

## CRITERIA FOR LATE BREAKING ABSTRACTS

Only abstracts with **exceptional importance** will be accepted!

### The findings should be:

- Practice-changing **or**
- Highly novel **or**
- Of major scientific importance
- Unlike regular abstracts, late-breaking submissions often require:
  - **Full dataset or near-final results**
  - No “data will be presented” placeholders
- No Preliminary or interim-only data (unless very significant)

### Preferably:

- Phase II/III clinical trials
  - Large multicenter studies
  - Landmark analyses
  - Major registry data
  - Breakthrough basic science finding
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### ● 1. Data must be genuinely “late-breaking”

- Results must become available **after the regular abstract deadline**
- Typically:
  - Database lock, final analysis, or key outcomes occurred **very recently**
- You are required to **explicitly justify this timing**

👉 If the data existed earlier but wasn't submitted, it will *not* qualify.

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## ● 2. Mandatory justification statement

IFSO requires a **clear explanation** such as:

- “Final results became available after the deadline”
- “Trial completed enrollment or follow-up recently”
- “New analysis with major clinical relevance”

This is not optional—weak justification is a common reason for rejection.

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## ● 3. High clinical/scientific impact (very important)

Your abstract should demonstrate:

- **Practice-changing potential** in bariatric/metabolic surgery
- OR **major advancement** in:
  - Surgical techniques
  - Outcomes
  - Metabolic mechanisms
  - Long-term data

Typical strong candidates:

- Large prospective trials
  - Randomized studies
  - Long-term follow-up results
  - National/international registry analyses
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## ● 4. Complete results required

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- **✗** No placeholders (“results will be presented”)
- **✗** No incomplete datasets
- Must include:
  - Final or near-final **numerical results**
  - Clear conclusions