ASOPRS Thesis Submission
Deidentified Cover Letter Template

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2. List Financial Disclosures for all authors (Deidentified, ie: Author 1, Author 2, etc.):

3. Identify which suitable topic the thesis addresses:

4. Explain the uniqueness of thesis and its contribution to the literature and/or overall concepts within the field of OPS:

5. Candidate attestation to role in thesis, and description of role (deidentified):

6. This data has / has not been previously presented / published.

7. It was previously published / presented at (or NA):

8. (Internal Pathway candidates) If previously published in a peer-reviewed journal, I attest:
   a. This study was initiated during my fellowship
   b. I am the first author of the paper
   c. The research article meets all guidelines and requirements outlined in the Thesis Guidelines.

9. (Internal Pathway candidates) If previously presented at a national or international conference, I attest:
   a. The study was presented during my ASOPRS-approved Fellowship Training Program (or NA for External Pathway Candidates).
   b. The study meets all guidelines and requirements outlined in the Thesis Guidelines.

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11. I attest:
   a. The thesis has been formatted according to OPRS guidelines.
   b. All photographs/images are formatted according to the OPRS Image File Preparation.
   c. The thesis has been completely redacted of all identifying information.

12. I attest (or NA):
   a. My case series has 10 or more patients.
b. My postoperative follow-up is 3 or more months.

13. I attest my clinical studies that utilize identifiable patient information has:
   a. Informed consent;
   b. IRB monitoring;
   c. compliance with the Helsinki declaration;
      OR
   d. I have included the exemption letter from the IRB.

14. I attest animal studies have been monitored by my Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (or NA).

15. Explanation of waivers or exemptions: