



Shock Society Annual Conference Policies and Terms

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Shock Society is committed to providing a meeting that promotes equal treatment of all participants and is free of harassment, discrimination, and form of abuse to conference policy and its attendees. Abusive, harassing, or threatening behavior is not permitted during the conference. Personal and electronic interactions should be professional, rational, and mutually respectful at all conference events, both formal and informal. As a condition of registration, meeting participants are expected to uphold standards of scientific integrity and professional behavior.

Conference Accessibility

Shock Society strives to create an inclusive and accessible conference environment for all attendees. It is the desire of Shock Society to comply fully with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Attendees with a current functional limitation are encouraged to contact the Meeting Management Office with questions about accessibility or to request accommodations to fully participate the meeting. If you need accessibility assistance – e.g. hearing devices, mobility assistance (wheelchair or scooters), please contact the Shock Meeting Management Office at Meetings@ShockSociety.org or 301-634-7010 to assist with your requirements and enable them to plan accordingly. Special housing needs should be requested when hotel reservations are made. If issues arise on site at the meeting, please visit the Meeting Registration Desk. Shock Society wants to make sure that each attendee's stay at the Shock Annual Conference is a pleasant and productive one.

Conference Etiquette

To make the meeting experience an enjoyable event for all attendees, we ask that you please keep the following in mind: Disruption during oral sessions is not allowed. Please refrain from loud talking or the use of audible notifications on electronic devices during presentations. Please set mobile devices to silent.

Identification at Registration

If participants do not have their confirmation receipt, they may be asked to present a photo ID at registration in order to collect registration materials. Registration materials will not be provided without a registration confirmation or photo ID. Furthermore, registrants agree not to allow any other individual to participate in their place unless the meeting management has been notified of the change. To contact the Meeting Management Office, please email Meetings@ShockSociety.org or call 301-634-7010.

Payment Method

Full payment must accompany your registration. Registration will not be processed with incomplete payment. Method of payments accepted: U.S. Check, Visa, Master Card and American Express. Cash payment can be provided on site at the meeting.

Conference Photo Consent

Upon registering for the 42nd Conference on Shock, you affirm that you agree to allow official Shock photographers and videographers to record your participation and reproduce your likeness in publications, online, etc.

Purchase Orders

Purchase orders are not accepted.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Cancellation request should be sent to Meetings@ShockSociety.org or mailed to the Shock Meeting Management Office, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814. The cancellation request must be received by April 11, 2019. A \$50 non-refundable processing fee will be deducted from the refund for full meeting registration. No refunds will be issued after April 11, 2019.

Recordings: Audio, Video or Digital Capture

For copyright reasons, recording or streaming sessions without prior authorization from the meeting management and the author. You may check with the Meeting Management Office at Meetings@ShockSociety.org to see if a session is being recorded. Material presented or displayed at the Shock Society Annual conference, including but not limited to orals, posters, workshops, and exhibit booths, is the intellectual property of the presenter and may not be recorded, photographed, quoted, disseminated or transmitted by summary in any form without express written authorization of the author.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted at any meeting functions. This includes oral sessions, poster sessions, meals, receptions, and activities in the foyer. Attendees should adhere to any signage preventing or authorizing smoking in particular locations.

Unauthorized Solicitation Policy

Shock Society has a no unauthorized solicitation policy for the sessions and exhibits area. In order to provide a distraction-free environment for our exhibitors, sponsors, attendees and employees, we do not allow solicitation at our events by attendees or unauthorized parties. This policy includes, but is not limited to, the following unauthorized activities: a company or representative of a supplier who is not an exhibitor and is observed to be soliciting in the foyer, in session rooms, in another company's exhibit space, or any other area of the conference deemed inappropriate by event management. Anyone carrying out unauthorized activity will be asked to leave immediately.

Underage Persons - Children and Infants

Parents or guardians may bring children under the age of 17 to social events including the banquets provided the children do not disrupt the event. Parents or guardians must purchase a ticket for their children to attend banquets.

Unsecured Items Policy

Please do not leave valuables or personal items such as electronic devices, purses, wallets, briefcases, backpacks, mobile devices, etc. unsecured or unattended in public areas. Attendees are responsible for their items and Meeting Management cannot be held responsible. If you should lose an item on site, please check with Meeting Management staff at the registration desk or Loews Coronado Bay Resort Security.

Wearing of Badges

Meeting badges should be worn at all times while in the hotel. Your badge allows you access to meeting events. However, for safety reasons, please remember to remove your badge when you are outside of the events and facilities.

Drinking Policy

Alcoholic beverages will be offered at various social activities at the Loews Coronado Bay Resort. Please encourage responsible drinking. Alcohol will only be served to those over the age of 21, and some participants may be required to provide photo identification. Alcoholic beverages are allowed only in specific areas and must not be taken out of those immediate areas.