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VASSA CONGRESS

16-18 October 2025

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ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

The 2025 VASSA Congress will be hosted by the Vascular Society of Southern Africa (VASSA), in participation with the World Federation of Vascular Societies (WFVS) and the European Society for Vascular Surgery (ESVS). The programme will include presentations by invited Vascular Surgeons from around the world, as well as abstract presentations. The call for abstracts is open to all members of VASSA, ESVS and WFVS.

DEADLINE DATES

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Monday, 30 June 2025	Deadline for abstract submissions	Monday, 28 July 2025
Monday, 21 July 2025	Feedback in terms of whether your submission has been accepted	Monday, 11 August 2025
Friday, 1 August 2025	Deadline for accepted authors and co-presenters to complete the online registration	Monday, 18 August 2025
Saturday, 16 August 2025	End of early bird registration rate	
16 - 18 October 2025	Congress	

- All submissions are to be done online at www.vassacongress.co.za
- The congress will be in-person only, and conducted in English.
- Presenters must cover the costs of their congress registration, accommodation and travel expenses.

AUTHORS MUST AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The requested presentation type may be changed following review in order for it to be accepted and included in the programme.
- The presenting author is responsible for submitting the abstract. The presenting author is the main contact for this abstract, and it is their responsibility to communicate with the other co-presenters and ensure that they register for the congress.
- Accepted abstracts may be withdrawn from the programme if the presenting author does not confirm their acceptance of the offer by the date given above and/or does not register for the congress by the stated deadline.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION TYPES:

Oral presentation:

- 10 minute time allocation and will be allocated within a plenary | parallel session.
- Presenters may be required to participate in a Q&A at the end of their presentation.
- Only MS Power Point will be accepted for oral presentations.
- MS PowerPoint presentations must be saved as a .pptx file. 16x9 formats.
- Video presentations (if applicable) are to be in mp4 format.

Poster presentation:

- The poster boards are 2.45m high and 90cm wide, posters should comfortably fit onto the boards in portrait style - in A0 or A1 format.
- Oversize posters can unfortunately not be accommodated.
- Poster adhesive will be supplied by the organisers for each poster.

NOTE: At the review stage, the congress programme committee may request that the presentation format be changed / adapted in order to create a balanced congress programme. The presenting author will be informed of the decision. The decision of the programme committee is final, and presenters will be given the chance to accept or decline.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT:

- Abstracts must be submitted online via www.vassacongress.co.za

The following fields should be completed during online submission of the abstract:

- **PROFILE**

The presenting author should create and complete the online submission and not a co-author. All communication will be sent to the author who created the profile. The biography is compulsory (max 100 words).

- **TITLE**

Insert the full title of the proposed presentation. Title should not exceed 20 words.

- **PRESENTATION TYPE**

Select the type of presentation

- **CO-AUTHORS | AFFILIATIONS**

Names and affiliations of all co-authors

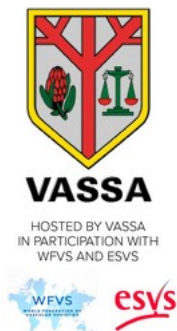
- **TEXT**

Insert the text of the abstract. You will not be able to type additional words once the 300-word limit has been reached, so please check your abstract once submitted. Do not insert the title or co-authors in this text block. Check that special characters have been copied correctly. Check that the full abstract has been successfully uploaded by logging out and logging in to your profile again.

Text will be limited to 300 words. Your abstract should state clearly what your presentation will cover how it will contribute to the particular session and be of benefit to the audience.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT ONLINE

- Using the link to submit your abstract - Available on www.vassacongress.co.za | which will take you to the ONLINE Submission Portal



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Welcome to the 2025 VASSA Congress | Online Abstract Submission Portal:

- Thank you for your interest in submitting an Abstract for the upcoming **2025 VASSA Congress**. The contribution of presenters is critical and we value your input.
- If you have not yet submitted an Abstract for 2025, please create a new account below first.
- If you have already submitted for **2025** - Please sign into the Abstract Portal with your account email address and password.
- If you have any questions regarding your submission, please contact kristy@confpartner.co.za or visit www.vassacongress.co.za

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Click on "Update Contact Information"

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Update Contact Information:

- Below is the current information associated with your primary contact.
- To update this information click the **Edit Contact Details** button towards the bottom of the screen.

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Abstract Submission:

- This page will take you through the process of submitting your abstract.
- Each of the tabs on the left hand side of the page will bring up a step in the submission process that needs to be completed.
- At any time in the process you can click the **Save As Draft** button to save your incomplete submission and return to it at a later time.
- The Review section will give you an overview of the sections that are still required to be completed before you can submit your abstract.
- Once all required sections have been completed, you can submit your abstract in the **Submit** section of this page.

Click on "Abstract Submission"

Title and Presentation Type Authors and Affiliations Abstract Additional Information AV Requirements: Review Submit

Abstract Title: Draft

— Title can not be longer than the 20 words

Word Limit 20 Word Count 0

Add your abstract title AND Select a presentation type from the dropdown list

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Author Affiliation:

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- Enter the author affiliation/s.
- Click on the "Add Affiliation" button below to add more affiliations (Institutions/companies that you are affiliated to)

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Affiliation

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State

Country

Multiple author affiliations can be created

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Abstract Authors:

- Enter the details for each author below.
- Multiple affiliations can be added to an author.
- Only numbers and commas allowed in the affiliation text block, **no letters or spaces. I.e. (1,2,3)**
- View the submission screenshots on the Guidelines page if you are unsure.

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Title

First Name

Last Name

Presenter

Organization

Position

Affiliations

Multiple author affiliations can be added. Reference the relevant number only, separated by a comma (no text!)

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Presenting Author Biography:

- Enter the bio for the presenting author.
- Limited to **100 words**

Biography

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The chairperson will introduce you using this biography

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Please Confirm Profession: *

Does your Abstract have Ethics approval | HREC Approval? *

Oral Presentation Submitters: *If not accepted as an oral - Are you happy to be considered as a poster?* *

Complete all additional information required

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Review Submission

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- Below is a summary of your completed submission.
- Any sections that are still required to be completed for submission are noted in red.

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Ready to submit

**Review your abstract details.
Save as Draft if you need to edit again.**

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- If all required abstract submission fields have been completed you will have the option to submit your abstract at the bottom of the page.
- If there are any remaining fields or sections to complete you will only have the option to save your submission as a draft until they are completed.

— I have read and understood the Abstract Guidelines, instructions and Terms associated with the Abstract submission and agree with this submission, should I be accepted to be part of the 2025 VASSA Congress programme - I will present in-person at the congress venue.

— Guidelines can be found on the Programme | Abstract Information page on the 2025 VASSA Congress website www.vassacongress.co.za

I agree to the above Terms and Conditions

**Tick "agree" before submitting.
Once submitted your abstract will**

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**Submitted abstracts can be viewed in "My Abstracts" but not edited.
Saved draft abstracts can be edited or deleted**

If you have any questions regarding abstract submission, please contact: Kristy Muller - kristy@confpartner.co.za