ASMIRT 2026 Conference - Abstract Marking Rubric

Abstract Title:

Criteria	Not acceptable/ Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent
Relevance to Themes	• Title does not reflect abstract content • None or difficult to link to the conference theme/s **1**	• Title reflects abstract content • Abstract has a link to the conference theme/s • May advance practice or the profession **3**	• Title reflects abstract content • Abstract has a clear and easily identified link to the conference theme/s • May advance practice or the profession **4**	• Title reflects abstract content • Abstract has strong, clear links to the conference theme/s • Clearly states how content will advance practice or the profession **5**
Background For Non-Scientific ONLY	• Unclear, basic or limited explanation as to what presentation covers ONLY MARK BACKGROUND ONCE **1**	• Basic explanation of process and/or what presentation covers • Some clarification required to understand what presentation covers **3**	• Good explanation of process and/or what presentation covers • Some clarification required to understand what presentation covers **4**	• Excellent explanation of process and/or what presentation covers • No clarification required to understand what presentation covers **5**
Background For Scientific ONLY	• Unclear research aims or methodology • No clear ethics application/approval despite clearly being required ONLY MARK BACKGROUND ONCE **1**	• Brief description of the research methods and aims • Potential to improve study aims or process **3**	• Good description of the research methods and aims • Methods appropriate to study aims **4**	• Excellent description and justification of research methods and aims • Methods are optimal for study aims **5**
Critical Appraisal	• Abstract unclear, and difficult to determine purpose or aims of the study or content presented • Abstract does not support purpose or aims of study **1**	• Basic description of content and/or study findings • Brief outline of direction of study or content • Basic details given of findings or content **3**	• Good description of content and/or study findings • Reasons given for direction and decisions made with the study or content • Explanation of findings or content **4**	• Excellent description of content and/or study findings • Clear and considered reasoning given for direction and decisions made • Analysis of findings, and comments on the implications of those findings **5**
Clarity of Abstract	• Abstract is difficult to understand • Contains many personal feelings • Numerous errors • No statement of permission from patient, if case study **1**	• Abstract is basic and/or seems to support the purpose or aims of the study or content • Findings supported with some evidence or reasoning • Some errors • Limited professional tone in writing • Permission from patient noted, if case study **3**	• Abstract is clear and/or supports the purpose or aims of the study or content • Findings are based on supportive evidence • A few minor errors • Professional writing • Permission from patient noted, if case study **4**	• Abstract clearly supports the purpose or aims of the study or content • Findings are based on clear supportive evidence • No errors • Professional writing • Permission from patient noted, if case study **5**
Content	• Topic has been thoroughly presented previously • Difficult to determine if new or original, or interest to the profession • References are required to support aspects of the abstract, but are not provided **1**	• Content may improve practice • Content will be of interest to sections of the profession • References are provided where required, but there is potential to improve their relevance or currency **3**	• Content may improve practice • Content is new, current, or intriguing • Content will be of interest to audience within the profession • References are provided where required, and appropriately support the abstract **4**	• Content will improve practice • Content is new, current, or intriguing • Content will be of great interest to wide audience within the profession • References provided are relevant, and provide clear and strong support for the abstract **5**

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