Abstract Guidance for the World Conference on Lung Cancer Advocacy Track

For 2020, Advocacy Track abstracts will undergo a more rigorous review than in prior years. We highly encourage all potential attendees globally (patients, caregivers, and advocacy groups as well as clinicians and scientists) to submit abstracts that comply with the following guidelines.

- **Abstracts should provide results that address a question.** This may be a scientific question with a hypothesis OR for the advocacy track, it could be the development and evaluation of a program or project to address a specific need in the community.
    - Example: your organization developed [insert your program] to address [specific need in the community]. You assessed the program by [how you tested if it worked] and you found [insert your results].
- Abstracts **will not** be accepted if they only describe what the advocacy group does in general and does not address a specific question or evaluate an action to help a specific need in the community.

In writing an abstract, the sections below are required. If you are new to abstract writing, use the questions listed below each section to guide you in developing content.

Introduction

- What topic related to lung cancer are you addressing?
- Why is this important?
- Are there previous references or research about this topic?
- What is the question that you are asking or hypothesis that you are testing?

Methods

- What did you do to address the question? (Be as specific as possible)
- How did you measure your experimental results or evaluate your program/project?
- What statistical methods were used (if applicable)?

Results

- What were the results? (Include a summary of the data)
- To what extent did the results answer the question (stated above in the Introduction)

Conclusions

- What did you learn from the study/project?
- How does this relate to other previous findings?
- What are the next steps? How should other advocates, scientists, or groups use these results?

WCLC 2020 Advocacy Track Abstracts - FAQ

What is an abstract?

A brief (usually 300 to 500 words) summary of the research, project, program or campaign you would like to present, either through an oral or poster presentation. It needs to communicate your enthusiasm about and knowledge of the topic in just a few words. If accepted, it means you need to pay to go to the conference and be prepared to present.

Who should submit an abstract to the WCLC 2020 Advocacy Track?

Anyone across the globe (scientists, clinicians, advocacy groups, patients or caregivers) who has interesting data to present about patient-centric research they have done or programs they have developed to help the lung cancer community.

Why submit an abstract?

- Because having the opportunity to present at conferences:
- Gives your organization and your work visibility
- Gives your work credibility
- Helps you to be part of a larger community
- Allows the lung cancer world know about you and your services
- Provides you experience in presenting either a poster or oral presentation
- Helps patient advocates and advocacy groups to be considered equal stakeholders

What can you submit abstracts about?

For this conference, anything that is relevant to lung cancer and the lung cancer community. Think about what you are doing that others (clinicians, scientists or other advocates) would be interested in or research you've done that you can present.

All topics are welcome and appropriate. This year, the track is particularly interested in hearing about:

- Biomarker testing and how/if it is being done around the world
- Lung cancer survivorship
- Using patient-reported and real-world data
- Early detection and screening around the world
- Wellbeing of patients, caregivers, and professionals

When should I submit an abstract?

Before the August 28, 2020 (23:59 PST) deadline

What happens after I submit an abstract?

You wait! In mid-October, they will announce the abstracts that have been accepted. After you get your approval, there will be deadlines for registering for the conference, submitting your slides for oral presentation and sometimes you need to submit your poster ahead of time.

Are there reasons I should NOT submit abstracts?

- They take time to do well.
- You might not be selected.
- Unless you are an invited speaker, you must pay your way to the conference, including registration, hotel and airfare. The conference will be located in Singapore in January 26-29, 2021.

Can you give me some tips for submitting my abstract?

- Start early and have others in your organization or people you know review it for grammar and flow.
- FOLLOW THE RULES on length, subject matter, and what should be in the required sections. You won't get accepted if you don't.
- It is easier to write if you create your abstract in a Word document then copy and paste into the online portal. In any event KEEP a copy of your abstract so if you are accepted, you'll remember what your presentation should look like.