Welcome to the Online Submission Program for  
The 69th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Neurology  
April 22 – April 28, 2017  
Boston, MA

Abstract Submission Deadline:  
Monday, October 24, 2016  
11:59 PM Central Time

THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Rules for Abstract Submission:

• For technical support, please contact Mira Smart Conferencing at 1-866-341-9589 between the hours of 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, CST, Monday - Friday or via e-mail to AAN2017@mirasmart.com

• Please direct all questions regarding member/nonmember information, disclosure, submission policy, rules and guidelines to Nate Kosher at 612-928-6088 or via e-mail to science@aan.com

CRITERIA
Experts rate the abstracts on scientific merit, breadth of audience interest, and quality of presentation, including compliance with the guidelines and instruction. The AAN encourages international submissions. Please review for proper English usage. If an abstract contains material that has been previously published or presented, that information must be disclosed.

CONTENT
The AAN REQUIRES that all authors organize their abstract body under the following headings: OBJECTIVE, BACKGROUND, DESIGN/METHODS, RESULTS and CONCLUSIONS. There is a maximum of 300 words allowed per abstract. The word count includes the body only. Exceptions must be requested in writing. Case reports are allowed. Tables and figures are not allowed.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS AND MAKING ABSTRACT CHANGES
Abstracts must be submitted online from the official AAN abstract submission website. Authors can update abstracts after they have been submitted, but prior to the submission deadline. Minimal changes may be able to be accommodated after the submission deadline by contacting AAN staff at science@aan.com. Significant changes should be made at the time of presentation.
LETTER OF AGREEMENT
The AAN is concerned about the perception of industry influence and the science presented at its Annual Meeting. All accepted abstract presenters must complete a Letter of Agreement to present at the AAN meeting. Information about this will be sent with letters of acceptance.

AAN STATEMENT ON COMMERCIAL INTEREST PRESENTERS
The primary purpose of the AAN Continuing Medical Education Program is to advance the professional development of our learners in order to increase knowledge and improve the diagnosis and treatment of patients. In order to maintain the flow of the most current information to our learners and to serve the public interest, the content of AAN CME may include information planned, presented, or authored by employees of commercial interests. AAN is committed to the integrity of the science presented at its CME activities and employs a rigorous peer-review process to ensure that integrity. The content of presentations by commercial interest employees must focus on basic science and not on the product or on the commercial aspects of the discovery. In addition, the format of the presentation must permit full discussion of the therapeutic benefits and risks of the discovery. AAN maintains control of all content and plans all of its activities in compliance with the ACCME Standards for Commercial Support.

PREFERENCES
Using the drop-down menus under Topic Choice, indicate the topic under which you want your abstract reviewed. Please select the topic and subtopic which most accurately reflects your abstract topic. Indicate your presentation preference, by choosing one of the two choices. Note: Final decision on presentation type (poster or platform) is determined by the Science Committee. Please do not submit your abstract if you are not willing to present in a particular format.

FIRST AUTHOR
To encourage abstracts from prominent research laboratories and clinical investigative groups, we have removed the one abstract per author rule. First authors may submit a maximum of two abstracts (excluding abstracts submitted to Practice, Policy, and Ethics, Research Methodology and Education, and History of Neurology). For groups submitting multiple abstracts, we ask that no single individual present more than two abstracts in platform sessions. We encourage younger members of the Academy to present work in which they are involved. First Authors are also the contact author for the abstract.
PRESENTATION
Accepted abstracts are presented in either platform or poster sessions. You should state your preference in the submission program, through the AAN's Science Committee makes the final decision of abstract assignment and approval to either poster or platform session based on scientific merit and program considerations. Authors later withdrawing their abstracts based upon the presentation type that has been selected for their abstract may be subject to AAN sanctions. All platform and poster presenters must register for the Annual Meeting and will be REQUIRED to pay the Annual Meeting registration fee.

PAYMENT
A $150 non-refundable fee will be charged for all abstracts submitted by non-members. A $50 non-refundable fee will be charged for all abstracts submitted by members. PhD Candidates, Junior Fellows, Junior Interns, Junior Post Docs, Junior Residents and Students (Medical or Graduate) may submit their abstract at no charge. This fee will be based on the 1st author’s status. Your abstract will not be considered complete if you are required to submit payment but fail to do so. If an abstract is submitted, and subsequently deleted by the author, no refund will be processed.

PUBLICATION
There are an increasing number of commercial organizations that are offering highlights of annual meetings, including that of the American Academy of Neurology. At times, individuals from these organizations may indicate that they have some relationship with the Academy, and will ask for you to provide illustrations or tables, or major elements of your presentation for inclusion. While it is the goal of the Academy to bring material presented at the Annual Meeting before the public and the profession, we want to let you know that any communication regarding your presentation before or after the AAN Annual Meeting will only be through the Academy Office. Any unauthorized use of Annual Meeting presentation material may result in AAN sanctions. The embargo for abstracts that will be presented at the meeting is in effect until the date and time of the abstracts being released online in early 2017.

HUMAN AND ANIMAL RESEARCH
The submitting author certifies that any work with human or animal subjects reported in this abstract complies with the guiding principles for experimental procedures endorsed by the American Academy of Neurology. Abstracts must comply with ethical guidelines for human and animal research, and authors may be asked to supply added documentation.
WITHDRAWALS
Withdrawals are permitted until April 10, 2017. However, not all withdrawals will be reflected in print or online publications. Authors should provide AAN with an explanation of the withdrawal at the time of withdrawing. Authors not notifying AAN staff of withdrawal, notifying AAN staff after April 10, 2017, or not providing a reason for withdrawal will be subject to sanctioning. Because of the limited number of abstracts that are able to be accepted, authors are expected to make all efforts to attend the AAN Annual Meeting to present their accepted abstract. Withdrawal requests should be submitted to the AAN at science@aan.com. Your payment will not be refunded if you withdraw your abstract.

ABSTRACT NOTIFICATION
Abstract authors will be notified in late January 2017 via email the outcome of their abstract submission(s).

POSTER TAKE DOWN POLICY
If the abstract submission is accepted as a poster, and at the time of notification of acceptance, presenters may indicate if they would like to have their poster(s) taken down for them by AAN staff at the conclusion of the session. There will be a $50 fee for poster removal. If presenters want to take their own poster down, posters must be removed by the end of the session or they will be charged the poster removal fee. This is to encourage a clean atmosphere for poster presenters and meeting attendees, as well as maintaining a green meeting environment.

REJECTION
Abstracts will be rejected without review for the following reasons:
• Abstracts received after Monday, October 24, 2016, 11:59 PM, Central Time
• Incomplete Acknowledgment, Concurrence and Disclosure statement.
• Abstracts submitted on forms from previous years.

Instructions for submitted abstracts must be followed completely. Abstracts that do not conform to the prescribed rules will be rejected.