

# 65th ASH® Annual Meeting and Exposition

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## Company Showcase Guidelines

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## Introduction

This document outlines the general guidelines that will apply to Company Showcases at the 65th ASH Annual Meeting and Exposition. These guidelines are to be construed as part of the policies for exhibitors at the ASH annual meeting and as part of the contract for the Company Showcase. All Company Showcase sponsors must comply with these standards as well as all other requirements applicable to exhibitors at an ASH annual meeting.

## Eligibility for Company Showcase

Only exhibitors with secured and contracted 65th ASH Annual Meeting and Exposition exhibit space are eligible to secure a Company Showcase. Applicants must be in good standing with ASH.

In-person exhibitors may contract for in-person Company Showcase for \$15,000. In-person exhibitors may present a pre-recorded version of their in-person presentation on the virtual meeting platform for an additional fee of \$5,000.

Virtual exhibitors may contract a pre-recorded Company Showcase on the virtual meeting platform for \$15,000.

Virtual exhibitors without an in-person exhibit may only contract for virtual presentations. Virtual-only exhibitors may not present in-person Company Showcase in San Diego.

Any applicants with outstanding balances with ASH must settle their balances before their applications will be considered. If an accepted applicant cancels or defaults on exhibit space at the 65th ASH Annual Meeting and Exposition, the contracted session will be revoked and any cancellation penalty at that date will apply.

## Possible Penalties for Violating ASH Policies

Failure to conform to ASH's policies may result in penalties, which may include but are not limited to the following:

- The violating company's priority points will be reduced.
- The company may not participate as an exhibitor in future years.
- The company will not be eligible for participation in future industry-hosted sessions.
- The company will not have access to ancillary meeting space in future years.

## Presentation Guidelines

Company Showcase presentations are 15-minute corporate presentations that provide an overview of the sponsoring company's products, services, or mission-based initiatives. Presenting companies are allowed to be commercial companies, non-profit organizations, or contract/clinical research organizations. Company Showcases may not solely focus on a specific product or device, whether approved or investigational, unless the presentation will focus on enrollment for a clinical trial. Examples of Company Showcase presentations include:

- New exhibitor introducing their company's products, services, and representatives to ASH attendees
- Company providing an overview of product portfolio to build visibility and brand awareness
- Non-profit organization promoting their mission, special initiatives, and available resources
- Business-to-business presentations such as a contract/clinical research organization seeking to showcase their services
- Overview of a clinical trial to assist with recruitment or enrollment

All Company Showcase presentations must:

- be tasteful, appropriate, and professional in nature;
- may not solely focus on the clinical benefit or scientific relevance in the development of a product or service of the sponsor or include information on new uses, combinations, or therapies for a product or service.
- Presenter(s) should meet the following criteria:
  - feature one or more **internal staff members** of the sponsor, not outside key opinion speaker or third-party scientists; and
  - represent diversity from a gender, race, ethnicity, and geographic perspective.

Sponsors are not permitted to present any CME/CE educational symposia, sessions, or activities in the showcase and must submit speakers and topics to ASH for approval prior to publicizing the program.

Company Showcase presentations shall not include information, papers, or abstracts scheduled for presentation during the ASH annual meeting which are under embargo at the time of the presentation.

Each company is responsible for understanding and following the specific requirements of any code to which they have signed on, the policies within the CMSS Code, and any local, state, and federal laws pertaining to pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturer conduct.

[AdvaMed Code of Ethics on Interactions with Health Care Professionals](#)  
[American Medical Association \(AMA\) Ethical Opinion on Gifts to Physicians](#)  
[CMSS Code for Interactions with Companies](#)  
[PhRMA Code on Interactions with Healthcare Professionals](#)  
[Physicians Payments Sunshine Act](#)

## U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

It is the responsibility of the exhibiting company to ensure adherence to FDA regulations, policies, practices and guidelines, and all applicable industry guidelines concerning the demonstration, discussion, use and/or display of products, technologies, and/or services as part of the 65th ASH Annual Meeting and Exposition. In addition, ASH encourages participants to verify with their own companies' medical affairs/compliance staff for guidelines required by their own companies. Information regarding FDA regulations should be obtained directly from the FDA.

Each sponsor is solely responsible for the content of its presentation, including obtaining all appropriate copyright permissions and licenses for slides and other materials that will be presented or distributed.

### Review and Approval of Topic and Speaker(s)

Participating companies will be required to submit the following to ASH Exhibits Management for review and approval no later than Friday, September 1, 2023:

- Title of presentation (i.e. Showcase on ABC Company; Showcase on XYZ Clinical Trial)
- Internal speakers' names, designations, titles, and email addresses (for ASH internal use)
- Three to five bullet points that provide a description of the topic/material to be covered in the theater presentation

### Company Showcase Slot Assignment

ASH anticipates accepting applications for Company Showcase slots on a first-come, first-served basis. While applicants may submit applications for more than one slot, ASH will consider all applications but will initially only approve one application per company, as space permits until June 9, 2023. Beginning June 10, 2023, multiple presentations may be allowed by one company, space-permitting. Although ASH will attempt to accommodate requests for specific Company Showcase slots, no guarantees can be made that an approved applicant will be assigned the specific slot requested. ASH reserves the right to reject any application for reasons that it solely determines.

### Company Showcase Presentation Dates and Times

The tentative Company Showcase slots for the 65th ASH Annual Meeting and Exposition are:

- Saturday, December 9  
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Pacific time  
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Pacific time
- Sunday, December 10  
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Pacific time  
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Pacific time

- Monday, December 11 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Pacific time

ASH reserves the right to alter the Company Showcase times at its discretion. Sponsors will be notified in a timely manner.

## Admission of Attendees

All attendees of Company Showcase presentations must hold an official ASH-supplied badge or confirmed virtual registration in one of the following professional categories:

- ASH Member
- Non-Member
- Associate Member
- International Associate Member
- Non-Member-in-Training
- Allied Health Professional
- Honorary Member
- Emeritus Member

ASH shall have sole authority over admission policies to the theater at all times and may limit attendance at its discretion.

The Company Showcase presentation does not include a registration/badge for the speaker(s), panelist(s), moderator or any staff or vendor supporting the presentation. Participating companies should be prepared to arrange and pay for registration, hotel, air fare, and other travel costs for presenters.

## In-Person Showcase Location

In-person Company Showcases will be located in private meeting rooms. These private meeting rooms are located on the same level as educational sessions, thus facilitating easy access for attendees as they leave session rooms. ASH reserves the right to alter the location of the Company Showcases, at its sole discretion.

## In-Person Showcase Configuration

The configuration will include theater style seating for up to 150 attendees. ASH will provide standard audio-visual equipment for PowerPoint presentations (projector, PC laptop computer [not Mac], screen, wireless podium microphone, wireless audience microphone, confidence monitor, stage speaker, laser pointer, remote slide advancer, one A-frame easels, and one draped six-foot table on which showcase sponsors may place literature for access during their assigned showcase slot. Two lead retrieval units for collection of attendee information and staff to scan badges will also be provided. The room set, including seating, A/V, and stage cannot be modified.

## Installation and Dismantling

Installation: Company Showcase sponsors will have access to the theater 30 minutes before their assigned slot. Company Showcase sponsors and their speaker(s) are allowed to prepare/practice during this time. Please note that in order to facilitate attendees finding a seat, attendees will be allowed into the theater approximately 15 minutes before the presentation begins.

Dismantling: Company Showcase sponsors must remove all literature, materials, handouts, etc., from the theater within 15 minutes after the end of their assigned slot. Any conversations or other activities that exceed 15 minutes after the slotted time should be relocated to the exhibit booth space. Any materials left longer than 15 minutes after the slot's conclusion will be considered trash and disposed of accordingly.

## Responsibility for Property

Each Company Showcase sponsor must make provisions for safeguarding its own goods, materials, equipment, and display in the showcase and those of attendees during its assigned slot, including during installation and dismantling.

## Promotion of the Company Showcase and Promotional Materials

All promotional materials (including announcements, advertisements, signage, invitations, emails, websites, posters, and flyers) relating to the theater must be approved by ASH prior to printing or distribution. Final versions of materials must be submitted by the showcase sponsor for review and approval before November 17, 2023. Submissions should be sent via email to Stephanie Houck, ASH Exposition Management at [stephanie.houck@spargoinc.com](mailto:stephanie.houck@spargoinc.com). Please allow a minimum of five business days for review.

The following statement must be prominently displayed and included on all promotional materials (including announcements, advertisements, signage, invitations, emails, websites, posters, and flyers) for the showcase presentation: "Not an official event of the 65th ASH Annual Meeting and Exposition. This presentation is not sponsored or endorsed by ASH. Not CME-accredited."

All materials promoting a showcase presentation must clearly indicate the name of the sponsor for the presentation.

No marketing materials or communications of any kind, including advertising or other written or spoken descriptions of the showcase presentation, may use the ASH name or logo, or otherwise suggest or imply that ASH has endorsed or sponsored the presentation. Repurposed or post-showcase materials developed as a result of content from the Company Showcase must NOT include any reference to ASH or the ASH annual meeting.

Distribution of materials by a showcase sponsor in the theater is permitted only during the sponsor's contracted slot.

Company Showcase sponsors are permitted to supplement ASH signage with floor-standing signage immediately at the entrance(s) of the theater and within their contracted exhibit space only.

- Proposed copy for signage must be approved by ASH Exposition Management prior to printing. Please contact Stephanie Houck, ASH Exposition Management at 703-679-3972 or [stephanie.houck@spargoinc.com](mailto:stephanie.houck@spargoinc.com).
- One sign may be displayed at the theater entrance. Signage must be professionally printed, must be no larger than 28" x 44". One easel will be provided. Banner stands are not permitted.
- Signage may only be placed outside the showcase beginning 30 minutes prior to the showcase sponsor's slot and must be removed within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the slot. Signs left longer than 15 minutes after the slot's conclusion will be considered trash and disposed of accordingly.

Solicitation in the aisles of the ASH exhibit hall, as well as outside the assigned room and outside the showcase sponsor's exhibit space, is strictly prohibited.

Advertising and marketing activities are prohibited within a five-mile radius of the San Diego Convention Center, Marriott Marquis San Diego, Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, and Hilton San Diego Bayfront. The display of banners, signage, or other advertisements outside of the exhibit hall and targeted to attendees of the ASH annual meeting (including, but not limited to, advertising in the poster hall, advertising in/on buses, taxis, Segways, boats, planes, street cars, billboards, building facades, etc.) is not allowed. This policy also applies to the promotion of Product Theaters, with the exception of the approved inserts in the ASH door drop bags delivered to select hotel rooms on Saturday and Sunday.

## Promotion of Company Showcases by ASH

Company Showcases (including presenting company name, presentation title, and speaker names) will be promoted by ASH:

- on the ASH annual meeting mobile app;
- in the printed ASH annual meeting Program-at-a-Glance\*;
- in the *ASH News Daily*\*;
- through one bag insert promoting all Corporate Presentations, including Company Showcases, in door drop bags\*;
- through one bag insert promoting all Corporate Presentations, including Company Showcases, in attendee tote bags distributed at registration\*.

The overall Corporate Presentation program, including Company Showcases, will be promoted in general by ASH:

- on the ASH website
- through “walk-in” slides that are shown on screens in session rooms;
- through social media posts/announcements on the ASH Facebook page and Twitter feed;
- through alerts on the ASH annual meeting mobile application.

*\*Inclusion in all of the above is dependent upon date of the Company Showcase title and speaker submission and date on which the applicant’s presentation is approved by ASH.*

## Photography and Video Recorders

Sponsors are required to use the official ASH audio-visual vendor listed in the Exhibitor Service Manual. Company Showcase attendees may not videotape or audiotape any theater presentations.

## Pricing and Payment

The price of conducting a Company Showcase is \$15,000. Companies with an in-person presentation can include a pre-recorded presentation on the virtual platform for an additional fee of \$5,000.

### Payment Policy:

- 50 percent payment due:
  - February 10, 2023 for applications submitted prior to February 10, 2023
  - With application when submitted between February 10, 2023 and June 8, 2023
- 100 percent payment due after June 8, 2023

ASH requires payment in full no later than June 9, 2023. Failure to make payments does not release the contracted or financial obligation of Exhibitor.

## Company Showcase Cancellation Policy

Since only contracted exhibitors in good standing are eligible for participation in the Company Showcase, cancellation of exhibit space automatically results in cancellation of an exhibitor’s showcase slot. The following cancellation terms apply, regardless of how a Company Showcase is cancelled.

The date of receipt will be the official cancellation date. Showcase sponsors that cancel a Company Showcase slot will be subject to the cancellation penalty in effect on the date of cancellation.

- Any cancellations received in writing through February 9, 2023, will not incur a cancellation penalty and the showcase sponsor will be issued a 100 percent refund of any monies received by ASH for said cancellation.
- Any cancellations received in writing from February 10, 2023 through June 8, 2023, will incur a 50 percent cancellation penalty.



- Any cancellations received in writing after June 8, 2023, will incur a 100 percent cancellation penalty and the showcase sponsor will NOT be issued a refund of any monies received by ASH for presentation.

A showcase sponsor that desires to cancel a Company Showcase slot must submit a notification in writing to Kristin Hudson, SPARGO, Inc., 11208 Waples Mill Road, Suite 106, Fairfax, VA 22030; or via email: [ashexhibits@spargo.com](mailto:ashexhibits@spargo.com). If you do not receive confirmation of your request to cancel within three business days, please contact [ashexhibits@spargo.com](mailto:ashexhibits@spargo.com).

ASH retains the right to utilize cancelled showcase slots at its discretion. ASH may terminate a showcase sponsor's contract for a Company Showcase in the same manner as it may terminate an exhibitor agreement.