

Guidelines for submission and presentation of abstracts

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Where appropriate the abstract should:

- i. indicate clearly that ethical committee approval was obtained;
- ii. include numerical data; if presented as mean values, such must include the standard deviation or standard error; n values should also be given;
- iii. specify which statistical tests were used;
- iv. include, where possible, only those abbreviations accepted in the field (new abbreviations should be explained within the text);
- v. include succinct descriptions of the methods used and clear descriptions of the results and conclusions.

Please note that if the Meetings Secretary or Committee members note deficiencies in the submitted abstract, the authors may be requested to amend the abstract prior to the Meeting.

1. Acceptance of the abstract for publication is dependent upon successful communication to the Society. The Society may request resubmission of a revised abstract prior to such publication.
2. Oral Communications must not exceed 10 minutes; up to 5 minutes question time is allowed. It is recommended that not more than 6 slides are shown and these do not include excessive amounts of data. In respect of the latter, it is recommended that graphs should contain not more than three curves and that tables are a maximum of 4 columns wide.