CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: The AAOM invites individuals (junior and senior investigators) to submit abstracts (original investigations or case reports) for the 2012 Annual Meeting. Relevant abstracts previously presented within the last 12 months at other conferences, and not yet published, are eligible for submission. The Abstracts Committee will select abstracts for poster and oral presentations; only those accepted for oral presentation will be published in the Oral surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, Oral Radiology, and Endodontology Journal.

ABSTRACTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION AFTER DECEMBER 12TH.

Decisions will be sent to corresponding authors via e-mail on February 3, 2012. If accepted, authors are required to register for the meeting and be present during the scheduled poster/oral sessions.

Instructions
All abstracts are limited to a maximum of 300 words. Titles must be 10 words or less. Tables and figures are not allowed.
All submitted abstracts must be categorized as either “Original Investigation” or “Case Report”. Case reports will be eligible for poster presentation only.
For residents/fellows of Oral Medicine programs, an Original Investigation abstract may be submitted for the Lester Burket Memorial Award (see below).

Original Investigation Abstract Format:
  a) Objectives (aims/purpose, hypotheses, and goals of the investigation)
  b) Methods (brief description of experimental procedures including statistics)
  c) Results (findings of statistical analysis)
  d) Conclusions (one or two major conclusions, underlined, that are supported by results)
  e) Case Report Abstract Format:
Lester Burket Memorial Award Instructions
The Lester Burket Memorial Award (LBA) was created to honor the memory of Dr. Lester Burket and to promote basic and clinical research in oral medicine. Only residents/fellows of AAOM accredited Oral Medicine training programs are eligible, and the abstracts should represent significant thesis-level research. There are two $1,500 awards, one for basic science and the other for clinical research, and the meeting registration fee will be waived for all recipients. Each of the accredited oral medicine programs in the USA and Canada may select one candidate per category.

- Eligible residents/fellows must be in a recognized accredited oral medicine program from the United States or Canada. There is a maximum one entrant per program for each category, and each entrant must be nominated by the program director.
- Via online submission, candidates must submit an expanded two-page abstract of their original research project, and specify the category of research: Basic Science or Clinical Investigation. LBA abstract format: (a) Objectives: introduction that clearly indicates the purpose of the study, hypotheses, and goals of the investigation, (b) Methods: a description of the experimental procedures including statistical methods where appropriate, (c) Results: findings of statistical analysis, (d) Conclusions that are supported by results, and (e) Funding sources including grant numbers.

- In addition, candidates must supply the following via online submission: (1) statement of level of independence—a few sentences stating the candidate’s and mentor’s level of participation in the research project, 2) statement of timeline—explanation as to when the research was completed in relation to the Oral Medicine program and (3) publication history—list all submitted manuscripts and publications that have resulted from this research project. ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA ONLINE SUBMISSION THROUGH www.aaom.com.

Award recipients will be notified by February 3, 2012. Recipients will give a 25 minute oral presentation, followed by 5 minutes for questions, at the AAOM meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, April 17 – 21, 2012 (see the AAOM website www.aaom.com for details). The recipients in both LBA categories will receive $1,500 and a one year membership in the AAOM.

Robert and Kay Schattner Award
The Robert and Kay Schattner Award will be awarded for the best original investigation abstract presentation by a student at the meeting. Eligible candidates include all students/residents/fellows, and judging for this award will take place during the meeting.

Case Report Awards
The three best case reports submitted by oral medicine residents will give a 10 minute oral case presentation during the meeting and receive a small monetary award. Judging will be based on the quality, clarity, and clinical significance of the abstract submission.

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