AMERICAN BRACHYTHERAPY SOCIETY

2014

ABS ANNUAL MEETING

MANCHESTER GRAND HYATT

SAN DIEGO

APRIL 3 – 5, 2014

GREAT EXPECTATIONS — Efficient, Effective and Economical: Brachytherapy

Call For Abstracts
It is with great enthusiasm and anticipation that we invite you to attend the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Brachytherapy Society (ABS).

Our meeting will be held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, from April 3 to 5. Catheryn Yashar is our Scientific Program Chair for the annual meeting, and together with the co-chairs is putting together a very enriching and stimulating program. Our 2014 annual meeting theme is “Great Expectations: Efficient, Effective and Economical: Brachytherapy.” With our experienced Scientific Planning Committee assembled, this meeting should truly be an event that all brachytherapy practitioners should attend.

A wide variety of national and international speakers have been invited to present their data and to debate controversial issues. We will again offer four Judith Stitt Best Abstract Awards that will be highlighted in a plenary session. The Resident Travel Awards will continue to encourage resident involvement in the society and we will again offer a Resident’s Luncheon at our meeting. The prestigious ABS Ulrich Henschke Award will also be presented to a worthy recipient.

The Manchester Grand Hyatt was the site of the ABS 2011 Annual Conference. The Hyatt is ideally located on the water, near to all this beautiful city has to offer.

A Welcome Reception will initiate the meeting to allow for networking. A membership luncheon on Friday will include the introduction of new Board members and a review of ABS activities and initiatives. Vendors will be present over the course of the meeting to demonstrate state-of-the-art equipment, software and services of value to radiation oncologists practicing in this growing field of medicine.

We hope that you will join us in San Diego in 2014. The meeting will offer a tremendous educational experience as well as a chance to relax in the sunny city of San Diego. We invite you to participate in an incredible gathering of leaders in the field of brachytherapy.

Sincerely,

Akila N. Viswanathan, MD, MPH
President, American Brachytherapy Society
Annual Meeting Highlights

This year we are holding the Annual Meeting at the Manchester Grand Hyatt. This year the meeting will again include topics on:

- Breast brachytherapy
- Prostate brachytherapy
- Gynecological brachytherapy
- Recent developments in brachytherapy
- Systemic brachytherapy
- Physics and brachytherapy
- Brachytherapy economics
- Contouring
- Brachytherapy in the changing world of health policy
- Management of other diseases (skin, eye, rectum, etc.)

Additional meeting features this year will include refresher courses and small group breakout workshops.

There will be several invited speakers as well as proffered papers and posters.

The meeting will include a Thursday evening Welcome Reception with exhibitors. There will be many opportunities for accompanying guests and families to enjoy the many local attractions in the great city of San Diego.

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 14, 2013 (electronic submissions only)

To submit your abstract electronically, please go to the ABS website (www.americanbrachytherapy.org) and click on the “2014 Abstract Submissions” icon.

1. Abstracts must be received by November 14, 2013, electronically.

2. The abstract should include the following sections: purpose, materials and methods, results, conclusions, and, if necessary, a financial disclosure statement. Maximum length of abstract is 4,000 characters. One figure, chart, table, or graph may be included along with text.

3. Abstract title limited to 250 characters.

4. Letter-perfect abstracts are required since they will be reproduced in the abstract book without editing. Abstracts submitted by mail or by fax cannot be accepted.

SUBMISSION TYPE:
- Paper (7 minute presentation)
- Poster

SUBMISSION CATEGORY:
- Benign Breast
- Colorectal
- CNS
- Gynecology
- GI
- Intravascular
- Head/Neck
- Pediatrics
- Prostate Soft Tissue Sarcoma
- Thoracic
- Biology
- Physics
- Other
APPLICATION FOR THE AMERICAN BRACHYTHERAPY SOCIETY
RESIDENT TRAVEL AWARD, SPONSORED BY ONCURA

The American Brachytherapy Society will again make possible a limited number of Resident Travel Awards for the 2014 Annual Meeting in San Diego. The Committee will make several awards to assist Resident attendees with travel expenses for attending the meeting. Following are criteria for abstracts, by which the awards will be made:

1. Abstracts must be submitted by a Resident presently in training, or out of training for up to one year, provided the work was performed during training.

2. Slots may be reserved during the proffered papers sessions for the winning abstracts.

3. The study must represent primarily the work of the Resident, although co-authors may be listed. The work should be current but need not be confined entirely to the present year.

4. Any abstracts that have been published elsewhere are not eligible.

5. The abstracts must deal with some aspect of brachytherapy, including clinical, basic research or a theoretical work.

6. No awards will be given if no abstracts are of acceptable quality.

To submit your Resident Travel Grant application and your abstract (only available electronically), go to www.americanbrachytherapy.org and look for the “2014 Resident Travel Grant” info within the “2014 Abstract Submission” tab.

**DEADLINE:** November 14, 2013 (electronic submissions only)

The Award Committee’s decisions shall be final.