

Complex Clinical Case Submission Instructions

Thank you for your interest in submitting a case to ACC. 24. Please read the following instructions carefully.

Section 1 walks you through the submission process on the portal.

Section 2 has important information for you after your submission is complete.

We are accepting complex clinical case submissions from the following three groups:

- 1) **Fellow in Training (FIT):** The first author is a medical student or anyone in a fellowship or residency program. The presenter is a medical student or anyone in a fellowship or residency program.
- 2) **Cardiovascular Team:** The first author must be a *non-physician CV team member*, which could include nurses, advanced practice nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, CV practice administrators, technologists, registered dietitian nutritionists or exercise specialists/physiologists. The presenter must be a CVT member.
- 3) **MD/PhD:** The first author is a medical doctor or researcher. The presenter is a medical doctor or researcher.

SECTION 1: SUBMITTING YOUR CASE ON THE ACC PORTAL

You can begin your case submission by visiting the ACC.24 site and clicking on the “Submit Your Science” button at the top of the page.

To submit an abstract or case, you must have an ACC account. If you do not have an ACC account, you can create one for free using the [“Create Free Account”](#) link after you click the “Submit Your Science” button.

Tab 1: Title

- Case titles will be in all CAPS. The system will automatically convert all letters to caps after you click the “Save and Continue” button.
- Do **NOT**:
 - Bold, italicize, underline, superscript or subscript any items in the title.
 - Include authors or institutions in the title. If you do, they will be removed.
 - Use the “Enter” button in your title. This action will add hard returns, which are not allowed.
 - Use abbreviations unless they are commonly known.
 - End the title with a period.
 - Use a comma before “and” in a series.
 - Use quotation marks in a title.
- DO:
 - Use a comma for number 1,000 and above.
 - Substitute a colon for a dash/hyphen except when using prefixes.
 - Hyphenate the first prefix word when there is more than one prefix word used such as Non- Anti...



Tab 2: Category

Submit your case to one of the following categories, based on its area of research and your . Cases submitted to a category that does not match the subject matter of the case may be given a low score from reviewers.

- Electrophysiology
- Heart Failure and Cardiomyopathies
- Interventional and Structural
- Ischemic Heart Disease
- Multimodality Imaging
- Pediatric and Congenital Heart Disease
- Prevention and Health Promotion
- Pulmonary Vascular Disease
- Valvular Heart Disease
- Vascular Medicine

Tab 3: Case Text

Body/Text:

- Cases MUST conform to specific size limits, or they will remain in an incomplete status and will not be reviewed.
- Your case may not contain more than 1,900 characters, **not including spaces**. A graphic, table or image equals 600 characters and is included as part of the 1,900-character limit.
- You may type the body of the case directly into the space provided for the case body. Upload graphics or images separately. If you paste text from another document (like a Word document), please paste as plain text.
- Do NOT place hard returns at the end of each line.
- You may use five unique abbreviations in the body of the case. Spell out the complete phrase followed by the abbreviation in parentheses the first time the abbreviation is used. Only commonly known abbreviations are allowed in the title of the case.
- Do not include the title in the case body. The title will be collected in the **Title** tab.
- Do not include authors and institutions in the case body. This data will be collected in the **Author** tab.
- The case must be presented in the following sequence, using the headings listed:
 - **Background:** In an initial paragraph, provide relevant background information for the case, preferably in no more than one or two sentences.
 - **Case:** Describe the patient, their history and any other relevant information that led to the decision-making.
 - **Discussion:** Discuss what choices were made based on the case, how you proceeded and any relevant teaching points.
 - **Conclusion:** State the conclusions reached. It is not satisfactory to state “the results will be discussed.”
- **Please proofread carefully for factual, spelling, and size errors. If accepted, the case will be printed exactly as it appears on the online submission system confirmation page.**



Adding An Image to Your Submission:

- On the **Case** tab, you can upload a picture, table and/or graph as an image.
- Each image must be saved as file type of “gif” or “jpeg.” Even though the submission system may allow you to upload a graphic with a different file type, those graphics will not be reviewed or reproduced if the case is selected.
- **Each image equals 600 characters and is included as part of the 1,900-character limit.**
- Please keep in mind that large and/or complex graphics may not be readable in print or electronic formats.

Tab 4: Cardiovascular Team Case Criteria

Cardiovascular Team Case Criteria:

- You must answer the two questions in this section if you are submitting a Cardiovascular Team case. If you are not submitting a CVT case, please skip this section.
- If you are submitting a CVT case and cannot answer “yes” to both questions, your submission will be automatically rejected. Please return to the Submitter Category tab to select a new category as a FIT or MD/PhD.

Tab 5: Presentation Preference

- Please indicate your presentation preference should this case be accepted.
- The number of oral case presentations will be limited to a few especially important studies. Click "Poster Presentation Only" if you are uncomfortable with making an oral presentation.

Tab 6: Author

- To add an author to your author block, please try looking up the person by LAST NAME and/or EMAIL in the ACC database by using the “Add Author” link on the **Author** tab. There are additional instructions and helpful hints on finding your co-authors in our database on the portal.
- Use the author group field only for the name of an investigating team. This is typically something like “Investigators for Heart Health.” Do not use the author group to list individual authors. If this is done, you will be contacted to correct this entry. Authors entered as an “Author Group” will not be listed in the author index of the onsite programs.
- The author order is the order that authors will be listed in meeting materials if the case is selected for presentation.
- Up to 25 authors can be listed as part of an author block, including the submitter and the group name of an investigating team.
- If you need to change the first author, please contact Holly Santry (hsantry@acc.org) directly.

Tab 7: Institution Information/Lead Investigator

- Up to two institutions will be printed in your author block. These institutions are entered into the portal using the **Institution Information** tab.
- Please select the lead investigator for your case. This person must be part of your author block and can be the submitter.



Tab 8: Disclosures

- Only the disclosures of the presenting author and lead investigator are required for your case.
- All other co-authors do not need to fill out a disclosure.
- ACC staff will follow up with lead investigators to ensure their disclosure is completed prior to the Annual Meeting.

Tab 9: Payment

- There is a \$55 (USD) nonrefundable processing fee for each case submitted, payable online by credit card only. Purchase orders, checks, and electronic bank transfers will not be accepted.
- When you click the “Save and Continue” button, your credit card will be charged for the submission.
- **Please do not click the “Save and Continue” button more than one time or your credit card may be charged for multiple submissions.**

Tab 10: Review My Work/When Is A Submission Considered Complete?

- A submission is complete and ready for submission when, in the **Review My Work** tab, you see the words “This submission is complete and will be sent to review.”
- It is only submitted to reviewers after the deadline date. You may update or make changes to your case up until **1 PM ET on Thursday, October 12, 2023**.
- The date your submission was last edited may be found in the **Review My Work** tab next to the words “Current Date/Time.” This will change each time there has been an alteration.
- From the **Review My Work** page, you can send yourself a confirmation of your submission and print a completed version of your submission.

SECTION 2: IMPORTANT INFORMATION AFTER YOUR SUBMISSION IS COMPLETE

Revising Your Submission

- Revisions to your submission can be made until **1 PM ET on Thursday, October 12, 2023**.
- No changes will be accepted after this date, including, but not limited to, correcting typographical errors, adding or deleting authors, or uploading new charts.
- If any changes are made prior to the deadline, you must select “Review My Work” from the menu on the left.
- Make certain that you see the words “This submission is complete and will be sent to review.”

Disposition/Notification of Acceptance

- The presenting author will be emailed a notification with the status of the submission on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.



Changing Presenting Authors:

- If your case is selected for presentation, you may change the presenting author to any author listed on your case.
- You may not change the presenting author to someone who is not listed on your submission, and you may not add authors after the submission deadline.
- Presenting author changes can be made up until ACC.24.
- However, if you would like these changes to be reflected in JACC, you must notify Holly Santry (<mailto:hsantry@acc.org>) by no later than **Thursday, January 11, 2024**.

Withdrawals

- To withdraw a case submission, written notification must be sent to hsantry@acc.org. This notification must include the title, authors and affiliations (as submitted), the control number, and the name, affiliation, phone, and e-mail of the submitter. We recommend using the summary page as part of this notification.
- **If you do not want your case to appear in publication, you must notify Holly Santry by Thursday, January 11, 2024.** After this date, we cannot remove the case from the JACC publication.