



## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

It is time to ask your most promising Fellows and Trainees to submit an abstract for consideration for the Trainee Symposium, part of the GRAPPA 2020 Annual Meeting in Brooklyn, New York, USA. The meeting starts with a reception the evening of Thursday, July 9 and continues July 10 and 11. More than two hours of GRAPPA's annual meeting will be devoted to the fresh ideas and new research done by selected trainees who will present their work.

### TO BE CONSIDERED:

- Trainees/Fellows must submit a 350 – 400 word abstract describing their work.
- Must agree to create a poster and/or PowerPoint presentation.
- Must be willing to travel to Brooklyn for the GRAPPA Annual Meeting and stay for the entire meeting, through late afternoon of Saturday, July 11, 2020.
- Be an MD or equivalent (OD). To qualify for the Trainee Symposium, the applicant should not yet have a permanent faculty position. *We cannot accommodate PhD, MBA or other degree candidates unless they have already earned an MD.*

Up to **five** trainees will be invited to give an 8-10 minute oral presentation using PowerPoint, followed by 5 minutes of discussion, based on their abstract. Also, each oral presenter will prepare a poster. Those not chosen for an oral presentation will have an opportunity to describe their posters during "poster breaks" at the meeting. In the past from 20 - 25 trainees were awarded the 'poster presentation' at the annual meeting.

***DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: Friday, March 27, 2020.***

### ABSTRACT INFORMATION:

Your abstract should describe the results of, or progress on, a primary research project in Psoriatic Arthritis or Psoriasis. The research should potentially be of interest to both dermatologists and rheumatologists. We invite basic science, translational and epidemiological studies that are centered on psoriatic disease. We no longer accept literature reviews due to the number of high-quality abstracts we now receive annually that contain primary data.

A panel of senior GRAPPA members will rank the abstracts. Abstracts will be blinded to ensure objectivity. The authors of the five abstracts with the highest scores will be invited to present orally.

GRAPPA will provide some financial support for participants who need it, particularly those trainees chosen to give oral presentations who cannot obtain local funding. While there is no charge to attend any of the sessions, GRAPPA strongly encourages members, trainees, and their institutions to seek institutional, pharmaceutical, or other types of grants to cover travel expenses when possible.

## HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT:

- Submit abstract as a Word document, limit 350 - 400 words (more is **not** better).
- In the title, use mixed case (do not use ALL CAPS). Upper and lower case only.
- Submit by email to [sharon@grappanetwork.org](mailto:sharon@grappanetwork.org) with the SUBJECT LINE: 2020 Trainee Abstract Submission – Your First Name, Your Last Name
- In the body of the email you only need to include a note with your name, institution, and country, for example: “Hello, please see my attached abstract for consideration, Joe Smith – University of Otago, New Zealand.”

### Abstract submission first page must include:

- Title
- Date submitted
- Name and degrees (MD, etc.) of trainee as first author
- Name of University and Department of first author trainee
- Trainee mailing address, phone number, email address(es)
- Names of all other authors and their degrees
- University affiliations of all other authors
- Name, degree(s) and affiliation of the GRAPPA member recommending the trainee’s work
- Name the Word document as follows: Your lastname\_ firstname, first few words of title\_2020. For example: Jackson\_Henrietta\_Psoriasis-centered studies Scotland\_2020

**An example of the first page is below, under the signature line.\* This should be the first page of your submittal. If any of this information is omitted, the abstract will not be accepted.**

### **SUBMIT ONLY ONE ABSTRACT PER PERSON (first author):**

You may be a secondary, third, fourth, etc., author on a different abstract submitted by a colleague, but **you may submit only one abstract for consideration as first author**. In some cases, the GRAPPA mentor of selected Trainees may also receive some travel support from GRAPPA, if needed. Only one mentor per Trainee may request GRAPPA travel support.

Submissions should be emailed to Sharon Andrews, GRAPPA Acting Executive Director, at [sharon@grappanetwork.org](mailto:sharon@grappanetwork.org) **ON or BEFORE Friday, March 27, 2020.**

### **HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION:**

Abstracts will be ranked by early May, at which time transportation arrangements should be made as soon as possible by those who are invited. Accepted Trainees will also be provided with an online option for making GRAPPA hotel reservations. More details will be provided at the time. Please note that there is no guarantee that all abstracts will be accepted for presentation. If a score of “not recommended” is

assigned, the author will still be invited to attend the Annual Meeting and Trainee Symposium but GRAPPA travel or hotel support will not be granted and there will not be an invitation to present a poster.

IF a trainee is unable to travel to Brooklyn, his or her mentor may NOT present the poster in place of the trainee. This is meant as an opportunity for personal and professional growth for trainees only.

Good luck, and please do not hesitate to ask Sharon Andrews if you have questions.

Best Regards,

Sharon Andrews, Acting Executive Director  
Christopher Ritchlin, MD, Chair, GRAPPA Trainee Symposium  
Kristina Callis Duffin, MD, President, GRAPPA



**\*Sample Front Page : Please follow this format for Dr. Henrietta Jackson's submission:**

Psoriatic arthritis and measles: a longitudinal study  
March 27, 2020

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(last name\_ first name\_ first few words of title\_2020)

\*\*\*\*\*Please include a second email address if you have one!\*\*\*\*\*

Thank you and good luck!