



2026 Abstract Presenter Resource Guide

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Thank you for attending and presenting your work at the 2026 International Congress of Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders®. The Congress Scientific Program Committee develops the scientific program for the International Congress, and the MDS International Secretariat staff is here to answer any questions regarding the Society. Please feel free to contact the staff at congress@movementdisorders.org.

All abstract presenters must register and pay the registration fee for the International Congress. Register on or before July 30, at 11:59 p.m. local Seoul time to receive the early registration rate.

[Register now »](#)

Abstract notifications regarding presentation times, upload links, etc. are **solely sent to the submitters** of each abstract.

MDS requires all abstract submitters to note the abstract's presenter in the abstract submission system. If this presenter has changed since the submission, there is no need to notify MDS; the abstract submitter should be sure to forward all information, including this guide, to the presenter. Anyone registered for the International Congress is welcome to be the presenter; it is not required that the presenter is the first author or a contributing author.

Role of the Abstract Presenter

- To present the contents of an accepted abstract in the e-poster presentation time allotted
- Respond directly to questions raised

While e-poster presenters will only present at the e-poster monitors during your assigned E-Poster Session time, the monitors will also be open for delegates to view e-posters on their own whenever e-poster sessions are not underway. E-posters will also be viewable on personal devices during and after the International Congress at:

<https://mds2026eposter.projectionnet.com/library/>

Edits to abstracts will not be granted; however, presenters are welcome to mention updates during their presentations.

Abstract Presenter Policies

E-Poster Presenter Guidelines

The International Congress of Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders ® is now featuring e-posters and instead of printed posters.

Benefits of E-Posters:

- Keeping delegates at the forefront of scientific meetings
- Reducing environmental waste generated by poster printing
- Eliminating transport efforts involved in traveling with a printed poster
- E-posters searchable at e-poster monitors, as well as on delegates' personal devices, during and after the International Congress

Preparing the E-Poster

- Abstract submitters are responsible for uploading their e-poster presentation by September 18, 2026, at the link sent to the submitter's email.
- E-Poster Specifications:
 - 16:9 Horizontal (Landscape) format to maximize the screen. This is one PowerPoint Slide saved as a PDF. Multiple pages are not acceptable.
 - A 16:9 aspect ratio sets the slide dimensions to 10 in x 5.625 in
 - Font size of at least 12 points
 - Recommended for text readability
 - Only PDF files may be uploaded
 - Maximum file size of **10** Megabytes, to allow for quick access
 - With today's modern PDF model, most PDF files are around 1 Megabyte in size, and the smaller size helps speed up access.
 - Save in online format; PowerPoint allows this when saving a file. Follow these steps:
 - 1) Select: Save As
 - 2) Select: PDF
 - 3) Select: More Options
 - 4) Select: Minimum Size (publishing online)
 - Do not include links or videos on your e-poster, because they will not be accessible. You are welcome to include QR codes.

E-poster example: [Poster PDF Example.pptx](#)

We encourage you to include your abstract's public contact email on your e-poster if you would like delegates to be able to contact you about your work.

Planning

MDS will supply a microphone for the e-poster presentation.

MDS will display all e-posters on 55-inch monitors. The e-poster hall will be organized into assigned presentations by topic at each monitor. In the abstract submitter's scheduling email, they will have received a station number, the presentation's order in their session, and a poster number for easy searching of their e-poster.

Each e-poster presenter will get 10 minutes to present their work.

- It is essential that e-poster presenters be present near their monitor during their e-poster session.
- Remember that MDS cannot guarantee that there will be a large audience for each e-poster presentation. Please remain at your e-poster monitor for the duration of your e-poster session.
- Your abstract's contact email will be available in the app for interested delegates to contact you about your work. MDS will also provide this email to anyone who inquires about contact information for the authors of your abstract, during and after the International Congress.

In-Person E-Poster Schedule

- The abstract's submitter must have uploaded their e-poster to the Projection upload site by September 18, 2026.
 - If the submitter does not upload the e-poster by that date, you are still welcome to attend and present your work verbally. Plan to be at your assigned e-poster station at your assigned time.
- Your e-poster will be available for viewing in the e-poster hall whenever E-poster Sessions are not underway, and accessible on attendees' personal devices at <https://mds2026eposter.projectionnet.com/library/> during and after the International Congress.

There are 12 E-poster Sessions throughout the meeting. These are each 1 hour, split into presentation times of 10 minutes.

- Sunday, October 4
 - Poster Session 1: 9:30 - 10:30
 - Poster Session 2: 12:00 - 13:00
 - Poster Session 3: 13:00 - 14:00
- Monday, October 5
 - Poster Session 4: 9:30 - 10:30
 - Poster Session 5: 12:00 - 13:00
 - Poster Session 6: 13:00 - 14:00
- Tuesday, October 6:
 - Poster Session 7: 9:30 - 10:30
 - Poster Session 8: 12:30 - 13:30
 - Poster Session 9: 13:30 - 14:30
- Wednesday, October 7:
 - Poster Session 10: 9:30 - 10:30

- Poster Session 11: 12:00 - 13:00
- Poster Session 12: 13:00 - 14:00
- Authors should check their notification email to identify their assigned session and e-poster station.

Oral Platform Presenter Guidelines

This section is applicable only if the abstract submitter was notified via email that their abstract was accepted for an Oral Platform Presentation.

Preparing the Presentation

- Your presentation should provide an overview of the methodology, data, and key lessons for the audience for ~3 minutes. Please try to leave the final 2 minutes for the Leader(s) to initiate a brief discussion and encourage questions from the attendees. The duration for each presenter is 4-5 minutes (maximum), including discussion. Refer to your email for exact timing.
- Your presentation should be a PowerPoint presentation highlighting key points of your poster and research. Please be sure it is short enough to be fully presented within 3 minutes.
- MDS encourages presenters to include contact information in their slide presentation.
- Abstract submitters must upload the final version of the Oral Platform Presentation by September 23, 2026, to the Orchestrate link sent to the submitter.

Delivering the Presentation

- Please arrive at your session room 10 minutes prior to the start of your session to check in at the head table, review the presentation order, and prepare to begin promptly at the start time.
- You are NOT permitted to present from a laptop or flash drive at the podium; the abstract submitter must have uploaded the Oral Platform Presentation to Orchestrate by September 23, 2026.
- Locate an MDS Staff Member at the front of the room (near the podium) to check in. MDS Staff are easily identifiable by a red MDS Staff lanyard.
- Please be seated near the stage so you have easy access when it is your turn.
- Please note that you must keep on schedule (not exceeding 5 minutes total) so that all presentations fit within the time allotted. Oral Platform Presentation Leaders will end any presentation that is going over their allotted time.

MDS will not record Oral Platform Presentations or post them to any MDS platforms. All abstract presenters must attend in-person in Seoul and deliver their presentation live. The abstract presenter does not need to be an author or co-author of the abstract.

Oral Platform Presentations are not accredited.

Optional E-Poster Upload for Oral Platform Presenters

If you choose, you may also upload an e-poster PDF to be viewable in the e-poster hall. MDS will not schedule Oral Platform Presentation abstracts for formal e-poster presentations. Please follow the guidelines in the [Preparing the E-Poster section](#).

All Oral Platform Presentations abstracts will only be presented in an Oral Platform Presentation session. Anyone can search for E-poster PDF uploads in the e-poster hall and on personal devices during and after the International Congress.

Late-Breaking Abstract Presenter Guidelines

Preparing the Presentation

The 2026 International Congress will feature in-person Oral Platform Presentations for all accepted Late-Breaking Abstracts. Late-breaking abstract decision notifications are sent to late-breaking abstract submitters in August 2026.

There will be no printed posters at the 2026 International Congress.

MDS asked the late-breaking abstract submitter to name the presenter during the submission process. If this person changes, anyone who registers for the International Congress is welcome to present the abstract on their behalf. The presenter is not required to be one of the abstract's authors.

Late-breaking Abstracts will be presented in the same format as abstracts accepted for Oral Platform Presentations (see page 5). Late-breaking abstract presenters should follow the Oral Platform Presentation guidelines.

Late-breaking abstracts, like Oral Platform Presentations, will only be presented in an Oral Platform Presentation, but have an opportunity to upload an e-poster for viewing as well. Anyone can search for E-Poster PDF uploads in the e-poster hall and on personal devices during and after the International Congress. Please review the [Preparing the E-Poster section](#).

Publication and Citation Information

Abstract titles (regular and Late-Breaking) will be released in September.

Regular Abstract Publication

All accepted abstracts will be published in an online supplement to Movement Disorders, the official Journal of the International Parkinson and Movement Disorders Society (MDS), and on the searchable MDS abstract website, www.mdsabstracts.org. Please note that abstracts are embargoed until Thursday, October 1, 2026, 22:00 KST (local Seoul time).

All submitted abstracts become the property of MDS and are copyrighted as a publication in an e-supplement to the Movement Disorders journal. All accepted MDS International Congress abstracts are published and copyrighted in the year in which they are published. Subsequent publication of your abstract after publication would be in violation of MDS copyrighted material.

Please note that the public contact email entered during the abstract submission process will also be published, so that interested individuals can contact you about your work.

Uploaded e-posters will be published online during and after the International Congress.

Late-Breaking Abstract Publication

All Late-Breaking Abstracts will be published on the MDS International Congress website at 22:00 KST (local Seoul time) on Thursday, October 1, 2026.

To cite an MDS published Late-Breaking Abstract, follow this example:

[Author's Last Name], [Author's First and Middle Initials]. (year). International Congress of Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders. Late-Breaking Abstracts, [Abstract Title], [pages].

Retrieved from <https://www.mdscongress.org/About/Past-future>.

Should the need arise, the deadline to withdraw an accepted Late-Breaking Abstract is Tuesday, September 1, 2026.

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Benefits available to MDS members include:

- Reduced registration rates
- Special access
- Grants to attend or travel to courses or future International Congress events

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Withdrawing an Abstract

If a regular abstract submitter did not confirm that a presenter would attend the International Congress to present the abstract by June 5, 2026, MDS withdrew the abstract and notified the submitter. The deadline to withdraw an abstract was July 1, 2026, and MDS will not grant withdrawal requests received after that date.

Travel Grant and Complimentary Registration Award Information

The 2026 Travel Grant Award application was included in the abstract submission process and has closed.

Travel Grant Awards provide partial support for delegates with financial need to travel to and participate in the 2026 International Congress of Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders® in Seoul, Korea. Travel Grant recipients also received complimentary International Congress registration. All awardees received an email and instructions to claim their award, which include registering for the International Congress, submitting the claim form, and attending the International Congress. There are no in-person steps required to claim the award, other than attending the International Congress to present the abstract.

Registration-only travel grant awards consist of complimentary registration only. All that is required to claim this award is to register for the International Congress.

If you were awarded either of these and can no longer attend, you cannot transfer the award to someone else; please notify MDS so that the award can be redistributed to the next available applicant. We encourage you to apply again for the award at the 2027 International Congress.

2026 International Congress Information

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