

ACFAS Scientific Literature Review (SLR)

2024-2025 Program



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What is the SLR Program?

The ACFAS Scientific Literature Review (SLR) program is an education opportunity for resident members of ACFAS to submit an abstract on a peer-reviewed article related to the field of foot and ankle surgery



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Purpose of the SLR

To expose ACFAS resident members to different sources of published research and to keep our surgeons current on relevant research in peer reviewed journals/specialties. It is meant to expose ACFAS members to journals not routinely subscribed/read by foot and ankle surgeons.



2024-2025 Program Updates

- Submissions will open quarterly instead of monthly
- Participants must be ACFAS resident members
- Participation may be through a residency program or as an individual resident member (if your residency program is not signed up)



Program Timeline and Submission Dates

- Quarterly Submission Deadlines
- April 1st – *submissions will open in February*
- July 1st
- October 1st
- January 15th



How to Participate/Submit a SLR

- Sign up for your residency's specific quarter
- If residency is not signed up, you can choose to submit during any one of the quarters
- Link to complete submission will be emailed prior to deadline to the residency directors. It will also be *displayed on* the SLR home page on the ACFAS *website*



Next Steps

- After submission, editors will review. If any revisions needed, the resident will be notified.
- Residents will have *one* week to revise and re-submit
- SLRs will be posted to the ACFAS website after they are reviewed by the SLR committee and chair
- Shortly after the SLRs are posted to the website, the link for the next quarter submission form will be posted/made available



SLR Guidelines

Do's	Don'ts
Submit an article that is relatively recent (within the last 24 months)	Don't review the same article a co-resident is reviewing in your program (only one will be accepted)
Follow the SLR Resident Template Guidelines (must be included in your review)	Don't submit an article that has been reviewed and previously posted! (see List of Submitted SLRs)
Follow the Abstract Guidelines	Don't submit more than once per year, second submissions will <u>not</u> be accepted



SLR Guidelines cont.

- **Articles should be from a non-podiatric journal (*Articles from JFAS, JAPMA, or Foot and Ankle International will not be accepted*),**
- **Article should be relevant to podiatric surgery.** The purpose is to summarize research published in journals to which podiatric foot and ankle surgeons may not normally subscribe or read.
- **Meta-analyses, reviews and case studies** should be avoided.



Resident Template

SLR must contain each of these components

- Title
 - Reference
 - Level of Evidence
 - Reviewed By/Residency Program
 - Podiatric Relevance
 - Methods
 - Results
 - Conclusions
- Submission must be:
 - in MS Word
 - Single spaced
 - Times New Roman
 - Size 10
 - 500-word limit (excluding Title, Reference, Reviewed By and Residency Program)
 - **NO BULLETS OR CHARTS!**



Avoiding Duplicates

- ACFAS will post the list of submitted articles on their webpage. Please check for any articles that were already used for a previous review
- <https://www.acfas.org/research-publications/scientific-literature-reviews/submittedslrs>
- Email maddy.giella@acfas.org to check any article titles



SLR Resources

- SLR Guidelines can be accessed on the ACFAS website
- Abstract Guidelines

<https://www.acfas.org/research-publications/scientific-literature-reviews/scientific-literature-review-resources/monthly-abstract-guidelines>

- Resident Template Guidelines

<https://www.acfas.org/research-publications/scientific-literature-reviews/scientific-literature-review-resources/resident-template-guidelines>



Open Discussion

Q & A



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