



MIB Agents FACTOR 2026 Abstract Submission Guidelines

ABOUT MIB AGENTS

MIB Agents is a leading pediatric osteosarcoma nonprofit dedicated to making it better for our community of patients, families, medical professionals, researchers, and industry partners through programs, education, and research.

ABOUT FACTOR 2026

Started in 2017, the annual MIB Agents FACTOR conference brings together key stakeholders in the osteosarcoma community, including clinicians, researchers, industry, patients, families, patient advocates, and funders, to Make It Better for those battling this disease. FACTOR stands for Funding, Awareness, Collaboration, Trials, Osteosarcoma, and Research. In bringing the osteosarcoma community together, the goal is to drive collaboration on advancing treatments and improving outcomes for patients with osteosarcoma.

- **Foster Collaboration:** Facilitate connections among researchers, clinicians, surgeons, and patient families to enhance multidisciplinary collaboration in osteosarcoma research and treatment.
- **Improve Patient Outcomes:** Focus on strategies to enhance treatment effectiveness, reduce side effects, and improve the quality of life for patients living with osteosarcoma.
- **Promote Research:** Highlight cutting-edge research in osteosarcoma, with a focus on developing novel therapies, understanding disease mechanisms, and improving patient outcomes.
- **Educate and Inform:** Share the latest advances in osteosarcoma treatment and research with medical professionals, patients, and advocates to keep the community informed and engaged.
- **Expand Clinical Trials:** Encourage participation in and development of clinical trials to explore new treatments, improve existing therapies, and gather critical data for future innovations.
- **Drive Funding and Awareness:** Raise awareness about osteosarcoma and emphasize the need for increased funding to support ongoing research and clinical trials.
- **Strengthen the Community:** Build a stronger support network for patient families and survivors by providing a platform for sharing experiences, challenges, and successes.

FACTOR 2026 will be held in person June 25 - 27, 2026, at The Ohioan Hotel and Event Center in Columbus, OH. Registration for FACTOR 2026 will open in February 2026 on the [MIB Agents website](#). [See past FACTOR conference agendas and speakers](#)



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SUBMISSION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Authors may submit abstracts for presentation at FACTOR 2026 on Proposal Central, beginning October 6, 2025. The abstract submission deadline is January 9, 2026.

Abstracts will be considered for **oral presentation or poster presentation** at FACTOR 2026.

ELIGIBILITY

- Individuals may submit up to 2 abstracts as the first author.
- Presenting authors must be registered FACTOR 2026 participants. Submitting an abstract for presentation at FACTOR 2026 does not constitute registration for the meeting.
- If selected for **oral presentation** at FACTOR 2026, authors will receive a promotional code to use during conference registration. This promotional code will cover conference registration fees.
- If their institutions will not cover accommodation costs, oral and poster presenters may apply for a [Family Fund FACTOR Travel Award](#).
- An abstract can be submitted if it was/will be presented at a scientific meeting in the past year. If it was presented prior to 2025, then it cannot be submitted unless there is significant new data.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

For abstract submissions, authors will be required to provide the following:

- Brief bio for the conference program if the author is selected to present (1,000 character limit)
- Abstract Title (150 character limit)
- Scientific abstract addressing objective, methods, results, and conclusion (2,500 character limit)
- Lay abstract that summarizes the presentation topic for a lay audience, to be published in a conference proceedings publication (2,500 character limit)
- Table/Chart/Image (optional - 1 file maximum)
- Conflict of interest disclosure statement



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SUBMISSION SCHEDULE

Milestone	Date
Abstract submission opens	October 6, 2025
Abstract submission closes	January 9, 2026, at 11:59 pm ET
Selection notification	Mid-February 2026

Late-breaking abstracts detailing highly significant and timely findings in any area of cancer research that were not available at the time of the regular abstract deadline will be considered for presentation at FACTOR 2026. To submit a late-breaking abstract for consideration after the January 9th deadline, please email christina@mibagents.org.

Submitters will be notified in mid-February 2026 regarding the selection of their abstracts.

CONTACT

For any questions about abstract submission for FACTOR 2026, please feel free to contact Christina Ip-Toma at christina@mibagents.org.

For technical questions regarding the online submission process, please contact ProposalCentral Customer Service at (800) 875-2562 or via email at pcsupport@altum.com, during business hours, Monday–Friday, 8:30 AM–5:00 PM (Eastern Time). There is no technical support available on weekends or holidays.