

Criteria for submitting the academic work
50th Annual Scientific Congress of The Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand

Please read this GUIDELINE of abstract preparation before submitting an abstract.
Abstracts that do NOT comply with this guideline may be rejected.

If you have any questions about submitting, please contact Ms. Napat Prasongdee via email:
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Guideline:

- 1) Write the abstract in English using Times New Roman font size 14.
- 2) Each abstract must include 4 elements: Title, Author name(s), Affiliation(s), and Abstract body.
- 3) The title should be in all lowercase letters except the first letter of the title.
- 4) The author's name begins with the full first name, then the surname (NO academic degree), with a notation of affiliation in the superscript letter immediately after the surname.
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- 5) The abstract body must include the following headings: Background, Objectives, Materials and Methods, Results, and Conclusion—except for an abstract of a case report or VDO presentation that can be written in narrative form.
- 6) The abstract body must NOT contain more than 350 words.
- 7) The abstract must NOT include a table, figure, or reference.

Note:

- 1) The deadline for abstract submission is **Sunday, June 15, 2025** (midnight BKK time).
- 2) The accepted abstract will be published in the congress e-proceeding book and the printed version of The Thai Journal of Surgery as it is, so please ‘double-check’ the content and typing errors before submission.
- 3) Only RCST members and residents/fellows (with a certified letter from training institutes) will be eligible for any award contest.
- 4) Resident(s)/Fellow(s) must submit a full paper along with an abstract before the deadline if you want to be included in the ‘Resident Paper Award (contest)’. Otherwise, the abstract will be selected as a ‘Free Paper Presentation (non-contest)’ for oral presentation.

Eligibility:

- 1) **Applicants of all awards must register online before submission.**
- 2) Entries to the award must not have been previously published or received an award elsewhere **(except an award or contest in their institute).**
- 3) Each applicant must be a member of the RCST and a surgical resident/fellow in training **(except for the Resident Paper Award, the applicant must be a surgical resident/fellow in training).**
- 4) An entry is limited to one award only but can be presented in another non-contest session (Free paper presentation, non-contest).
- 5) There is no age limit for the applicant, except an applicant for the 'RCST & ICS Young Investigator Award' must be 45 years old or younger on the submission date.
- 6) As there is only one abstract submission form for all awards, the applicant must indicate clearly which award they wish to apply for and fulfill all regulations of the selected award.
- 7) In case of no qualified entries, the contest committee reserves the right not to award any or all prizes.
- 8) The research work must be conducted mainly in Thailand.
- 9) The decision of the contest committee is considered final.
- 10) Presentation must be made in English on the date, time, and venue assigned by the contest committee.

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Prizes and Awards:

- 1) Resident Paper Award
- 2) VDO Award
- 3) Thongueb Uttaravichien Award
- 4) RCST & ICS Young Investigator Award
- 5) ACS Basic Science Award
- 6) Poster Award
- 7) Free Paper Presentation (Non-contest)

1. Resident Paper Award

- (1) The award is divided into two categories: Basic science award and Clinical research award. Each category has three prizes: the first is 20,000 Baht, the second is 16,000 Baht, and the third is 12,000 Baht. Honorary plaques will be bestowed upon each winner's institute.
- (2) The Applicant must have been a surgical resident or fellow of any subspecialty when the research was conducted.
- (3) A certified letter from their institute, including evidence of approval by the Research Ethics Committee, if necessary, must also be attached.
- (4) The abstract and manuscript in publish-ready form must be submitted to the contest committee for consideration by **Sunday, June 15, 2025.**
- (5) The surgical resident/fellow must make an oral presentation in English on the date, time, and venue assigned by the contest committee. The time limit is 8 minutes plus a 2-minute Q&A.

2. VDO Award

- (1) There is only one category: Surgical technique. The award consists of eight prizes: the first prize is 20,000 Baht, the second prize is 15,000 Baht, the third prize is 10,000 Baht, and the five honorable mentions are 2,000 Baht each.
- (2) Entries to the award must not have been previously presented at any international meeting.
- (3) The length of the VDO must not exceed 8 continuous minutes (excluding a 2-minute Q&A after the presentation). The contestant must record the VDO, including the PowerPoint slide (ratio 16:9) on the full screen and the VDO of themselves narrating the details in English in one corner of the screen (no background music).
- (4) The VDO must be in MP4 format, with a resolution of at least 1080p (1920x1280). Its content must not show the patient's face or anything that can identify the patient.
- (5) The contestant must be present to answer questions from the contest committee and the audience on the date, time, and venue assigned by the contest committee.
- (6) To qualify for the award, the winner must achieve at least 70% of the total scores.
- (7) An Abstract in publish-ready form, including the VDO, must be submitted to the contest committee for consideration before **Sunday, June 15, 2025**.
- (8) The decision of the contest committee is considered final, and the award-winning videos will be displayed on www.rcst.or.th.

3. Thongueb Uttaravichien Award

- (1) The award consists of three prizes: the first prize is 30,000 Baht, the second is 20,000 Baht, and the third is 10,000 Baht. The honorary plaques will be bestowed upon each winner's institute.
- (2) The research must relate to education and training in all fields of surgery and must also be considered by the IRB of the relevant institution.
- (3) The applicant must be a Thai/foreign instructor, resident, medical student, educator, or person who is interested in education.
- (4) Presentation must be made in English on the date, time, and venue assigned by the contest committee. The time limit is 8 minutes plus a 2-minute Q&A.
- (5) Abstract and manuscript in the publish-ready form must be submitted to the contest committee for consideration before **Sunday, June 15, 2025**.

4. RCST & ICS Young Investigator Award

- (1) One Prize of Baht 10,000
- (2) The applicant must be a general surgeon and a member of the RCST.
- (3) The age limit should not exceed 45 years on the submission date.
- (4) The Abstract and manuscript in publish-ready form, along with a detailed description of the invention's device's functions and performance results (if any), must be submitted to the contest committee for consideration by **Sunday, June 15, 2025**.
- (5) Entries will remain the contestant's intellectual property, whether they received an award or not.
- (6) Presentation must be made in English on the date, time, and venue assigned by the contest committee. The time limit is 8 minutes plus a 2-minute Q&A.

5. ACS Award (ACS Basic Science Paper Contest)

- (1) One Prize of Baht 20,000 (in case of no qualified entries, two Honorable Mentions of Baht 5,000 each)
- (2) Abstract and manuscript in the publish-ready form must be submitted to the contest committee for consideration by **Sunday, June 15, 2025.**
- (3) Presentation must be made in English on the date, time, and venue assigned by the contest committee. The time limit is 8 minutes plus a 2-minute Q&A.

6. Poster Award

- (1) The award is divided into two categories: Basic science award and Clinical research award. Each category consists of three prizes: the first is 12,000 Baht, the second is 10,000 Baht, and the third is 8,000 Baht.
- (2) The poster should describe the research and its results and focus mainly on the content and form of the research.
- (3) The poster should be 90x120 cm. The contestants must prepare the poster themselves and bring it to present at the RCST Annual Scientific Congress.
- (4) Poster presentation must be made in English on the date, time, and venue assigned by the contest committee. The time limit is 8 minutes plus a 2-minute Q&A.
- (5) Abstract must be submitted to the contest committee for consideration by **Sunday, June 15, 2025.**

7. Free Paper Presentation (Non-contest)

- (1) Entries to the award must not have been previously published or received an award elsewhere.
 - (2) The applicant must be a surgeon, a member of RCST, a surgical resident, or a fellow.
 - (3) Free paper presentation must be made in English on the date, time, and venue assigned by the contest committee. The time limit is 8 minutes plus a 2-minute Q&A.
 - (4) Abstract must be submitted to the contest committee for consideration by **Sunday, June 15, 2025**
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