



**APSA2026
CHICAGO**

**Annual Meeting
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Chicago, Illinois**



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Manuscript Submission: February 20 - March 20, 2026

Speaker Portal Tasks Deadline – March 20, 2026

Presentation Upload (Power Point, Video): May 1, 2026



GENERAL INFORMATION

The APSA Annual Meeting provides a professional forum for the presentation and discussion of new ideas, issues, and developments of importance to APSA members and to the interested community. The presentation of abstracts is a key feature of the in-person and hybrid meeting. Your cooperation in adhering to all the guidelines will help the meeting run smoothly and provide quality and consistency for the attendees.

Speaker Registration Information

APSA policy dictates that all presenters are required to register for the APSA Annual Meeting, based on presentation assignment.

All presentations are expected to be in-person.

Abstract Rescheduling/Withdrawal

The order of presentation of the abstracts will not be changed. Withdrawal of abstracts after acceptance is strongly discouraged and may be subject to sanctions from the Board of Governors.

PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS

- Your PowerPoint or video files must be uploaded by **May 1, 2026**.
- All presentations must be made using the APSA 2026 Annual Meeting slide template. Slide template can be found on the [APSA website](#).
- If Artificial Intelligence (AI) was used in your research, this must be stated in your disclosure slide or a separate slide in your presentation.

PRESENTATION TYPES

Plenary Sessions

- Presentation is limited to 5 minutes plus 3 minutes for discussion.
- Unlimited number of slides.

Scientific Breakout Sessions

- Presentation is limited to 5 minutes plus 3 minutes for discussion.
- Unlimited number of slides.

Quick Shots (oral presentation, no posters)

- Presentation is limited to 2 minutes plus 1 minute for discussion.
- We recommend limiting your presentation to a title slide, a disclosure slide, and two additional slides. The moderators will keep you on time out of respect to the next speaker.

Video Abstracts

- Videos must include audio narration of the procedure; **authors cannot narrate from the podium**.
- Video presentations are limited to 5 minutes with 3 minutes for discussion.

AWARDS

APSA awards several prizes for outstanding presentations.

Quick Shots

Medical Student

Award recipients must be medical students enrolled in medical school at the time of abstract submission.

One outstanding Quick Shot presentation is selected to receive this award. Presentations are judged on scientific merit and posters are judged on visual presentation. Members of the Program Committee select recipients in basic science or clinical poster. The recipient receives a prize in the amount of \$250 USD.

[Learn more.](#)



Surgical Trainee

Award recipients must be trainees currently enrolled in a surgical training program (residency or fellowship).

One outstanding Quick Shot presentation is selected to receive this award. Presentations are judged on scientific merit and posters are judged on visual presentation. Members of the Program Committee select recipients in basic science or clinical poster. The recipient receives a prize in the amount of \$250 USD. [Learn more.](#)

M. Judah Folkman Memorial Awards

APSA and the Association of Pediatric Surgery Training Program Directors (APSTPD) are proud to present the M. Judah Folkman Memorial Award for outstanding research presentations given during the APSA Annual Meeting. Presentations are judged on scientific merit, the presented work and the ability to field questions from the discussants.

Award recipients must be trainees currently enrolled in a surgical training program (residency or fellowship).

Two outstanding presentations are selected, one in basic science and one in clinical categories. Each recipient receives a prize in the amount of \$1,000 USD award and a medallion. [Learn more.](#)

Quality, Safety and Value in Surgery Award

This award is given to the manuscript that describes a research study or quality improvement project that best addresses the value proposition by demonstrating an improvement in outcomes while at the same time reducing cost or other measures of resource utilization. The quality of the manuscript and potential impact of the intervention for improving value outside of the author's own institution will serve as the primary criteria for judging. The recipient receives a prize in the amount of \$500 USD.

- Eligible abstracts are identified by the APSA Surgical Quality & Safety Committee.
- A manuscript supporting the abstract must be submitted for review for publication in the *Journal of Pediatric Surgery* or a journal of the author's choosing by the stated deadline.
- The recipient will contribute content to the APSA Quality and Safety toolkit.
- Posters and video presentations are not eligible, unless specifically identified as award candidates by the APSA Surgical Quality & Safety Committee. [Learn more.](#)

Innovation Award

One award is given for best innovation abstract. The recipient receives a prize in the amount of \$500. [Learn more.](#)

MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION

Manuscripts will be accepted February 20 – March 20.

Authors presenting abstracts in Plenary and Scientific sessions, including videos, have the option* to submit manuscripts for publication in the Annual Meeting edition of the *Journal of Pediatric Surgery* (January 2026). Presentation of your abstract is not a guarantee of acceptance for publication. **Quick Shots are not eligible for manuscript submission unless specifically identified as candidates for the Quality Award*.**

All eligible authors receive notification and submission instructions. If you did not receive an email and believe that you should have, contact Marina Petrulla at marina@apsaped Surg.org.

*** Manuscript submission is required for abstracts identified as candidates for the Quality Award.**



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