

## ASCO Meeting Abstracts

### Description

Meeting abstracts are an enduring record of the scientific research selected for presentation at ASCO-sponsored and cosponsored meetings. Abstracts are concise summaries of research (approximately 300 to 350 words) and may contain up to one data table. They are reviewed by experts in the field of study and selected for presentation at the meeting or for online publication only.

- Abstracts are available from the following meetings:
  - ASCO Annual Meeting
    - 2002 to current – includes full metadata
    - Prior to 2002 – title, authors, institutions, bodies, limited other metadata
  - ASCO-SITC Clinical Immuno-Oncology Symposium
  - Breast Cancer Symposium (2007-2015)
  - Cancer Survivorship Symposium (2016-2018)
  - Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium
  - Genitourinary Cancers Symposium
  - Multidisciplinary Head and Neck Cancer Symposium
  - Multidisciplinary Thoracic Cancers Symposium
  - Palliative and Supportive Care in Oncology Symposium
  - Quality Care Symposium

### Why is this data important?

Meeting abstracts represent a full accounting of the research presented in oral or poster form at ASCO meetings over the past 40 years, and reflect the state of the science as well as changes in oncology over the last few decades. Abstracts can be used to identify changes in practice, to pinpoint the timing of scientific breakthroughs, and provide a network analysis of authors.

### Is the data available elsewhere?

Abstract data is available on the [ASCO Meeting Library](#) for the previous five years. Additional years are also available on JCO.org (which requires member login). Curation beyond five years would require a request through the CENTRA Data Library.

### Variables

- AbstractSystemID – an internal ID
- AbstractPublicationID - as published
  - Abstract prefixes/categories
    - TPS = Trials in Progress abstract
    - e = abstract was published online but was not presented at the meeting
    - LBA = late-breaking abstract
    - CRA = Clinical Research Abstract

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- MeetingID
- MeetingName
- AbstractCategory
- AbstractSubCategory
- Title
- First Author
- Author String
- Authors' institutions
- Body
- SiteCitation
- Abstract body (see Limitations below)
- Clinical Trials Registry Number (if provided; only available for recent years)
- Presenter
- SessionTitle

### Data Formats

- Readily available
  - 2002-2018 Annual Meeting Abstracts
- Custom development available upon request for all meetings listed above
  
- MS Access Database
- PDF
- CSV – Comma or Pipe Delimited

### Limitations

- Does not reflect research published at other, similarly themed meetings.
- Data is stored in HTML format, so tables do not have full integrity unless rendered in HTML.

### Sample Data

See sample datasets