



# 106th Annual Meeting

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## Resident Case Report Submission Guidelines

**Submission Deadline: Monday, January 12, 2026 at 11:59PM Eastern Time**

### SUBMISSION OF CASE REPORTS

Case Report submitters for the AATS Resident Case Report Competition must use **electronic submission ONLY**. The case report submission deadline is **Monday, January 12, 2026 at 11:59PM Eastern Time**.

### CASE REPORT CATEGORIES

Case Reports may focus on novel procedures, techniques, difficult problems, interesting cases, etc. Case Reports should highlight a conceptual approach and surgical techniques. Select from the following categories, which most accurately defines the field your abstract represents:

- **Adult Cardiac**
- **Congenital**
- **Thoracic**

### SUBMISSION OVERVIEW

The AATS Cardiothoracic Residents Committee and ad hoc reviewers grade case reports blinded to authors' names and institutions. In February, the Committee meets to construct the scientific program based on these scores. After the program is constructed, case reports are then unblinded to assure a program balanced in authorship and institutional representation.

### CASE REPORT SUBMISSION POLICIES

- The primary author must be one of the co-authors listed on the submitted Case Report.
- Case Reports may be accompanied by a video. Please adhere to the following video submission policies:
  - Case videos may not exceed 7 minutes in length.
  - Live narration in English is **mandatory** for all submitted case videos or they will not be considered.
  - Case videos may be supplemented with several incorporated slides summarizing indications, results, and follow-up.
  - The maximum file size for a video is 115MB.
  - Acceptable video file formats include MOV, MP4, and WMV.
  - When submitting a case video, you **MUST** submit an abstract with a maximum of 2,500 characters, not including spaces (title, authors, institutions) via the submission site.
    - If submitting to JTCVS following the initial review, your abstract may be expanded up to 750 words per JTCVS Submission Guidelines.
- The Case Report Competition will be limited to one cardiac and one thoracic candidate per institution.

***\*Case Report submissions may be disqualified if the policies listed above are not followed.***

### MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION TO THE JTCVS TECHNIQUES

**Submission of an original case report provides an opportunity to submit the report to the *JTCVS Techniques*.** Case reports accompanied by a video are strongly preferred. The case report should be a maximum 750 words. Please refer to the Journal Information for Authors at <https://www.jtcvstechniques.org/gfa> for submission guidelines and requirements.

All manuscripts are reviewed by the JTCVS Editors and Editorial Board. Should you be interested in being considered for publication, manuscripts **must** be submitted directly to the JTCVS electronically ([www.editorialmanager.com/jtcvs/](http://www.editorialmanager.com/jtcvs/)) prior to the AATS 105th Annual Meeting and NO LATER than the start of Annual Meeting. To expedite review and publication, you can submit **one month** prior to the meeting. Please select **AATS 2025 Case Report Competition** as the article type upon submission.

#### **QUESTIONS?**

For further information on submitting an abstract or video for consideration, please contact:

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