

## Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery Alumni Symposium and the 23<sup>rd</sup> Congress of the Michael E. DeBakey International Surgical Society – Abstract Instructions

We are excited to announce that the **Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery Alumni Symposium** and the **23<sup>rd</sup> Congress of the Michael E. DeBakey International Surgical Society (MEDISS)** will be held on **Friday and Saturday, May 1-2, 2020, in the Cullen Auditorium at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas.**

The joint symposia will begin at 1:00 pm on Friday, May 1, with sessions highlighting the clinical, educational, and research accomplishments of the department. The day will conclude with an informal poster reception and dinner in the Michael E. DeBakey Library and Museum and adjacent foyer. At 7:00 am on Saturday, May 2, the session will begin with the **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery Research Symposium**, during which our residents, fellows, students, and non-faculty research staff will present their scientific achievements from the current academic year. Our Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Craig Miller, a vascular surgeon and author of the recently released biography of Dr. DeBakey, “A Time for All Things: The Life of Michael E. DeBakey.” Following the Research Symposium and lunch, Dr. Matthew Wall, Jr., will deliver the MEDISS Presidential Address. This will be followed by a series of abstract presentations given by MEDISS members and then the presentation of the DeBakey Surgical Award. The event will conclude with a banquet at 7:30 pm.

### Abstract Submission Instructions

Please submit an abstract highlighting your recent clinical, health services, educational, biomedical innovation, or basic science research. Abstracts should describe completed work and can describe work that has been previously presented at scientific meetings or published in the literature. All abstracts **must be submitted via the online submission system by 6:00 pm on Monday, March 2.** A notice will be distributed when the submission website is open.

*Authors* – List all authors contributing to the work. The presenting author must be listed first.

*Abstract* – Each abstract is limited to 2000 characters (including spaces); titles and authors are excluded from this count. Avoid symbol fonts such as  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  in your abstract; instead spell them out as in: alpha, beta, gamma. Abstracts must include the following four sections:

*Background* – Describe why the study was conducted and state the objective and/or hypothesis.

*Methods* – Describe how the study was conducted, focusing on study design, experimental techniques, and analytic approach.

*Results* – Describe the most important findings of the study. Quantitative results should be reported whenever possible. Abstracts can include one figure or one table.

*Conclusions* – Describe the conclusions reached based specifically on the study results and comment on the relevance of the study.

*Tables and Figures* – Tables and figures are permitted. If included, they will need to be uploaded as a single PDF, MS Excel, or MS Word document.

Please, do not hesitate to contact me, if you have any questions.

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