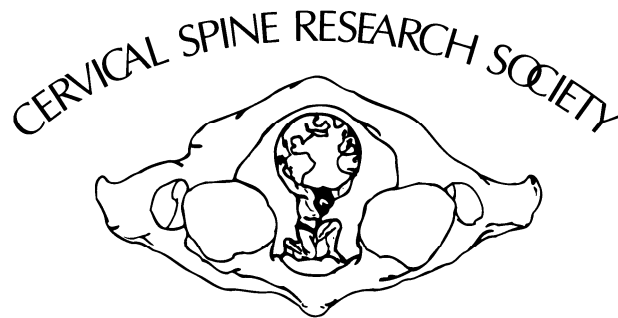


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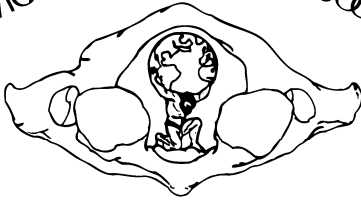
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The Executive Committee of the CSRS has chosen to require electronic abstract submission again this year. This offers you and the society many advantages. Submission is easier and you can readily modify your abstract up to the deadline. Direct your browser to the CSRS home page at <http://www.csr.org> and select the link for Online Abstract Submission. A maximum of two (2) **digital** images may be included in your abstract. As in past years, the abstracts will be graded blindly by the Program Committee to ensure objectivity.

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Sincerely,

Frank M. Phillips, MD  
Scientific Program Chair

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