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 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting. The tentative dates of the meeting will be July 8-10, 2021. 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.
- Be an MD, or equivalent (DO), and/or PhD. To qualify for the Trainee Symposium, the applicant should (a) still be in training; or (b) is within 3 years of obtaining their degree; and (c) does not yet have a permanent faculty position.

Up to five trainees will be invited to give a 7-minute pre-recorded presentation each using PowerPoint, followed by 25 minutes of live Q&A panel discussion of all oral presenters. Also, each oral presenter will prepare a poster. Those not chosen for an oral presentation will have an opportunity to describe their posters during the poster tour. In the past about 20 - 25 trainees were awarded the ‘poster presentation’ at the annual meeting.

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: Friday, March 26, 2021.

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.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT:
- Submit the 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 with the SUBJECT LINE: 2021 Trainee Abstract Submission – Your First Name, Your Last Name
- In the body of the email include 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
- Statement of training status or when training was completed
- Name the Word document as follows: Your lastname_firstname, first few words of title_2021. For example: Jackson_Henrietta_Psoriasis-centered studies Scotland_2021
- If you agree to have your abstract published in JPPA (Journal of Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis) with a yes or no

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.

Submissions should be emailed to Sharon Andrews, GRAPPA Executive Director, at sharon@grappanetwork.org ON or BEFORE Friday, March 26, 2021.

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

Best Regards,

Sharon Andrews, Executive Director
April Armstrong, MD, Co-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 26, 2021  
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Yes, I give permission to have my abstract published in JPPA (Journal of Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis)

Please save your Word document titled THIS WAY: Smith_Jane_PsA_and_measles_2021  
(last name_first name_first few words of title_2021)

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

Thank you and good luck!