



# ASMIRT abstract submissions ethical issues

To assist researchers submitting conference abstracts, the ASMIRT Research Committee has developed guidelines around the submission process and ethics approval.

Ethics approval and transparency is an important part of the conduct and dissemination of medical research. The World Medical Association developed the Declaration of Helsinki as a statement of ethical principles for medical research involving human subjects, including research on identifiable human material and data.<sup>1</sup>

There are 37 key principles to this declaration and details how any research on human subjects must consider the rights and interests of individual research subjects. Any research study involving human research subjects must be clearly detailed in a research protocol which addresses all ethical considerations. Principle 22 is clear in defining how the ethical principles in this Declaration have been addressed: “The protocol should include information regarding funding, sponsors, institutional affiliations, potential conflicts of interest, incentives for subjects and information regarding provisions for treating and/or compensating subjects who are harmed as a consequence of participation in the research study”.<sup>1</sup>

Subsequently, once research has been conducted, it would only be natural to share this knowledge with colleagues and the larger medical radiation practice community through journal publications, reports or presentations. ASMIRT’s professional journal, the *Journal of Medical Radiation Sciences* (JMRS), will only consider manuscripts that contain a statement indicating that the study has been reviewed by an appropriate ethics committee and contains informed consent and the appropriate permissions from the research subject for the purposes of publishing identifiable images.<sup>2</sup> Ethics committees can be based at a university, workplace or be a state-based group and are comprised of a minimum of eight individuals, the composition of which must meet the



requirements of the National Health and Medical Research Council National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research.<sup>3</sup>

While practitioners understand the concept of ethics and obtaining the correct ethical approvals for their studies,<sup>4</sup> to facilitate consistency for all ASMIRT national and smaller weekend conferences, or wherever research presentations are delivered, the ASMIRT Research Committee developed a guideline to demonstrate the expectations and responsibilities of researchers.

With all the amazing events that are scheduled for the remainder of 2022 leading into the National Conference in Sydney in 2023, this information will assist authors when uploading their abstract submission. The following checklist and declaration will appear in the abstract portal and will need to be confirmed and agreed to during the submission process. Take the time to ensure that your research and subsequent abstract for submission reflect the listed items to ensure quality and ethical considerations have been met. >

# Ethics

## Abstract submission checklist and declaration

By submitting this abstract/presentation/poster/publication I, [insert name], accept full responsibility for the content and declare that:

- It complies with the Australian Code for Responsible Conduct of Research (2018): <https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines-publications/r41>.
- The Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2018 Code) establishes a framework for responsible research conduct that provides a foundation for high-quality research, credibility, and community trust in the research endeavour.
- Research has the institutional ethics approval, and if it is prospective research involving human subjects, written informed consent has been obtained.
- Research/data that is presented within the presentation was gathered after receiving ethical approval from our institution/human research committee/animal research committee (if applicable). Please provide ethics number.
- The quality improvement project undertaken has been granted exemption from full ethics approval by an institutional ethics committee/officer (if applicable).
- Permission has been obtained from patients that are described in case studies or identifiable photographs (if applicable).
- Study registration numbers (e.g. ClinicalTrials.gov, PROSPERO) will be included on abstracts, posters and slides (if applicable).
- All authors accept the order of authorship for the submission.
- Any conflicts of interest are declared.
- It is my original work.
- It complies with copyright laws and uses the Vancouver style of referencing as used by JMRS.
- Where applicable, all tables/graphs/figures have been directly referred to in the abstract and are correctly labelled and referenced.
- I am happy for my abstract, name, bio and image (if uploaded) to be published in the conference/event proceedings, conference/event app and in delegate lists.
- I am happy for my contact details to be provided to the session chair/s.
- I am aware that my presentation may be recorded and made available on Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy (ASMIRT) online systems.
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Submissions are accepted on the basis that at least one of the authors will register and attend the conference to present. Co-presenters are allowed; however, all presenters must be registered for the conference.

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