The Frank B. Walsh Session opens the NANOS Annual Meeting on March 12th. All accepted abstracts will be presented orally as part of the Frank B. Walsh Session.

The Walsh Session will consist of short presentations and discussions of interesting, unusual and instructive cases in which the diagnosis is supported by pathologic material, bacteriologic cultures, laboratory analyses, etc. Pathologic material is encouraged but not required for acceptance. We encourage submission of pediatric cases and cases with interesting genetic testing. Titles should not reveal the final diagnosis and should be relevant to the case material.

The 2023 Host Committee that will select the cases is Indiana University School of Medicine and includes:

Host: Melissa W. Ko, MD
Committee Members: Drs Kevin Lai, Devin Mackay, and Valerie Purvin
Expert Panel:
Neuro-radiologist: Aaron Kramer, MD
Neuro-pathologist: Charles Eberhart, MD, PhD

NEW for 2023: Only one submission per first/presenting author is allowed per abstract category. Additionally, rejected Walsh abstracts will no longer be given the opportunity to resubmit for acceptance as a Descriptive Studies poster.

Abstract Submission Instructions

The deadline for submission of abstracts is October 20th, 2022. Submissions received after this date will not be accepted.

To submit an abstract, go to the Annual Meeting website and click on the link to submit your abstract. You will be asked to complete an abstract form and electronically submit representative radiology and pathology images (images must be uploaded as one PowerPoint).

Please upload representative radiology and/or pathology slide images in PowerPoint format. All photos must be high resolution, or they will not display well on a larger projection if your case is accepted for presentation. For all images (radiology or pathology), there should be clear identification of their timing relative to the case both in the image powerpoint and as callouts in the case text. Imaging sequences and pathology magnification and stains should be noted on the images. No word document, PDF or single images in JPEG, TIFF, or Photoshop will be accepted. Please make sure the author name is NOT listed in the slides (as the reviews/selection process is blinded).

Pathology glass slides and complete imaging may be requested if selected for presentation, but do not have to be submitted initially.

The auditorium is set up for Power Point presentations using computer projection in 16:9 format and will have video capability.

You will be required to submit your final presentation in PowerPoint or Keynote format approximately 1 month prior to the meeting. Failure to do so may result in removal from the scheduled program. Your final presentation will be reviewed by the Host Committee for CME compliance, material that may be offensive on the basis of gender, body image, group characteristics, or grammatical errors, HIPAA compliance, and length. You may be asked to make changes to the final presentation as a result of the review process. Our third-party CME accreditor may also request to review your presentation to ensure CME compliance.

You will be notified of acceptance of your abstract in November.
Submitting an Abstract

Important Information

- Presenting authors must be an attending, current fellow-in-training, or resident.
- **All presenters will be required to meet the evening prior to the session to participate in an on-site rehearsal.**
- If you are a fellow-in-training or resident submitting an abstract, you must submit the name of the senior author during the submission process, in addition to listing their full details in the Co-Authors section of the submission form.
  - **Fellows-in-training/Residents:** The senior author must be a NANOS member who is familiar with the Walsh Meeting, will mentor you with the presentation and will be present at the NANOS meeting. All fellows-in-training/residents must review prior Walsh Session videos on the NANOS website prior to presentation. The senior author/mentor will be copied on all communication between the Host committee and the presenter. Your mentor must review all draft presentations before submitting them for review to the Host Committee.
- Avoid trade names whenever possible. Sometimes you need to say the trade name at least once, for clarity. For instance—natalizumab (Tysabri).

Preparation of Your Abstract

- No identifying features such as names of hospitals, medical schools, clinics or cities may be listed in the title or text of the abstract. Do not include the names of authors either. The names of authors and their affiliations (institutions) will be submitted on-line when you submit the abstract.
- Titles are at the author’s discretion. Please keep them relevant to the case material; the review committee may request a title change.
- All authors that had influence over the content of the abstract must disclose relevant financial relationships. When submitting the abstract online, please list the names of the authors and the corresponding financial disclosures.
- Six items are needed for submission of your Walsh case:
  1. History & Exam abstract (<300 words)
  2. Case Summary with References (<300 words)
  3. Case Dilemmas – e.g. difficult decision making, incorrect diagnoses (<75 words)
  4. Final diagnosis (ideally one sentence or <75 words)
  5. Describe why your presentation is unique (<75 words)
  6. Two/Three teaching points
  7. Representative Radiology Images (<10), additional images may be required for review
  8. Representative Pathology Images (<10), additional images may be required for review
- **Please be sure to label any images you upload** (part of case, imaging sequence, pathology stain, magnification, etc.).
- Crop out any patient identifiers in any images you upload.

Withdrawing an Abstract

If you want to withdraw a submitted abstract, please contact the meetings manager at meetings@nanosweb.org.