



AAST Annual Meeting Press/Media Policy

The AAST allows members of the press and media to attend only those sessions that are open to all participants of the AAST Annual Meeting. All sessions designated as *members-only* sessions, are strictly off-limits to the members of the press and media.

The following policies must be followed in order to be able to attend the educational sessions and/or the poster presentations.

Press Badge Eligibility

Reporters and editors must be affiliated with a subscription-based consumer, or trade newspaper or magazine; broadcast media, or a web-based news site. Freelancers **MUST** present a letter of assignment. **Photo ID must be presented when applying for or picking up a press badge.** Business cards will not be accepted.

Badges are granted at the discretion of the AAST Staff and/or meeting management firm. Badges must be worn at all times by all press registrants, and are not transferable. Press badges do not grant access to sessions that are designated for AAST members only.

To receive a badge, a registration form must be filled out with the magazine, newspaper or web-based news organization's address. By signing the registration form, you agree to abide by the policies set forth below.

Badges

Badges must be worn at all times. Any member of the press or media without a badge will either not be allowed into a session or will be asked to leave.

Pressroom

There is no designated press room at the AAST Annual Meeting. If you need a room to interview a presenter, please ask at the AAST Information Desk.

Presentation Charts, Graphs, and Tables

All presentations given at the AAST's Annual Meetings are the property of the AAST. The publication of any chart, graph, table, or any portion of any presentation is an infringement of copyright. Copyright infringement is enforceable by law, and will be pursued by the AAST if it occurs. The presenters are not allowed to distribute any part(s) of their presentations(s) to any members of the press or media at any time.

Photos, Audiotaping, and Videotaping

Photos are not allowed to be taken in the sessions at any time. Photos can be taken after the presentation when meeting with the presenter. Only brief excerpts of audiotaped or videotaped individual presentations may be used or broadcasted through communications mediums. Brief excerpts are considered to be less than two minutes in length.

Any audiotape or videotape that is longer than two minutes in length must have prior written contractual permission from the AAST before it can be used.

Questions to Presenters

Members of the press and media are NOT allowed to ask questions, at any time, during the designated Q&A portion of the oral presentations. *The Q&A time is reserved for registered AAST attendees/participants only.*

The press and media may ask the presenter(s) questions—outside of the presentation room.

Poster Presentations

Press and media are allowed to take photos of the poster presentations so long as:

- It does not interfere with the presentation(s) of the poster(s).
- It does not block, interfere with, or prevent any AAST attendee/participant from attending or viewing the presentation(s).

Embargo Policy

All scientific abstracts accepted for oral or poster presentations during the AAST's 77th Annual Meeting are embargoed until 7:30 a.m. (Pacific Standard Time), on Wednesday, September 26, 2018. The American Association for the Surgery of Trauma strictly enforces its embargo policy, which prohibits the distribution or publication of the contents of all abstracts prior to the embargo time stated above.

Please note that all of the oral podium presentations, and many of the quick shots and posters, will be under consideration for publication in the *Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery* at the time of the meeting. While the *Journal* does not prohibit coverage of presentations or interviews with presenters, the editors ask all journalists to refrain from requesting or reproducing figures, data sets, and other material under review. Please contact Judy Connors, Managing Editor at the Journal of Trauma, at jconnors@origineditorial.com, for details about the expected publication dates of specific papers.

Violation of Embargo Policy

Failure to abide by the AAST's embargo policy will result in forfeiture of press credentials for this and all future AAST Annual Meetings.

Please note: Press or media registrants who do not observe these policies will be required to relinquish their press badge immediately and will not be allowed to attend future AAST Annual Meetings.

Acceptance of a press badge binds you to this press and media policy. The AAST reserves the right to revoke press badges at any time. The provisions of this policy may be modified or amended at any time as deemed necessary by the AAST.

I agree to the terms above:

Name: _____

Newspaper/Scientific Journal/Web-based publication/magazine:

Signature: _____