Thank you for your interest in submitting an abstract for the upcoming Scientific Session. This document is intended to be your guide in using the online submission software and we strongly suggest you print this out for future reference. If you have any questions regarding the abstract process or the use of the submission site, please call 310-437-0544 and ask to speak to Dan Berlant (x118) or Jason Levine (x100). You may also email <u>abstracts@sages.org</u> with your questions and comments.

The abstract submission system includes the following features:

User Accounts:

All users must register to use the system. All abstracts submitted by an account can be viewed and managed from the account. Abstracts may be edited or deleted without having to contact the SAGES office.

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IMPORTANT DATE:

THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR ALL ABSTRACTS AND VIDEOS IS SEPTEMBER 20, 2024 11:59 PM PT

(The deadline will not be extended and no late submissions will be accepted!)

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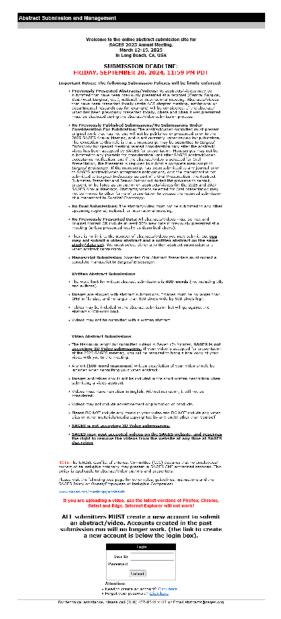
Part 1 – Accessing the Abstract Submission Site

To access the abstract submission site, please go to the following page:

https://www.sages.org/meetings/abstracts/

On that page, you will see a link to access the abstract submission site. Please follow that link after reading the instructions on the SAGES site.

After following the link you should see a page similar to the following:



This is the entry page for the abstract software. ALL submitters MUST create a new account to submit an abstract. Accounts created in the past submission run will no longer work. You must create a new account for 2024/2025 (you may use the previous username and password). The link to create an account is found just below the login box.

Part 1a – Technical Requirements

We have tested the software with multiple browsers and operating systems. Please use one of the following to access the abstract submission system.

Browsers:

Windows:

MS Internet Explorer 9 or newer Current versions of:

- Firefox
- Chrome

Macintosh:

Current versions of:

- Safari
- Firefox
- Chrome

Mobile Devices:

We do not currently support mobile browsers

Screen Resolution:

We recommend setting your screen resolution to **AT LEAST** 800x600 pixels. Users with a screen resolution of 640x480 pixels will have a hard time navigating the site. What you see will vary depending on your computer and browser settings.

Part 2 – Creating a New Account

You must create an account before you can submit abstracts for this meeting. Each user account can submit an unlimited number of abstracts. If your institution is planning on submitting multiple abstracts, it may be to your benefit to coordinate all submissions under one account for easier management. Once you have clicked on the link to create a new account (from <u>Part 1</u>), you will see the following screen:

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Please fill out this form completely, as all fields (except Middle Initial) are required. This is the main Contact Name for the entire account. Individual abstracts can have a different contact name if desired.

You **MUST** enter a valid email address and you **MUST** be able to check that address for new messages to receive the password to log in. Additionally we recommend you whitelist @submitmyabstract.com email addresses in your spam filter to prevent the message from being blocked. Passwords are automatically generated and emailed to verify the email address. This step is necessary because we will be conducting communications almost entirely by email. After submitting the above form, you should receive the password by email within 5 minutes. If no email is received after 10 minutes, please contact the <u>SAGES Office</u> for assistance.

Part 3 – Logging In

By now, you have created an account using the form from <u>Part 2</u> and you have received your password by email to the address you provided. The randomly generated password will look something like this:

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Follow the link in the email to go back to the abstract site login screen and enter the User ID you created into the User ID box (see below). The passwords **ARE CASE SENSITIVE**, so you must enter capital and lowercase letters exactly as shown in the email. *We suggest that you copy and paste the password from the email into the login box.* Once you have entered your User ID and password, click the **Submit** button to log in.

Part3a – Resetting a Forgotten Password

Upon clicking the "**Forgot your password? Click here**" link on the login screen, you will be taken to the password reset screen:

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Email:	email address	
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Enter **EITHER** your user ID **OR** your email address above and click the **Submit** button. The password for that account will be reset to a new randomly generated value and emailed to the address provided when you created the account. If you do not receive the new password within 5 or 10 minutes, please contact the <u>SAGES office</u> for technical support.

Part 4 – The Main Menu

After a successful login, you will see the following screen:

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Because this is your first time logged in, you have no abstracts in the system.

To begin submitting a new abstract, click the "**New Abstract**" link at the top of the page (<u>go to Part</u> <u>5</u>).

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To change the randomly generated password, **click on your user ID** at the top right of the screen (go to Part 4a).

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Part 4a – Changing the Password

To change the randomly generated password to something easier to remember and type, click on your **User ID** at the top right of the main menu. You will see the following screen:

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To change the password, first enter your email address in the "Confirm Email" text box and then simply enter the new password in the Password and Confirm fields and click the **Save** button. You will see a message at the top of the screen if the information was saved successfully. At that point, you can **Logout**, return to the **Main Menu** or begin a **New Abstract**.

Part 5 – Submitting a New Abstract || Step 1 – Contact Information

When you click on the **New Abstract** button at the top of the Main Menu, you are taken to the following screen:

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All fields marked with the **red asterisk** (*) are required and may not be left blank. The system assumes that the Contact Name of the account will also be the contact for the abstract, but you may change this if you wish.

Please enter a valid postal address as well as a valid phone number and email address. Entering a fax number is optional but highly recommended.

Click the **Next** button at the bottom of the page to continue, or click the **Cancel** button to discard this abstract and return to the Main Menu.

Part 5 – Submitting a New Abstract || Step 2 – Title, Authors & Institutions

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Enter the rest of the Authors in the same manner; making sure the disclosure information is accurate and up to date. You may add any number of authors in any order you wish once you have completed adding the First (Primary) Author.

Click **Save & Continue** to move on to the next step or **Back** to edit the contact information. From this point forward, if you leave the site, your abstract will be saved.

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Part 5 – Submitting a New Abstract || Step 4 – Type and Financial Disclosure

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Part 5 – Submitting a New Abstract || Step 5 – Edit your Abstract Content

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- 1. You may enter abstract text simply by typing it in the abstract box.
- 2. Alternatively, you may use the editor's copy & paste function
 - a. You may copy & paste from **MS Word** or paste as **Plain Text** by choosing the appropriate icon in the editor tool bar.

Please Note: Written abstracts submitted must adhere to a **400-word limitation**. This restriction will be strictly enforced via the online submission system. Video submissions must adhere to a **100-word limitation**.

Inserting an Image

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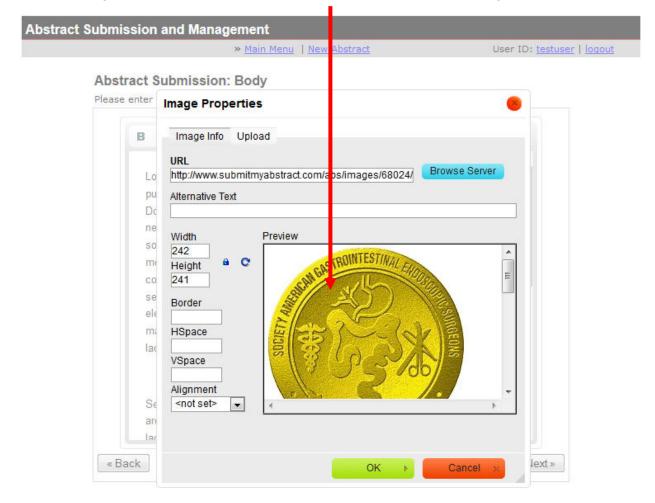
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9. Your image will now appear on the **preview screen** portion of the image properties.



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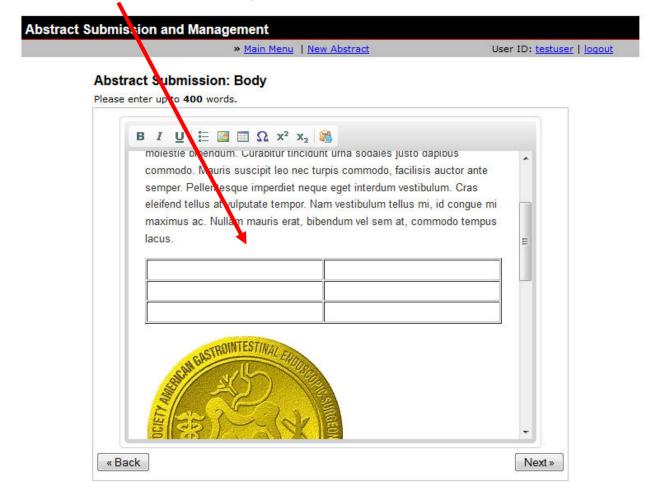
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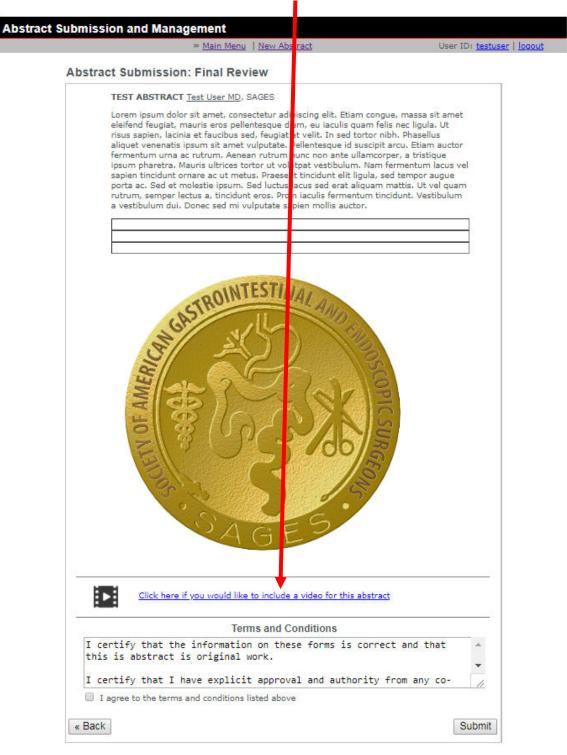
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- 6. Fill in the table with your desired data.
- 7. Select Next

Including a Video

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2. Press the "Choose File" button.

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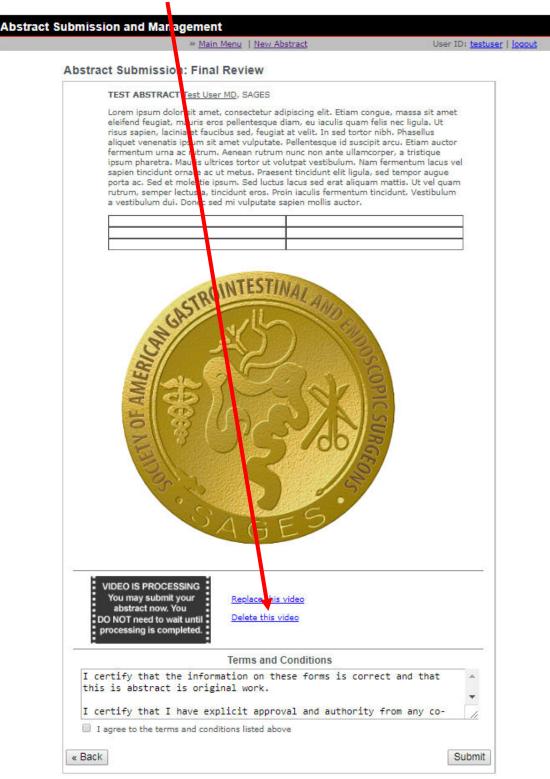
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2. A confirmation screen will appear. Click "**OK**" if you want to delete the video, click "**Cancel**" if you don't want to delete the video.

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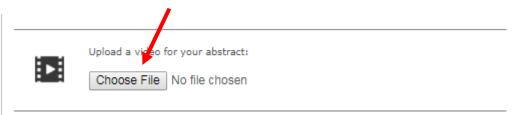
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Review and Accept Terms and Conditions



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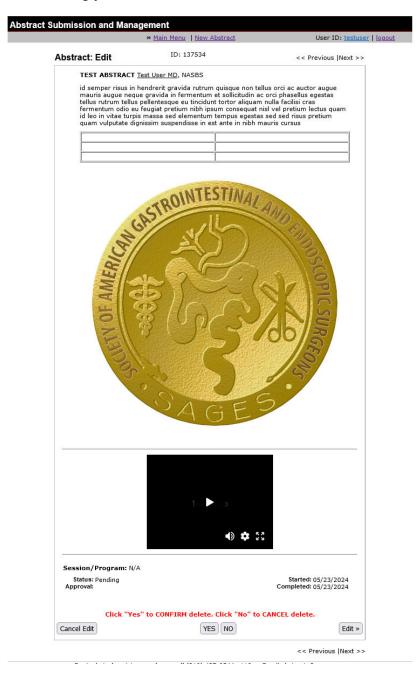
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