

## Dysphagia Research Society Call for Abstract Guidelines

The Dysphagia Research Society (DRS) 19th Annual Scientific meeting provides an opportunity for DRS members to report ongoing and completed research to colleagues. The conference will include oral presentations, poster sessions and symposia. Accepted abstracts will be published in *Dysphagia*, the official journal of DRS.

### Guidelines for Scientific Paper and Poster Abstracts Submissions

The following guidelines are provided to assist you in submitting your abstract. Please follow these instructions when completing the abstract form. Your compliance will ensure a camera ready abstract that can be reproduced in the DRS syllabus. Abstracts can only be submitted online at this time, and must include a valid email address for correspondence.

1. Research submitted for presentation at DRS should be new content never before presented or published at a national or international meeting as a paper, conference proceeding or abstract. Or, the research submitted may have new content that is an extension of work previously presented or published at a national or international meeting as a paper, conference proceeding or abstract, but disclosure of where the preliminary work was presented or published must be indicated.
2. In the process of submitting research for presentation based on the investigation of human subjects, the authors affirm that such research was conducted under the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki and was approved by an institutional review board or similar research ethics review committee.
3. The TITLE should be as brief as possible but long enough to indicate clearly the nature of the study.
4. BODY of the abstract should be organized as follows:
  - a. A sentence stating the purpose of the study unless stated in the title.
  - b. A brief statement of methods.
  - c. A summary of results obtained.
  - d. A statement of conclusions reached. It is not satisfactory to state that: "The results will be discussed."
5. ABBREVIATIONS should conform to the Style Manual for Biological Journals, published by the American Institute of Biological Sciences, 3900 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington, DC, 20016, USA. Avoid abbreviations in the title. Use no more than (3) nonstandard abbreviations.
6. Simple tables or graphs (**in black ink**) may be included with the corresponding text. There will be a separate prompt provided for you to upload your simple table or graph later in the submission process.
7. Nonproprietary (generic) names are required the first time a drug is mentioned and are written in small letters. Proprietary names are capitalized, e.g., omeprazole (Prilosec)
8. All abstracts will be reviewed in a blinded fashion for their scientific merit by the Abstract Selection Committee. Those abstracts of highest merit will be considered for oral presentation. Because some material is best presented in poster format, oral presentation cannot be guaranteed. If you do not want to give your abstract as an oral presentation, please check the **Poster Only** box later on in the submission.
9. Accepted abstracts not selected for oral presentation will be presented at a poster session. These abstracts are limited to a 6 foot (horizontal) by 4 foot (vertical) space.
10. Abstracts comprised of isolated case reports or limited case series of exceptional scientific interest will be considered for acceptance, but only for a poster presentation.
11. Submissions which do not follow submission guidelines will be disqualified. The Abstract Selection Committee may also reject submissions which are deemed to have lower scientific merit, appear to violate ethical principles for treatment of research subjects, are not sufficiently relevant to the missions of the Society, and/or exhibit significant commercial bias.
12. Deadline for receipt of abstracts is **11:00 PM Eastern Standard Time on Sunday, November 7, 2010**. Selected abstracts will be reproduced for the DRS meeting and subsequent publication in *Dysphagia*. **PLEASE NOTE: Absolutely no deadline extensions will be available for the 2011 meeting! If you have not used the abstract submission Web site before, do not wait until the last minute to start this process.**
13. The presenting author will be notified by email regarding the status of the abstract submission during the week of December 20, 2010.
14. Please feel free to contact Angela Davis or Mackenzie Hollas at the Dysphagia Research Society headquarters with any questions, 713-965-0566, or via email at [drs@meetingmanagers.com](mailto:drs@meetingmanagers.com). Business Hours are 8 AM-5 PM Central Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

### **ABSTRACT INSTRUCTION FORM**

The following guidelines are provided to assist you in submitting your abstract. Please follow these instructions when completing the abstract form. Your compliance will ensure a camera ready abstract that can be reproduced in the DRS Program and *Dysphagia*. If accepted, poster presentations are limited to a 6 foot long (horizontal) x 4 foot wide (vertical) space.

Please submit your abstract in the following format. ABSTRACTS NOT SUBMITTED IN THE SPECIFIED FORMAT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED:

- 250 words or less limit – do not count the title, author's name, institution, city; however, the abstract must fit in the space provided.
- Tables can be incorporated using Times New Roman 10 pt font. There will be a prompt for you to upload them separately.
- Formatting styles such as underlining, bolded text, and heading titles (i.e. **Purpose; Method(s); Result(s) and Conclusion**) will automatically be inputted via the submission site.

**SAMPLE ABSTRACT IS AS FOLLOWS:**

EFFECT OF SHAKER EXERCISE ON PERFORMANCE OF GLADIOPHAGY

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**Purpose:** Sword-swallowing (gladiophagy) is a challenging skill to master. This study examined whether the Shaker exercise might improve the gladiophagy success rate.

**Method(s):** 10 gladiophagy-naïve research fellows studied at baseline and after 2 weeks of Shaker exercise. Parameters scored were time to hilt-incisor contact for 1st sword and total number of swords swallowed within 5 minutes.

**Result(s):** After Shaker exercise, contact time and sword number showed major but non-significant ( $p > .05$ ) improvements (3.1 vs. 2.5 min; 0.8 vs. 1.2 swords). Mortality and drop-out rates did not differ significantly between the two trials ( $p > .1$ ).

**Conclusion:** Research fellows exhibit baseline difficulty with gladiophagy. These promising initial results require confirmation in a larger, sham-controlled study.

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