

## ESMO Asia 2016 Congress Confidentiality Policy

Abstracts submitted to ESMO Asia 2016 Congress are considered confidential until publicly released in connection with the ESMO Congress. Prior to public release, the author, co-authors, research sponsors, journalists and others may not:

- Make the information public or provide it to others who can make it public (e.g. press);
- Publish or present the information or provide it to others who can make it public
- Use the information for trading purposes or provide it to others who can use it for trading purposes

If details or relevant information from the abstract or additional study data are disclosed in advance of public release in connection with ESMO Asia 2016 Congress, the abstract will no longer be eligible for inclusion in the ESMO Asia 2016 Congress Programme and/or will be subject to removal.

### Confidentiality policy exceptions

According to the Confidentiality policy, data and other information in a research abstract is confidential until public release in connection with the ESMO Asia 2016 Congress.

When a publicly traded company is required to disclose data or other information from a confidential abstract in advance of the public release to satisfy requirements of the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or a corresponding body in another country, the abstract is still eligible for inclusion in the ESMO Asia 2016 Congress Programme provided that the company submits to the ESMO Programme Manager ([programme@esmo.org](mailto:programme@esmo.org)) in advance of the release written notification of the requirement to issue information in accordance to SEC regulations.

In the interest of effective peer-reviewed presentation of data at the ESMO Congress, and particularly if the abstract has been tentatively included in the official ESMO Asia 2016 Congress Communication Programme, the company is required to get in contact with the ESMO Press Office ([media@esmo.org](mailto:media@esmo.org)) in advance of the release to notify that a press release regarding an abstract included in the official ESMO Asia 2016 Congress Communication Programme will have to be issued in accordance to SEC regulations.

ESMO recommends that the company's press release adheres to the Qualitative Sample Press Release (provided by the ESMO Press Office) and:

1. Summarizes data cited in the abstract in a qualitative way rather than providing specific quantitative information, including exact figures on the study
2. Avoids interpretations about the implications of the data for clinical practice
3. Notes that full data has been submitted for presentation at the ESMO Asia 2016 Congress.

The ESMO Press Office will review the company's press release to ensure it adheres to the Qualitative Sample Press Release and evaluate if the abstract can still be included in the official ESMO Communication Programme.

If the press release includes significantly more information than ESMO's recommendations, the abstract's placement in the ESMO Congress is subject to change and can be withdrawn from the official ESMO Communication Programme.

ESMO holds copyright of all abstracts accepted for the ESMO Asia 2016 Congress and therefore abstracts cannot be made public.

ESMO copyright is lifted only if the abstract is not accepted for inclusion in the official ESMO Asia 2016 Congress Programme and/or publication in the Congress Abstract Book.