

SCDAA 2025 CONVENTION ABSTRACT FAQs

Will abstracts be accepted late? Doesn't SCDAA always extend the deadline?

The absolute deadline is June 16, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time.

Why be so inflexible?

Due to tight timelines, submissions not received by the deadline will not be considered. We encourage those submitting abstracts to do so at their earliest opportunity during the submission period to avoid any last-minute issues that may arise for various reasons. Should you have missed the deadline, please hold on to your abstract and feel free to submit it when the submission site opens for the next conference.

When will we be notified of acceptance and the presentation date?

We are aiming for July 9, 2025.

Do I get discounted registration to have an abstract accepted?

Yes. Information will be provided later.

My abstract seems to fit more than one topic category.

Please select a first and second choice – the abstract judges will decide which category fits best.

Why should tables not be included?

Because of the character limit and size constraints, as well as confusion regarding where to place them, tables and figures should not be included in your abstract submission. In addition, there is no longer the capability of adding or uploading any additional documentation to the abstract. However, if your abstract is accepted, you will be able to show as many tables and figures as needed to enhance your abstract, whether as a poster or oral presentation.

Why such a tight abstract timeline this year?

Because members of the international sickle cell community attend SCDAA, we felt it necessary to make sure that people travelling from overseas had enough time to obtain proper documentation for entry into the United States.

Can I save and edit my abstract?

Because there were significant issues with multiple partial and duplicate abstracts because there was no save and edit option, the abstract submission site has incorporated a save and edit feature allowing the abstract to be edited if submission was not able to be completed in one sitting.

Can I submit an abstract with no results? I will fill them out at the Convention.

You will be scored poorly and probably rejected if there are no results.

I need earlier notification to obtain my visa or make other travel plans.

Contact the Convention organizers at convention@sicklecelldisease.org

How do I determine if my submission was accepted for a poster or an oral abstract?

Individuals selected to present oral abstracts will be sent a separate, individual email.

Individuals selected to present posters will be sent a general email with poster instructions only. If you only receive a general email, you were not selected to present an oral abstract.

Will there be abstract scoring and judging?

Yes, at the time of the oral presentations or during the poster session. Awards for top abstracts in each category, including trainees, will be presented at the Gala on Friday evening.