presented and/or manuscripts published elsewhere.

Login credentials from 2013 carry over to the submission site for 2014. If you previously submitted an abstract, but cannot recall your password, please enter your email address and select ‘Forgot my password.’ If you did not submit science to TCT 2013, please create an account.

2. Abstract Title
Abstract titles should be concise and should not contain abbreviations. The first letter of each word should be capitalized.

Abstract titles may be up to 300 characters in length (including spaces). This allotment is counted separately and does not count against the total number of characters granted for the abstract body.

3. Abstract Authors
The first author of an abstract will need to complete a financial conflict of interest disclosure form at the time of submission. Even if no conflicts exist, an attestation to that effect is required on the disclosure form.

A new co-author automatically receives a notification the first time he or she is added to an abstract for TCT 2014. It is the co-author’s responsibility to log in and complete the disclosure form; however, the first author is welcome to complete the form(s) on behalf of any co-author. Until the disclosure is completed, the co-author’s name is not listed. Once the disclosure information is provided, the co-author is automatically added to the author string.

Co-author names will not be published in the online JACC supplement if disclosure information is not completed by July 31, 2014.

Proofread the final author order carefully, as changes will not be permitted after the abstract submission deadline.

4. Abstract Text
- Abstracts must be submitted in English.
• Do not include Title or Author data in the body of your abstract.
• Abstracts should include: Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusion.
• Abstracts may be entered directly into the site or copy and pasted.
• The maximum number of characters allowed in the body of the abstract is 2200 (approximately 300-350 words). This includes spaces.
• The addition of an image deducts 600 characters from the total.
• Up to one table with at most 15 rows is allowed. You can Copy and Paste an existing Excel table into the abstract submission Table step or you can create a Table using the provided system tools. A tutorial video on Table creation is available in the instructions on the submission site. The addition of a table deducts 300 characters from the total.
• Use zeros before decimal points: 0.05, not .05.
• Use decimal points, not commas: 0.05, not 0,05.
• Use lowercase “p” values (p<0.05).
• Provide manufacturer name and location in parentheses for all brand or trade names.
• For brand drugs, include generic names in parentheses.
• Do not include references, credits, or grant support.

5. Abstract Categories
The abstract must be submitted to one of the categories listed below. There will be an opportunity to enter up to three keywords (free text), but only one category be chosen from the selections provided.

CORONARY
• Adjunct Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapy
• Cardiogenic shock and hemodynamic support devices
• Coronary Drug-coated Balloons
• CTO
• High risk patients: Diabetics, Women, Renal Insufficiency
• Metallic DES
• Left Main and Bifurcation
• Bioabsorbable Vascular Scaffolds
• Plaque modification, debulking, and thrombectomy and embolic protection
• STEMI and NSTEMI
• ENDOVASCULAR
• Aortic Endografts and Aneurysm Repair
• Carotid and Peripheral Vascular Intervention
• Peripheral Drug-coated Balloons
• Renal Denervation and Hypertension

IMAGING AND PHYSIOLOGIC LESION ASSESSMENT
• Intravascular and Non-invasive Imaging including IVUS, OCT, NIRS, CT, MRI, etc.
• Physiologic Lesion Assessment

STRUCTURAL
• Alcohol Septal Ablation
• Heart Failure Therapies
• Left Atrial Appendage Closure
• PFO and Adult Congenital Heart Disease
• Transcatheter Aortic Valve Therapies
6. Abstract Submission and Withdrawal
Submission of an abstract constitutes a commitment by the author(s) to present, if accepted. Failure to present without officially withdrawing from the meeting may jeopardize future acceptance of abstracts and other TCT Calls for Science.

Requests for abstract withdrawals must be made by July 31, 2014. Before May 15th you may log in and withdraw any submission at any time. After May 15, please write to submissions@crf.org with your control number and submission title to provide notice of withdrawal.

7. Abstract Review
The abstract grading and selection process is under the auspices of Society for Cardiovascular Angiography & Interventions in collaboration with the TCT 2014 Directors and Co-Directors.

8. Abstract Notification and Acceptance
Abstract notifications will be sent by June 20, 2014.

Presenters will learn more about their presentation date and time and any specific guidelines after acceptance.

Abstract presenters will receive a 50% discount off the regular TCT registration fee. The registration fee will be waived for fellows; verification of active fellowship status from the program director is required.

Accepted Abstracts will be published online in the September 16, 2014 supplement to the Journal of the American College of Cardiology.

9. Abstract Presentation
For TCT 2014, oral abstracts will be incorporated into the didactic sessions throughout the meeting. This is why it is important to select the most correct category when submitting an abstract. Unlike previous years, there will not be dedicated, separate oral abstract presentation sessions.

Poster abstracts will be presented Saturday afternoon, September 13, 2014 from 5:00-7:00 PM.

10. Assistance
If you need help with your submission, please contact support at 888-480-2031 (US) or 410-480-5224 (outside the US) or email submission.tct@attendeeinteractive.com.