2026 Vascular Annual Meeting
Late Breaking Abstracts
Submission Polices and Guidelines

Late Breaking Abstracts are innovative and provide the latest breakthroughs in clinical science. The sessions provide exposure and recognition for studies likely to have a significant impact on clinical practice and/or to make significant advances in a scientific field. They must highlight important results obtained **after the January 7th** abstract submission deadline. **We will not be accepting duplicate abstract submissions from the call for abstracts that took place November 2025-January 2026.**

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