

Abstract Embargo Policy

Embargo Policy for First-to-Podium Presentation Abstracts

Abstracts chosen by the Scientific Selection Committee for First-to-Podium presentation as part of the agenda/scientific program for the Symposium on Advanced Wound Care Spring | WHS are embargoed until the start of the session in which they are featured during the *First to Podium Presentations session* on April 9, 2026.

All First-to-Podium Presentation abstracts will be published to the *Wounds* website, the official journal of the Symposium on Advanced Wound Care following the meeting.

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The Symposium on Advanced Wound Care (SAWC Spring | WHS) meeting follows a strict embargo policy to ensure the timely and accurate dissemination of scientific content. All abstract presenters, authors, Scientific Selection Committee and involved stakeholders in First-to-Podium Presentation Abstracts must comply with the following guidelines to maintain the integrity of the conference and its communications.

1. Definition of "Embargoed" Content

"Embargoed content" refers to any abstract, research data, or findings presented at the SAWC Spring | WHS meeting that is identified as a First-to-Podium Presentation abstract. Such content is considered embargoed until the official embargo date is lifted by the meeting organizers.

2. Embargo Lift Date

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3. Restrictions on Public Disclosure

- Pre-Conference: Presenters and authors are prohibited from publicly sharing, presenting, or discussing abstract details, findings, or any related data prior to the official presentation at the SAWC Spring | WHS meeting.
- Post-Conference: Once the embargo is lifted (i.e., after the official presentation), authors and presenters may publicly disclose their work but must ensure accurate representation of the information presented during the meeting.

4. Media and Press Engagements

- Any media or press outreach regarding the content of First-to-Podium Presentation abstracts prior to the embargo lift date is strictly prohibited. All media representatives and journalists must adhere to this embargo policy.
- If there is any interest in discussing research or preliminary findings with the media, authors must coordinate through the SAWC Spring | WHS Press office or communication channels to ensure compliance.
- The embargo policy means that no news, information, results of any abstract, or research finding can be released to the media or published **until the start of the session in which they are featured during the *First to Podium Presentations* session on April 9, 2026**. This embargo includes revealing anything about the results (including the title of the abstract, since frequently the title indicates the finding) in a press release or “curtain raiser.” If you have questions, e-mail the SAWC Spring | WHS Press Team at pr@hmpglobal.com.

5. Consequences of Embargo Violations

- Violation of the embargo policy will be taken seriously and may result in the withdrawal of the abstract from the conference or other sanctions, including disqualification from future participation in the conference.
- Authors, presenters, associated colleagues, Scientific Selection Committee members, members of the press, and members of the healthcare or financial industry found in violation of the embargo may also face restrictions on presenting at subsequent SAWC or affiliated events.

6. Additional Guidelines

- Authors as well as the Scientific Selection Committee should be aware that the embargo applies to all forms of public communication, including but not limited to social media posts, press releases, interviews, and publication in any media.
- Presenters are encouraged to consult with the conference organizers or the press team if they have questions or need clarification about the embargo policy.

7. General Inquiries

For any inquiries regarding this embargo policy or specific concerns related to abstract presentations, contact the SAWC Spring WHS Press Team at pr@hmpglobal.com.