

Notice About the Cancellation of the 36th Annual Symposium

It is with a heavy heart and tremendous sadness that we have made the decision to cancel the upcoming 36th Annual Symposium of the College. We were sincerely hoping to be able to go ahead with the conference, but over the past few days we have seen growing concern around COVID-19. The decision to cancel is based on recent reports from the CDC and WHO of rapidly escalating concerns. The health and safety of our attendees is very important to us. Additionally, the California Department of Public Health is now saying that mass gatherings should be postponed or canceled across the state. The state is saying that even smaller gatherings can only proceed if social distancing of six feet between participants can be implemented. This makes the conference impossible to hold.

An incredible amount of work went into preparing this year's program and the speakers and poster presenters have put immense time and energy into preparing their presentations and posters, but the COVID-19 situation has reached a point where we believe we have no choice but to cancel. Additionally, over the past week or so, many government and academic institutions have restricted domestic travel for their employees, resulting in some of our speakers and attendees canceling. We have also had cancellations by individuals in high-risk groups who have been advised by their doctors to not attend.

We have decided not to postpone the conference, but instead cancel it and hold the next Symposium in March or April of 2021.

Thank you all for your support of the College over the past 36 years. We hope to see you next year.

In the meantime, stay safe and healthy during these very trying times.

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