The CAP ’14 Abstract Program
CAP ’14 – THE Pathologists’ Meeting
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The CAP ’14 Abstract Program is a competitive program sponsored by the College of American Pathologists. The program is designed to promote a broad range of research in pathology. It offers pathologists and research scientists the opportunity to present original research to their peers in a poster presentation format. Editors from the Archives of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine will evaluate submissions to this program.

In addition, the CAP ’14 Abstract Program provides a unique opportunity for residents to enhance research skills, develop writing proficiency, gain practical experience at presenting their findings, and contribute to the literature and advancement of pathology. Accepted abstracts and case studies will be published as a Web-only supplement to the September 2014 issue of the Archives. CAP junior members who have their abstracts accepted are eligible for cash awards as part of the Top 5 Junior Member Abstract Program.

CAP ’14 Abstract Program Judging Criteria
Abstracts will be judged on the following criteria:

- Significance of the hypothesis
- Valid conclusion(s)
- Argument clarity
- Presentation quality

Case studies must include novel findings, such as the following:

- A new disease or condition (i.e. not previously reported).
- A distinctive or unusual presentation of a known disease, with one or more well-documented new findings of special clinical relevance (i.e.,
potentially applicable to diagnosis, therapy, prognosis, etc) or that serves to provide new insight into the possible pathogenesis of a disease (hypothesis-generating). The new information might be derived from distinctive morphology and/or ancillary testing.

- A known disease with a demonstrated new finding using state-of-the-art techniques (immunohistochemical, molecular, 3-dimensional reconstruction, cytogenetics, etc) relevant to a clearly stated hypothesis.
- A known disease presenting with a previously undescribed clinically or etiologically relevant association (i.e., a myelodysplastic syndrome associated with a plasma cell dyscrasia, etc.) in order to heighten awareness of a possible link between entities. Such a link might have been described before in one or more individual case reports, and the addition of a case might help solidify a real association.

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Requirements for Submitting Abstracts/Case Studies

- All abstracts/case studies must be submitted by March 14, 2014. Submissions received after March 14 will not be considered.
- Abstracts/case studies must be submitted electronically via the submission site (see links above).
- All fields of the submission form must be completed. Abstracts/case studies with incomplete submission forms will not be considered.
- For abstracts, the body of the text may contain a maximum of 254 words and must be organized under (and contain) all of the following headings: Context, Design, Results, and Conclusions. Do not use any additional or alternative headings.
- A case study may include no more than 2 cases. The body of the text may contain a maximum of 250 words. It should not contain any headings.
- Text must be prepared in accordance with the American Medical Association Manual of Style, 10th edition. For more information and specific examples of how submissions should be prepared, see the CAP ’13 abstracts and case studies that were published in the October 2013 issue of the Archives at www.archivesofpathology.org.
- Corresponding authors (the person who submits the abstract or case study) are responsible for submitting financial disclosure information for all authors. This information will be submitted directly into the submission site; paper authorship forms will no longer be used. Corresponding authors should obtain any relevant financial disclosures and the e-mail addresses for all co-authors prior to starting the submission process. As part of the submission process, corresponding authors will be required to send a confirmation e-mail to all co-authors to confirm the accuracy of the disclosure information submitted. Corresponding authors are responsible
for making any needed corrections/revisions to the disclosure information submitted on behalf of co-authors.

- Do not use abbreviations unless they appear 5 or more times, in which case you must spell out the abbreviation the first time it appears.
- Do not begin the abstract or case study by repeating the title, and do not cite references.
- A single table or figure may be added, using the “Add Graphic” or “Add Table” button. Submissions with multiple figures will not be considered.
- A table may have no more than 5 columns. Make sure any acronyms used in a table are clearly defined in a footnote.
- Figure files should be submitted in JPEG format at a minimum resolution of 300 dpi. If any text appears in the figure, it must be 12 points or larger.
- Do not submit photomicrographs as either Word or PowerPoint files. Do not add a figure label on figures. When preparing figures, remember that if they appear in the Archives, they will be published at a width of 3 ½ inches. Thus, computer screen shots and other figures that contain small text are not good submission options. We highly recommend that you view your figures at a width of 3½ inches to determine whether any text is clearly legible.
- If submitting a figure or table, provide a brief description of the figure or table content, including a specific reference to the figure or table (e.g., Figure 1) in the text. Do not submit a separate figure or table legend; legends will not be printed.
- Affiliations for each author must be clearly listed, including full department and institution names. Spell out this information; do not use abbreviations or acronyms.
- List sources (name of company, city, state, and country) for all software and reagents.
- Use conventional units of measure.
- Use generic drug names unless the specific trade name of a drug is directly relevant to the discussion.

**CAP Top 5 Junior Member Abstract Program**
Authors of the top five accepted abstracts received from CAP junior members will be named as the Top 5 Junior Member Abstract Program award winners and given cash prizes:

- First place cash award = $1,500
- Second place cash award = $1,000
- Third place cash award = $750
- Fourth and fifth place cash awards are $500 each.

To be eligible for the CAP ’14 Top 5 Junior Member Abstract Program awards, a Junior Member must:
1. Have performed a substantial portion of the research and work involved in the preparation of the abstract;
2. Be listed as either the first or second author;
3. Serve as the corresponding author.

The Top 5 Junior Member Abstract Program award winners will be notified in mid-July 2014 and cash prizes will be awarded during the CAP ’14 meeting. Authors of the winning abstracts will be recognized during CAP ’14 and their winning posters will be displayed prominently at the meeting.

**Author Requirements**

Corresponding authors should be available to respond to questions from the Archives editorial office, especially during the period of April 10 to May 14, 2014. E-mail addresses for corresponding authors must be active and accessible until at least July 2014. Corresponding authors will be notified of their submission status in early June 2014. If accepted, authors will be expected to prepare a 4’ x 8’ poster summary for presentation at CAP ’14. Posters must be displayed by the author(s) during CAP ’14.

**CAP ’14 Registration**

All persons presenting posters are required to register for CAP ’14 and to pay the appropriate fees. Registration for CAP ’14 is expected to begin in April 2014. Authors of accepted posters will be required to display their posters in the Connection Café and Exhibits area and to be present to answer questions. Corresponding authors of accepted abstracts and case studies will be notified of their assigned poster display times in early June 2014.

**Questions**

If you have questions about the CAP ’14 Abstract Program, please send an e-mail to contactcenter@cap.org. Your questions will be routed to the abstract program coordinator. Remember, submissions cannot be changed or resubmitted after the submission deadline.