Late-Breaker Abstract
Submission Guidelines

Submission Deadline: July 27, 2022

Late-Breaker Abstract sessions are intended to communicate the latest events in tropical medicine and global health, such as recent results of clinical trials, new data on disease outbreaks, and reports of novel clinical cases or scientific findings. The Scientific Program Committee will consider the timeliness of the data presented as a major factor in their evaluation.

Poster Abstract Presentations:

- Please note that most abstract submissions not accepted for oral presentation will be assigned to poster presentations.

- **New for 2022**: At the time of abstract submission, you will be asked to reserve a Poster Board in the event that your abstract is assigned to a poster presentation. In order to make an in-person poster presentation in Seattle, you must reserve a Poster Board during the abstract submission process. Abstract submitters who do not reserve a Poster Board for an in-person presentation will submit a digital poster for On-Demand viewing on the ePoster site.

- Poster presenters who are unable to attend the Annual Meeting in person will have the option to upload a digital poster for On-Demand viewing on the ePoster site. The ePoster site will feature a Chat function (typed messages into a Chat Box) whereby presenters and attendees can communicate when their schedules permit. As such, most Chats will take place on an asynchronous basis rather than in real time.

- To ensure equity and inclusion and provide access to poster content for Annual Meeting attendees who are unable to attend in person, all in-person poster presenters are expected to upload a digital file of their poster for On-Demand viewing on the ePoster site.

Submission Guidelines:

- An $80 US Late-Breaker Abstract fee is due by Monday, August 1. If the abstract fee is not paid by August 1, the abstract will not be considered for presentation. The abstract fee is non-refundable regardless of whether the abstract is accepted for presentation. This abstract fee is separate from the Annual Meeting registration fee, which is a separate payment.

- Update your profile in the abstract submission site: Log into the abstract submission site, click the profile icon next to your name and then click Profile in the drop-down menu. Before you enter your abstract, please view your profile information in order to ensure your contact information is correct. Inaccurate or outdated contact information will lead to delays or undeliverable abstract notifications.

- Online edits can be made to submitted Late-Breaker Abstracts through July 27. No edits can be made after July 27.

- Late-Breaker Abstract notices will be sent to the e-mail address provided for the presenting author approximately three weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

- Late-Breaker Abstracts accepted for presentation will be assigned for oral or poster presentation in specific Late-Breaker Abstract Oral Presentation Sessions or Poster Sessions.
Due to the large number of Late-Breaker Abstracts received, the review process for oral presentations is highly competitive.

If you submit more than one abstract that is accepted as a poster, ASTMH cannot guarantee that posters will be scheduled for different days. Please be prepared to split your time between posters if they are scheduled for the same session.

Abstracts that are withdrawn after the submission date will appear in the Late-Breaker Abstract Presentation Schedule Booklet if accepted. A withdrawal notice will be posted the week of the meeting, but the abstract will not be removed from the Meeting App nor the ePoster site nor the Late-Breaker Abstract Presentation Schedule Booklet.

The Late-Breaker Abstract Presentation Schedule Booklet includes the presentation number, abstract title and author listing for each accepted abstract, as well as the time of oral or poster presentation.

Approximately three weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, accepted Late-Breaker Abstracts will be publicly available on the ASTMH web site and Meeting App. Abstract publication in these venues does NOT preclude later full publication in scientific journals.

**Content:** Abstracts should contain data and/or concepts not previously presented or published.

**Format:** Abstracts must be in English. The title, authors, author affiliations, and body of the abstract should be entered in standard sentence case, not all upper-case letters. The character limit for the abstract (not including title, authors, etc.) is 1,850 characters (does not include spaces). Accounting for spaces, the character limit for the abstract is approximately 2,100-2,200 characters.

Enter your abstract as one paragraph without embedded headings (eg., “Introduction,” “Methods,” etc.). Do not include tables or figures, acknowledgements, funding sources, references, or other supplementary information.

**Authorship:** Although encouraged, ASTMH membership is not required. The person who intends to present the abstract at the meeting should generally be entered as the first author on the Author Information screen at the submission site. The author’s given name should go in the First Name field, and the family name in the Last Name field. Additional author names can be entered individually or by using a group designation, which is advised for abstracts with multiple contributors who are part of a working group or consortium. Provide a brief (approximately 5-6 sentences) description of the presenting author’s background and area of expertise as it relates to the abstract topic.

To enter a community partner as an author, rather than an individual’s name, please contact Lindsey Towle at ltowle@astmh.org for instructions for data entry into the author fields.

**Submission Category:** See below for guidelines to select the correct submission category.

Submit your Late-Breaker Abstract by July 27 using the SUBMIT button below. We look forward to your participation in the Annual Meeting.

Do you need help writing your abstract? VIDEO: How to Write an Abstract [VIEW HERE](#) CLICK HERE for a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the abstract submission process.
Selecting the Correct Abstract Category

Most categories reflect an organism or disease-based approach. For multidisciplinary or less traditional topics, the following guidelines may help:

- **Integrated Control Measures for Neglected Tropical Diseases**: Use this category for topics involving control efforts for multiple NTDs. For abstracts on diseases classified as NTDs that lack a focus on integrated control, use the appropriate organism category. For example, Chagas disease belongs with Kinetoplastida; onchocerciasis belongs with Helminths-Nematodes; and trachoma belongs with Bacteriology.

- **Global Health**: This broad category focuses on global public health topics related to planetary health, globalization, health disparities and global health partnerships. Use this category for abstracts related to global health education and training, measuring and modeling health outcomes, global health workforce development and capacity strengthening, policy and advocacy to promote global health research and infrastructure development, improving health metrics for low- and low-middle-income countries, promoting north-south health and research partnerships, integrating community case management, technology and other innovations for care delivery in low-resource settings, diversity, inclusion, decolonization and human rights. Malaria-related abstracts should be submitted to Malaria unless the abstract focuses on operational research aspects of malaria.

- **Malaria**: All malaria-related abstracts should be submitted to Basic Sciences – Malaria or Clinical and Applied Sciences - Malaria. Exceptions include abstracts focused on integrated management of diseases in addition to malaria; in those cases, Clinical and Applied Sciences – Integrated Control Measures for NTDs should be used.

- **Molecular Parasitology**: For submissions on aspects of molecular, cellular and/or immunologic parasitology, use the category of Basic Sciences and use the sub-category for the predominant organism studied. If more than one parasite is under evaluation, consider “Molecular Parasitology” as the sub-category.

- **Nursing topics**: For abstracts focused on clinical aspects of nursing care, use the Clinical and Applied Sciences category. If an abstract addresses public health aspects and/or operations in nursing care delivery, use the Global Health sub-category.

- **One Health**: Use this category for abstracts addressing zoonotic disease transmission in humans, animal/human ecology and for veterinary aspects of human diseases. In most cases, this category should not be used for abstracts with a singular focus on diseases in humans or animals without exploring the link between the two. For example, abstracts on the prevalence of human Lyme disease in a given region would belong with Arthropods/Entomology, while an abstract on the effects of deer culls on the incidence of human Lyme disease would be appropriate for One Health.

- **Respiratory Viruses**: For abstracts focused on coronavirus and flu, use Virology if the content addresses agents of disease, and use Pneumonia, Respiratory Infections and Tuberculosis if the content addresses disease processes.

- **Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environmental Health**: Use this category for abstracts dealing with health effects of water pollution, environmental toxins, etc., in addition to traditional WaSH-E topics. An abstract dealing with health effects of air pollution can be submitted here or to the Pneumonia, Respiratory Infections and Tuberculosis category, depending on the content.