

# 2018 Texas ACS Meeting

## South Texas Chapter ACS

November 12, 2017	Abstracts Due at 11:59pm
November 20, 2017	Abstract Acceptance Notification Announced by email. Your abstract could be accepted either as an oral presentation or poster.
February 22-24, 2018	STX-ACS Annual Meeting @ the Houston Marriott at the Medical Center in Houston, TX

### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

- Submit abstract using the online submission form by **November 12, 2017 at 11:59pm**.
- Online submissions only.
- You **may** submit more than one abstract per person presenter/senior author, but only one will be accepted for an oral and/or poster presentation.
- Upload graph or charts in .jpg format only (not counted in the 3,000 characters)
- The abstract body (not counting abstract title or author string) must not exceed 3,000 characters.
- The entry should represent original work done by the authors.
- Submitted work **must be unpublished**, accepted for publication, or won previous awards.
- Submission of an abstract constitutes a **commitment** by the submitting author to be present on **February 22-24, 2018** if his/her abstract is accepted.
- Please structure your abstract using the following headings: **Background, Objective, Methods, Results, Conclusion**.

### SELF ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

To help our members comply with the new requirements for Maintenance of Certification by the American Board of Surgery, we will offer **CME credits with self-assessment**. All authors will be required to submit two multiple-choice questions. Your questions will be reviewed by members of the program committee prior to inclusion in the CME program.

The questions are intended to demonstrate the attendee's understanding of the material presented. Therefore, the **questions should be readily answered from the presentation**. Please avoid questions that are overly complex or tricky.

- You must submit at least 4 multiple choice answers per question.
- Each multiple choice answer cannot contain the following verbiage "all the above, none of the above, both a and b", etc.
- The correct answer should be in Answer #1.
- **Please include CASE-BASED questions.**

## AWARDS

You must indicate on the abstract submission form if you'd like to be considered for the following paper competitions. We will check for eligibility.

### CANCER PAPER AWARD

1. Please indicate that your abstract should be considered for this award on the online abstract form.
2. Abstracts by **residents** on topics specific to oncology and related to the mission of the CoC will be considered. (see mission below)
3. The manuscript must have not yet been published in a peer-reviewed journal.
4. Judging is based on originality, scientific merit, and clinical relevance to oncology and the mission of the CoC.
5. Winner will receive a cash prize
6. Winner will be announced on **Saturday, February 24, 2018**

### Mission of the Commission on Cancer

*The CoC is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving survival and quality of life for cancer patients through standard-setting, prevention, research, education, and the monitoring of comprehensive quality care.*

### Trauma Paper Award

Please do not confuse this submission with the Resident Trauma Papers award with the ACS COT. *This submission is for the South Texas ACS meeting only.*

1. Please indicate that your abstract should be considered for this award on the online abstract form.
2. Research in trauma will be considered
3. Winner will receive a cash prize.
4. Winner will be announced on **Saturday, February 24, 2018**

### Best Paper Competition – South Texas ACS

1. ***Please indicate that you'd like to be considered for this award on the online abstract form.***
2. The abstracts must be submitted and presented by a resident and/or medical student.
3. Each eligible presenter will be judged at the time of their presentation during the meeting.
4. Cash awards given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for each chapter.
5. Winner will be announced on **Saturday, February 24, 2018.**